



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



13th March 2026

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Celebration of the word

This week, we have learned about the gospel of John 4:14. that states **It is a promise that what Jesus gives cannot be taken away.** It is a declaration that when He fills someone, they become a vessel of His life. Not only are they satisfied, but they become a source of blessing to others.

Dear families,

This week has been British Science week, where the children have been learning all about the wonders of Science and how there have been some amazing inventions and discoveries from right here in Britain!

We have also had a special assembly from the organisers of Walk the Wight. Children were told about this important island event and how all the money raised goes to helping people in need. Good luck to any families taking part this year. If you have any medals from this, please remember to send them into school so we can celebrate their achievements.

Mass was held on Wednesday with Father Steven and it was lovely to see some families join us. It is always a special time for us as a school to celebrate our faith and come together.

Next week we have some very exciting sporting events happening in school. On Wednesday we have a very special visitor coming to school to talk to the children about being an Olympic athlete! We also have a full day of break dancing and beatboxing with creative. I cannot wait to see what new talents and interests emerge from these visits. Please can all children wear their PE to school on Wednesday for these events.

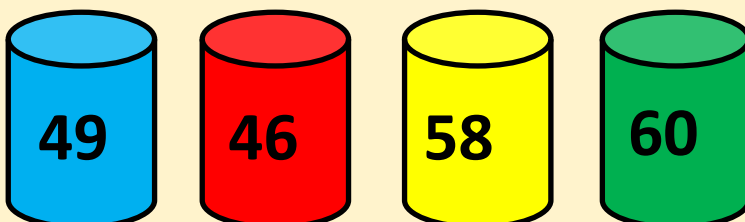
Just a reminder that parents need to sign up for parents evening that will take place the first week back after Easter. You would have received a link for this. This is a chance to celebrate the progress your children are making and find out how you can help at home.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Broome

House Point Totals

Well done to **St Martin'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

Attendance Matters



Let's make the most of the



in school!

Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **91.35%**

EYFS = **94.49%** **4 lates**

Year 1 = **96.67%** **5 lates**

Year 2 = **95.98%** **9 lates**

Year 3 = **88.64%** **2 lates**

Year 4 = **90.17%** **2 lates**

Year 5 = **91.47%** **4 lates**

Year 6 = **100%** **2 lates**

Well done Year 6!

Don't forget, each class that is 96% or above will receive a celebration party!

Our award winners!



Diary Dates 25-26

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

Wednesday 18th March—Creative workshops

WB Monday 23rd March—Mission week

Wednesday 25th March—Rock Kidz

Thursday 26th March—KS2 Theatre trip

Thursday 30th April—School nurse parent workshop on toileting

Wednesday 6th May—Whole school mass

WB Monday 11th May—Year 6 SATs week

WB Monday 1st June—Year 4 multiplication check

WB Monday 8th June—Phonics check week

Monday 22nd June—School closed—INSET day

Wednesday 22nd July—Whole school mass

We are having an issue with children being picked up late from school. Just a reminder that we have a school run after school club that runs until 5pm everyday.

If parents are consistently late to pick up their children, the children will be sent to this after school club located at our pre-school and parents will be charged for this time.

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

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.



We are a cashless school and only accept payments through Compass. 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.

School dinner menu

**AUTUMN/WINTER
2025 MENU**

WEEK 1

W/C: 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 19/01/2026, 09/02/2026, 09/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Sticky Lemon Chicken with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 🌱🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷🍷	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot 🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	OPTION 4	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱
	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Crunchy Apple Slice 🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream	Oat Cookie 🌱



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings 🍷🍷



AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

🌱 Vegetarian 🍷 Vegan 🍷 Oily Fish 🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Wholegrain 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

Chartwells
Schools

WALL 10.2024

**AUTUMN/WINTER
2025 MENU**

WEEK 2

W/C: 10/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026, 23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷	Battered Fish with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🍷🍷	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱🍷	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍷🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
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DESSERT		Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack 🌱🍷	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Raspberry Jelly 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream



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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🌱 🍌	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake With Garlic Bread 🍌 🍌	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Pasta Salad 🌱 🍌	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Spanish Vegetable Rice 🍌 🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
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DESSERT		Chocolate Marble Cake 🌱	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Lemon Cookie 🌱	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly 🌱

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Menu 18.2024

Are you entitled to free school meals?

If you receive any of the following, you can claim free school meals and the school can access additional funding too!

- Income support
- Income based jobseekers allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Guaranteed pension credit
- Support under part 5 of the immigration and asylum Act 1999
- Universal credit (with an annual net income of no more than £7,400)
- Child tax credit, provided the parent is not entitled to working tax credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, which does not exceed £16,190.
- Where a parent is entitled to working tax credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for working tax credit)

Registering for free school meals could raise an extra £1320 to fund valuable support like extra resources, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This is why it is so important to sign up!

We have forms to complete to make this happen, so please come and fill one in!

