



# ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



4th October 2024

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RE: In this week's Gospel, Jesus welcomes children despite others trying to keep them away. Jesus commends the open-heartedness of children, which is explored in this week in school. Children will learn that they are known and loved by God, who they can trust.

Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. **Mark 10:14**

Dear Families

We have been very busy this week at school and there has been some amazing learning taking place. We have had a real focus on reading and times tables across school. Please can you make sure you download the boom reader app and log all of the reading at home. This will allow us to track reading better across the school.

Similarly, please make sure you are practising times tables as much as you can. Each child should have a login for times table rock stars in order to practice this regularly (this doesn't apply to EYFS!)

For our EYFS parents, there will be a workshop for reading and phonics next wednesday (9th October) at 3pm. This will go through what to do when hearing children read and what will help them make progress. We hope to see as many families attend as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you all in regards to our after school provision. Sadly earlier this year we had to close our school based after school club. At the time, we also stated that we would keep this under review. The governors will be sending out regular questionnaires to see if there are any changes to the interest for this offer and to see if this could be a viable offer in the future.

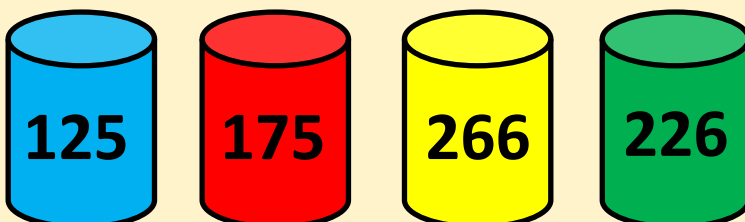
A reminder that next friday (11th October) is Go Yellow day, where children can wear something yellow to school. This can be as much or as little yellow as you like in return for a donation. This is an important day for the Island community as it will raise money for our local hospice, who do amazing work for very poorly people. I cannot wait to see our different uniform for that day!

Have a brilliant 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!

## **Parking permits**

School park and stride permits are now available from the school office, which enable you to park for free on the Canoe Lake Road between pick up times during term time.

## **Shoe box appeal**

Shoebboxes and leaflets are now available from the school office. This year the Rotary shoebox scheme are collecting for the disadvantaged and displaced children in Moldova , Montenegro, Romania and Ukraine via Poland.

## **LJR Clubs**

There are still place in Basketball . If you need a one off club for any reason the cost is £5.50. You don't need to book just pay Lewis at the end of the session.

## **Building Fund**

This is now due for the new school year. This can be paid as a one off annual payment of £30. A termly payment of £10 or £2.50 a month. For families with more than one child in school we ask a reduced family donation of £45 a year, £15 a term or £3.75 a month. Alternatively you can pay through the school office or Scopay.

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**

# P.E Days



When it is your day for PE, please come into school in your PE kit. Don't forget your water bottle!

