



# ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



7th November 2024

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**:RE:**

This week, we hear the Gospel story of the widow who gave away her last two coins. Children will learn that Jesus is interested in the generosity of our hearts. Even if it feels like we have little to give, will we trust God and give our all?

A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. **Mark 12:42**

Dear Families

It has been a great start to the second half of the autumn term and I am so impressed with how the children have come back and settled quickly and are enjoying all of their learning.

We have now given out lots of badges to children who have been chosen to be ambassadors for the school. These important roles mean that these children will talk to visitors and share all of the positive aspects of St Mary's and what we want to celebrate.

I have been analysing the school's attendance this week and there are some concerns that I need to share with you. I understand when children are poorly that they need to stay home and rest to get better, but we are having a large amount of absent days for children, which is having a huge impact on their learning. We are getting to the time of year where children catch coughs and colds, which they can come to school with. You would be surprised at how much children seem to feel better the moment they see their friends in class so please be strong and vigilant when sending your children to school. We will contact you if children become unwell during the day.

Next week is anti-bullying week, where we will be focusing on how to keep each other safe. Please discuss this with your children and promote how to be a good friend and how to resolve conflict.

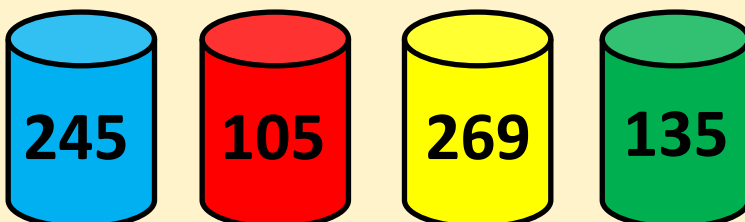
Just a reminder that next Friday (15th November) the school will be closed due to staff undertaking very important safeguarding training.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Broome

## House Point Totals

Well done to St David's **house** who were the winning house this week!



## Our School Lottery

Support our school and  
buy your chance to win  
here -

[https://  
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/  
lottery/school/st-marys-  
catholic-primary-school.](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-marys-catholic-primary-school)

**LIVE LOVE BELIEVE**

# School news!

Dear families,

It has been brought to my attention that dogs on site are becoming a concern again.

Please can you ensure that you adhere to our no dogs on site rule, even if this is a small dog being carried, this can still make some children nervous.

If you are trying your dogs up outside of the school premises, please make sure they are secure and away from the main entrance to the school.

Many thanks

Mr Broome

## **School Christmas Dinner**

Letters will go out next week inviting you to join your child for Christmas dinner on the last week of term.

Please return the slips asap, so we can order enough turkeys.

Unfortunately we can only accommodate 1 adult per child.

## **Monday - Indoor Cricket Club**

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/139>

This is the new link for Cricket club

There is a new government focus on school attendance and are enforcing new rules for children who are absent or that have holidays during term time. This is in place from September 2024. We will be monitoring attendance and lateness everyday and will contact families where we are concerned.

# ATTENDANCE

## WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

**1**

**I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.**

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

**£160**



**2**

**FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.**



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 1 parent = £640**

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

**IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE**

**10 IN 10**

**5**

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

**1 Day = 2 Sessions**

**3**

**FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS**



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160



**4 children & 2 parents = £1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

**If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...**

**4**

**2ND TIME**

2 parents and 1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

**No discount for early payment**



**3RD TIME**

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## AUTUMN TWO

MONDAY

YEAR SIX

TUESDAY

EYFS & YEAR THREE

WEDNESDAY

YEAR TWO

THURSDAY

YEAR FOUR & FIVE

FRIDAY

EYFS & YEAR ONE

# Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **94%**

EYFS = **97%** & 3 lates

Year 1 = **97%** & 0 lates

Year 2 = 87% 4 lates

Year 3 = 95% 2 lates

Year 4 = 91% & 2 lates

Year 5 = **97%** & 7 lates

Year 6 = 90% & 1 lates



Well done Year **Year R 3 & 5!**

Great work!