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 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 29th September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

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Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

The School Nurse can offer face to face appointments twice a term. We can support with the following health concerns:

- Physical Health concerns related to school absences: not chronic or persistent absenteeism.
- Support for healthy lifestyles:
 - Diet and exercise.
 - Growth concerns.
 - Support around sleep.
 - Continence i.e. night/daytime wetting, soiling, constipation.

There will be a toileting workshop at school on **Thursday 30th April at 08:45.**

The next face to face appointments available at **St Mary's Primary School** are on **Thursday 30th April at 09:30 and 10:00.**

Please speak to a member of school staff to book.

For further information and dates available to see the School Nurse please speak to a member of the school staff or call the School Nurse service on 0300 123 5224.

Little Rockets Gymnastics Funday Adventure
Join Us at Cowes or Sandown!

Let's Get Moving!

COWES
Sea Cadets, Whitegates, Artic Road,
Cowes, PO30 5QT.
Dates: 8th April (Wed), 27th May (Wed),
28th May (Thu), 12th August (Wed),
19th August (Wed), 26th August (Wed),
28th October (Wed), 30th December (Wed).

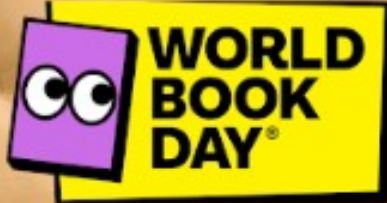
SANDOWN
Fairway Sports Hall, The Fairway,
Sandown, PO36 9EE.
Dates: 9th April (Thu), 13th August (Thu),
27th August (Thu), 29th December (Tue).

10am - 3pm

Dress in comfortable gym clothes (leotard, shorts, t-shirt, joggers).
- Book online at <https://little-rockets.classforkids.io>

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NATIONAL YEAR OF
READING 2026



SMALL STORIES COMPETITION

PICK UP AN ENTRY
FORM FROM YOUR
LOCAL LIBRARY

RUNS FROM MARCH 5 - APRIL 4

**CAN YOU WRITE
US A STORY
USING JUST 10 WORDS?**

AGE LIMIT 16 YEARS

**GRAND PRIZE
GIVING EVENT!**

**PRIZES TO BE
WON!**

**LIBRARIES ACROSS
THE ISLAND ARE JOINING IN!**

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THIS IS OUR GAME!

8 weeks only £50

**Sundays
9.30-10.30am
Starting 10th May**

For all 8-11 year old boys and girls

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Every participant receives their very own personalised T-shirt.

www.facebook.com/arretoncc

JOIN ARRETON CRICKET CLUB FOR YOUR DYNAMO SESSIONS

Scan here to book Girls Dynamos



Scan here to book Dynamos

For all 5-8 year old boys and girls

Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball and T-shirt.



Scan here to book Allstars



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WE WANT YOU!



Looking for a friendly & fun club to play cricket?
Just starting out and want to give it a go?

Everyone welcome

ECB trained coaches,
equipment & great opportunities.



For more information please
contact us at
 07368937817
www.facebook.com/arretoncc

- All-stars age 5-8
- Dynamos age 8-11
- U11 teams
- U13 teams
- U15 teams
- Girl's teams
- Men & Women

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GET ON STAGE

Musical Theatre Easter Fun Day!



Newport Primary
School

Tuesday 7th April
2026



Open to those aged 7-16.

Participants will get the opportunity to take part in various activities such as Singing, Acting, Dancing and Craft!

£20 for a full day workshop 9am-3pm

Sign Up at

www.GetOnStage.co.uk

for more information email

GetOnStageIOW@gmail.com



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★ CURTAIN CALL CREATIVE ★
PRESENTS



IAN FLEMING'S
**CHITTY CHITTY
BANG BANG**

Music and Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman and
Robert B. Sherman Music by Special Arrangement
with Sony/ATV Publishing Adapted for the Stage
by Jeremy Sams

Based on the MGM Motion Picture Licensed Script Adapted by Dag Rederick
This musical production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI: www.MTI.org.uk

**SHANKLIN
THEATRE** | **30th APRIL -
3rd MAY**

**TICKETS ADULTS £22 CHILDREN £18
plus theatre booking fee**

BOX OFFICE: 01983 868000 shanklintheatre.com

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Jekyll & HYDE
The Musical

CONCEIVED FOR THE STAGE BY STEVE CUDEN & FRANK WILDHORN
BOOK & LYRICS BY LESLIE BRICUSSE
MUSIC BY FRANK WILDHORN

MARCH
27TH AT 7PM
28TH AT 2:30PM & 7PM

JENNY KERRY THEATRE
RYDE SCHOOL

TICKETS ADULTS £18 CHILDREN £15
BOOK AT: CURTAINCALLCREATIVE.CO.UK

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.MTShows.co.uk

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Racing

SOCIALS

ADULT TRAINING

Do things at your own pace. Life's not a race. Unless your in a sail boat

BHYC Open Day

21ST MARCH 11AM - 3PM

Food and beverage

Cadet Training

RACE COACHING

Gig Rowing

FAMILY FUN

Community News

A promotional poster for an Easter football camp. The background is a dark, golden-hued image of a football pitch at night with stadium lights. In the foreground, there is a large, detailed soccer ball on the left and two players in silhouette on the right, one of whom is kicking the ball. The text is in bold, golden-yellow fonts with black outlines. At the top, there is a silhouette of a player kicking a ball next to the text 'LJR COACHING'. Below that, 'EASTER' is written in a smaller font, followed by 'FOOTBALL CAMP' in a very large, bold font. Underneath, it says 'FOR 5 - 11 YEAR OLDS'. The dates 'Tues 31st - Thur 2nd & Tues 7th - Thur 9th' are listed. The location 'ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, RYDE' is written in a blue font. The price '£10 PER DAY' is prominently displayed. At the bottom, it says 'BOOK NOW!' and includes a QR code and a website URL.