Monday—Year 6

Tuesday—Year 2

Wednesday— EYFS & Year 3

Thursday—Years 4 and 5

Friday— EYFS & Year 1

# Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **93%**

EYFS = 92% & 3 lates

Year 1 = **100%** & 5 lates

Year 2 = 95% 5 lates

Year 3 = 93% 6 lates

Year 4 = 89% & 0 lates

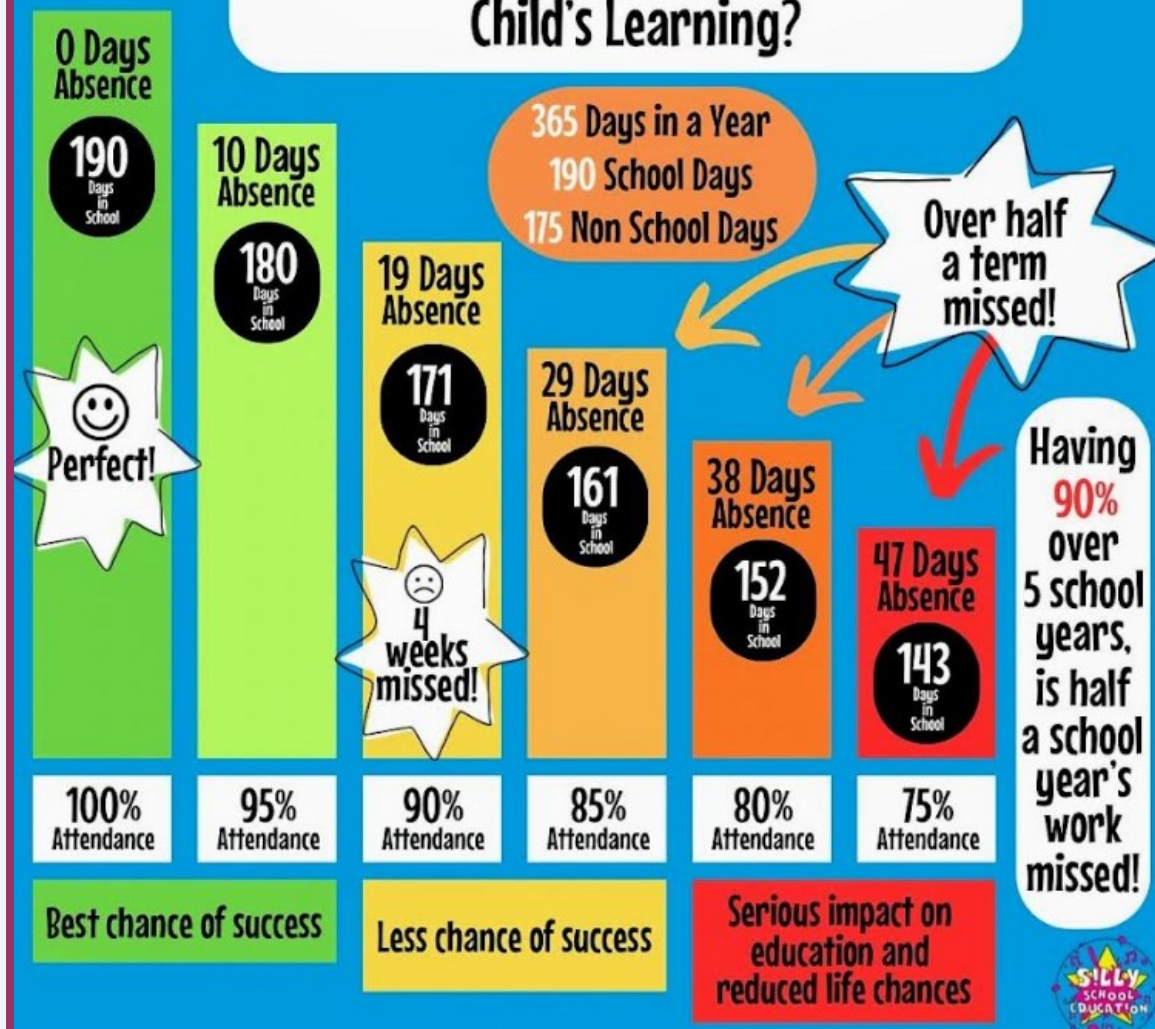
Year 5 = 96% & 6 lates

Year 6 = 89% & 1 late



Well done Year **Year 1!** Great work!

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



# Diary Dates 24-25

**NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED**

Monday 7th October—School Mass 10.15

Tuesday 8th October—EYFS open morning  
9—11am

Thursday 10th October—Yr 4 Roman Villa

Friday 11th October—Go Yellow day

**Wednesday 16th October—Yr 6 Quarr Abby**

Monday 21st October—Friday 1st November—  
October Half term—school closed.

Monday 4th November—Autumn 2 starts.

**Monday 8th November—Flu Vac**

WB Monday 11th November—Anti-bullying  
week

Friday 15th November—School development  
day—school closed

WB 2nd December—parents evenings

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

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

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

## 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	Basket ball	Yr 1 – Yr 6	£33	30	9/9/24 3pm 4.30pm
	Homework	KS 2	£12	12	9/9/24 3pm 4pm
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Yr 1 –Yr 6	£33	30	10/9/24 3pm 4.30pm
Wednesday	Dodgeball	Yr 1 –Yr 6	£33	30	11/9/24 3pm 4.30pm
	Art	KS 2	£30	20	11/9/24 3pm 4pm
Thursday	Football	Yr 1 – Yr 6	£33	30	12/9/24 3pm 4.30pm
Friday	Tag Rugby	Yr1 – Yr 6	£33	30	13/9/24 3pm 4.30pm
	Skateboarding	KS 2	£42	20	13/9/24 3pm 4pm
	Llama Drama	Yr 1 Yr 3	£30	20	13/09/24 3pm 4pm

<https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/11>

Monday - Basketball

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/106>

Tuesday - gymnastics

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/107>

Wednesday - Dodgeball

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/108>

Thursday - Football

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/109>

Friday - Tag Rugby

<https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/110>

Clubs will run for 6 weeks- sports clubs please book through LJR.