## How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

0 Days Absence

190 Days in School



100% Attendance

Best chance of success

10 Days Absence

180 Days in School

95% Attendance

19 Days Absence

171 Days in School

90% Attendance



Less chance of success

29 Days Absence

161 Days in School

85% Attendance

38 Days Absence

152 Days in School

80% Attendance

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances

365 Days in a Year  
190 School Days  
175 Non School Days

Over half a term missed!

Having **90%** over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!



# Diary Dates 24-25

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

WB Monday 11th November—Anti-bullying week

Thursday 14th November—Photos

Friday 15th November—School development day—school closed

Thursday 28th November—yr 3 Buster farm trip

Thursday 21st November—yr 6 Bikeability

WB 2nd December—parents evenings

Tuesday 10th December—EYFS/KS1 Nativity (PM)

Wednesday 11th December—EYFS/KS1 Nativity (AM)

Thursday 12th December—KS 2 Carol concert

**Tuesday 17th December—R 1 2 Xmas Dinner**

**Wednesday 18th December—3 & 4 Xmas Diner**

**Thursday 19th December—5 & 6 Xmas Dinner**

Friday 20th December—Last day of term

Monday 6th January—Spring 1 starts.

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February—Half term—school closed.

Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May—Half term—school closed

Friday 25th July—last day of term

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Have your circumstances changed? Could you now be entitled to Free School Meals?

To apply online please go to:

[www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2](http://www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2)

## Medical Appointments & Leave of Absence Requests

If your child has a hospital/dental appointment, please ensure you have notified the school office of the time and date and handed in a copy of the medical letter or appointment card.

Leave of absence request forms for holidays/funerals etc. are available upon request at the school office.

**Scopay** by  TUCASI  
Online Payments

We are a cashless school and only accept payments through Scopay. Please contact the office if you need to set this up.

Please use this service to pay for:

- School dinners
- After school clubs
- Trips and visits

## Free parking!

Free parking permits are available from the school office for the local canoe lake car park.

We urge all parents that need to drive to and from school to use this service as parking around the school site is limited and our local residents still require access to their property at all times.

# Autumn 2024 club list

Day	Club offered	Who can attend	Cost	No of children	Dates
Monday	Indoor Cricket	Yr 1 – Yr 6	£35	30	3pm 4.30pm
	Homework	KS 2	£12	12	3pm 4pm
Tuesday	Netball and Basketball	Yr 1 –Yr 6	£35	30	3pm 4.30pm
Wednesday	Indoor Athletics	Yr 1 –Yr 6	£35	30	3pm 4.30pm
	Art Club	KS 2	£35	20	3pm 4pm
Thursday	Football	Yr 1 – Yr 6	£35	30	3pm 4.30pm
Friday	Skateboarding	KS2	£42	30	3pm 4 pm
	Llama Drama	KS 2	£30	20	3pm 4pm Nov 8 15 22 2 9 Dec 6 13

<https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/34>

Monday - Indoor Cricket

<https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/129>

Tuesday - Basketball/Netball

<https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/130>

Wednesday - Indoor Athletics

<https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/131>

Thursday - Football

<https://lircoaching.classforkids.io/info/133>

Clubs will run for 7 weeks- sports clubs  
please book through LJR.

Homework, Art, and Skateboarding will

# School dinner menu

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## WEEK 1

W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
<b>Tomato Pasta</b> Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Flapjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie

**PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE** Ham, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY** Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice

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## WEEK 2

W/C: 11/11, 02/12, 06/01, 27/01, 24/02, 17/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Veggie Supreme Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Vegetable Fajita Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Winter Vegetable Hotpot Served with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
<b>Tomato Pasta</b> Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Chocolate Cookie	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding

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## WEEK 3

W/C: 18/11, 09/12, 13/01, 03/02, 03/03, 24/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	BBQ Quorn Fillet Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette Served with Chips
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
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<b>DESSERT</b>	Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slices	Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard	Oat Cookie with Fruit	Lemon Shortbread	Vanilla Ice Cream

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# FOSMA Information

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FOSMA is taking a year off! Unfortunately there is such a small group of us trying to plan and organise everything, that it's just not possible to do the job justice this year due to outside commitments.