 **LJR COACHING**

EASTER

FOOTBALL CAMP

FOR 5 - 11 YEAR OLDS

Tues 31st - Thur 2nd &
Tues 7th - Thur 9th

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, RYDE

£10 PER DAY

BOOK NOW!

 <https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io>

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**MAGIC FOSSIL
ADVENTURES**
ISLE OF WIGHT
Presented by:
HUXLEY MAGIC

COMEDY, MAGIC & FOSSIL HUNTING!

**JOIN THE SPELLBINDING ADVENTURE!
FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

BOOK NOW!

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Spring into HAF this Easter!

Our popular Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for Easter 2026!

Activities include bushcraft, football, horse riding, fun at the farm, music, multi-sports and multi-activity holiday clubs. All HAF activities are inclusive and we also have some specialist SEND activities running.

- Activities will run from Monday 30th March- Friday 10th April
- Bookings open Tuesday 3 March at 12pm
- All activities include a healthy nutritious meal for children and young people attending
- Free spaces are available to children who receive income-related free school meals
- Please share with families you are working with and encourage them to book on to activities should they be eligible.

We can also offer a limited number of discretionary-funded places for children who do not meet the criteria above but would benefit from attending. This may include, for example:

- Children assessed by the Local Authority as being in need, at risk or vulnerable
- Looked-after children
- Children under Early Help
- Young carers
- Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Please contact the HAF team on holidayactivities@low.gov.uk if you would like to access a discretionary-funded place for a family you are working with.

How to book:

All bookings can be made through our [HAF Booking System](#) (QR code below)



Full details on all of our activities can also be found on the Isle of Wight [Family Information Hub webpage](#).

Please contact the HAF Team on holidayactivities@low.gov.uk if you have any questions.

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Little Rockets
Gymnastics

**Hop into Fun
this Easter at
Little Rockets
Gymnastics!**

Join the Easter Fundays Celebration

£32 per child
(siblings discount available)

Dress Code:
comfortable gym clothes
(leotard, shorts, t-shirt, joggers)
and bring:
lunchbox and drinks

tuck shop
available

Cowes Venue (Whitegates, Artic Road, Cowes)
on Wednesday 8th April 2026, 10am till 3pm;
Sandown Venue (Fairway Sports Hall,
The Fairway, Sandown)
on Thursday 9th April 2026, 10am till 3pm

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Isorropia Taster Session

Join us for a fully funded taster session to learn more about the Isorropia Foundation and how we support islanders to improve their mental wellbeing.

This supportive session gives you the opportunity to explore how Isorropia can help you or others, ask questions, and learn about the support available.

Open to everyone — whether you're attending for yourself, a loved one, or in a professional role.

Wellbeing Coaches will be available after the session for pre-enrolment and further information.



Medina Valley Centre,
Dodnor Lane, Newport,
PO30 5TE

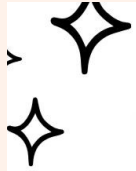


Thurs 12th March 2026



13:00 - 14:00 PM

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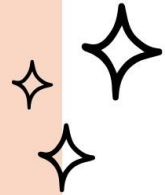



Isle of Wight
Pottery

Starts Fri 9th Jan



Kids Afternoon Pottery Club

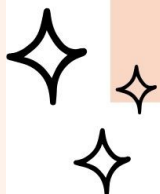


Fridays 4pm - 5:30pm during term time.

£108 for 6 weeks

An exciting opportunity for your child to learn a variety of making techniques in our working pottery studio. Over a 6 week period, we will explore wheel throwing, sculpting and modelling and follow the pottery process through to completion. They'll finish with a range of glazed and fired pieces to take home.

To book visit us at:
www.isleofwightpottery.com



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Toileting Workshop

We are here for every step of your child's journey, especially when they are learning new skills such as using the toilet or potty. This workshop contains tips and guidance as your child begins to navigate this important part of their development.



- ❖ 2-hour sessions
- ❖ Face-to-face and online sessions available from:
24/02/2026 – 27/02/2026
- ❖ For parents of children aged from 12 months

★ We are delighted to have Sunni from ERIC (The Bowel and Bladder Charity) delivering these sessions.



To book a free place on any available workshop, use the link or QR code.

[Isle of Wight Family Centres Events - 18 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to accommodate children at the face-to-face sessions.



Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.



Isle of Wight
Council