Homework, Art, and Skateboarding will be available on Scopay.

Llama Drama has its own link.

# School dinner menu

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## WEEK 1

W/C 15/04, 06/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07, 09/08, 30/09

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Half a Jacket Potato	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	BBQ Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes	Turkey Lasagne Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	BBQ Quorn Fillet Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic Plate	Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
<b>HOT SPECIALS</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
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit	Raspberry Jelly	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Vanilla Ice Cream	Original Flapjack

**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, yogurt & fresh fruit

Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice

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## WEEK 2

W/C 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07, 16/08, 07/09

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butter Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta	Veggie Burrito	Quorn Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
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Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Chocolate Cookie	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit	Orange Drizzle

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## WEEK 3

W/C 29/04, 20/05, 17/06, 08/07, 02/08, 23/09, 14/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Cheese and Onion Pasta Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce Served with Rainbow Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
<b>HOT SPECIALS</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
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake	Lemon Sicilian Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream

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# FOSMA Information

## FOSMA NEEDS YOU!!

We hope your child is settling into the new school year well and you had a great summer.

### What is FOSMA?

The Friends of St Marys Association. As a group of parents, guardians and carers of children at St Mary's, FOSMA'S aim is to support our children and the school community by raising money to pay for the things that will enrich the school lives of our children through fun, discovery and play. Sometimes we need to support the school with the serious stuff too, like IT equipment and other resources because, as we all know, times are tough and budgets are tight.

Amongst other things last year we were able to purchase leaving hoodies for year 6 children, raise finance for new SEND supplies for the school, provide the Travelling Tales story day for the whole school, as well as running school discos and the summer fayre and holding cake stalls and ice lolly sales.

### So how can you help?

Big or small, all help is welcome and needed! We're always looking for parents to help at events, come up with fundraising ideas or help to plan the activities; so get in touch if you can help - no experience necessary! But we know not everyone has much time to spare, so you can help by donating cakes to sell at the various events we run; raising sponsorship money from family and friends; donating £1 on fancy-dress days; serving squash at the school discos and many more ways besides. You decide how much you can get involved, but remember that every bit of help makes a difference. Every time you support FOSMA it raises a bit more money for the school and the children, so thank you.

### Get in touch

Email us at [fosma@stmaryspri.co.uk](mailto:fosma@stmaryspri.co.uk) or chat to a member!

Every year group has a FOSMA representative that you can chat to and who will share news and updates.

We're busy planning the fun stuff for the Autumn term, so look out for dates in the school calendar (the first 2 are in already) and more details will be coming very soon.

So keep an eye on the newsletter and remember we would love as many of you to come forward with ideas and volunteer to help whenever you can – we can't do it without you!

Thank you – The FOSMA team

## 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

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 15th November 2024

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025



# Community News

## Ryde Academy Open Evening

October 9th  
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Parent Presentations 5:00pm and 6:00pm



### Wight Orienteers

**Wight Orienteers Autumn Events** will start with an event at The Needles on Sunday October 6th (parking at Warren Farm). The next will be at Firestone Copse, Wootton on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November and the Christmas event will be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at Borthwood Copse, Apse Heath. There will be courses for all abilities and helpful volunteers to get you started. Arrive between 10am and 12. Cost for juniors will be just £1. Non-member adults £8, and families £10. Family friendly events.

See our website and facebook page for more details: [Wight Orienteers](#)

# Community News

CHRIST THE KING COLLEGE



## YEAR 6 TOURS

**BREAKING NEWS**

Still undecided in your  
Secondary School choice?

The College is offering a tour during the half term break on

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct at 10am**

*Our new Year 7 students for 2025 will  
be provided with a New School blazer  
and PE top, paid for by the College.*

# Community News



## Girls Futsal Taster Sessions

A fast paced indoor  
version of football ideal  
for developing skill and  
technique

5.30-6.30pm yrs 4,5 &6  
6.30-7.30pm yrs 7,8 &9

£4 per child



**Friday 11th October**



**Barton Primary  
School**



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