So instead, we will be raising funds through school-led activities and events. Rest assured we are in the process of planning a few core events for the school so the children won't miss out.

Your fabulous fundraising support will be needed more than ever, so keep an eye out for announcements in the newsletters in future.

Most importantly, if you have an idea for a school fundraising activity that you would like to volunteer to organise, please let the school know.

Thank you for all your incredible support up until now

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School Uniform

### For all pupils:

Navy polo shirt with logo

Navy round neck sweatshirt

Navy cardigan

(Jumpers and Cardigans may be worn without a logo if wished. However, if you wish to you can purchase them from Kids and Co. with a logo or take the item bought elsewhere to Kids and Co. who for a small fee will add the school logo.)

Warm navy-blue tracksuit bottoms (not shiny or branded ones)

These items may be worn in warm weather but you always need to bring in the tracksuit bottoms so we can access the woods easily

Grey knee length skirt

Grey knee length pinafore

Grey shorts

Blue and white checked dress

White or grey socks / tights

Black shoes – the shoes need to be robust so that when the children are outside at lunch or break time as well as when outside learning their feet are supported. Ballet style shoes or ill-fitting shoes do not provide this support and should not be worn.

The shoes must be plain black with no decoration. They may be trainer styled shoes.

### PE Kit

School PE Logo top

Navy shorts/skorts

Plain black trainers (Please provide non-laced ones until your child is able to tie their own laces)

Navy tracksuit bottoms

Navy sweatshirt/hoody

### Hair

The children should wear their hair simply. This means no extreme haircuts including sculpting or shaved designs. No colour in hair. Hair bands and clips should be plain and small.

One small pair of earrings may be worn – if the child is not able to take them out they will be covered in tape during PE

**Temporary tattoos, make up, other jewellery, nail varnish and festival bands should not be worn at school.**

All uniform may be purchased from Kids and Co in Ryde - <https://www.kidsandcodirect.co.uk/>

Finally, please name all items. If you use pen to name the items, you will know that you need to write the name again several times throughout the year as it does wash out.



# School Development Days

Friday 15th November 2024

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

# Community News

## WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN **OAKFIELD YOUTH FC?**

**WE ARE STARTING OUR OAKFIELD ACORNS  
FUN INDOOR TRAINING ON  
THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER  
FOR ALL RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 CHILDREN!**

**5PM - 6PM  
EVERY THURSDAY  
@  
RYDE ACADEMY  
SPORTSHALL  
£2 A WEEK**



## **OAKFIELD YOUTH FC COMMUNITY FOOTBALL**

**FOR ALL ABILITIES - YEAR 2 TO YEAR 6**

**STARTING THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER  
@ RYDE ACADEMY SPORTS HALL**

**5PM - 6PM**

**£2 A WEEK  
12 WEEK COURSE**



# Community News



## STEP INTO CHARACTER: JOIN SUPERNOVAS DRAMA GROUP THIS TERM!

Exciting opportunity in the Ryde area!

This term, our Llama Drama group, Supernovas (for ages 8-12), will be diving into the exciting world of Characterisation!

We'll be working on developing a range of characters inspired by stories, games, and real life. Each session will include drama games, role-play, and in-depth character work, helping children build confidence, teamwork skills, and a love for performance. This is a fantastic opportunity for young actors to experiment, explore, and create memorable characters!

Whether your child is new to drama or already loves performing, they'll find a welcoming, supportive group here at Llama Drama. We're eager to get started and hope they'll join us on this creative journey!

You can book in for this term via:  
[llamadrama-iow.co.uk](http://llamadrama-iow.co.uk) or [llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io](http://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io)

 4.15-5.15pm

 Fridays



 St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
(open to all)

 £30 per term (only £5 per session!)


### Get in Touch!

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  Llama Drama IOW

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