



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



27th March 2026

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Amphill Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight. PO33 1LJ 01983 562000 www.stmaryspri.co.uk

Celebration of the word

This week, we have learned about the gospel of John 11:3-7 and 17, where Lazarus's sisters, Martha and Mary, inform Jesus that their brother, whom he loves, is sick. Jesus declares the illness will not end in death, but for God's glory. Despite his love for them, he stays two more days before returning to Judea. Upon arrival, Lazarus has been dead for four days.

Dear families,

What another amazing and very special week at St Mary's! The Catholic Schools on the Island and the Parishes have had a Mission team with us every day to do a range of activities to explore the theme FEARLESS! The children took part in lots of workshops, a whole school rise theatre session that explored catholic social teaching and some wonderful and reflective prayer stations. This morning, the mission week came to an end with a whole island worship with all of the catholic schools coming together. Please speak to the children about their time this week.

We also had a very special day on Wednesday with Rock Kidz! Our hall was turned into our very own Rock band show and we all danced and sang to promote positive mental health. They will be back next year to continue our music and wellbeing journey.

On Thursday some of our KS2 children went to see the BFG in Chichester Theatre and had an amazing time watching a live show. We work really hard to ensure our children have experiences that enrich their learning and provide them with long lasting memories. Thank you to those parents that support us and make these incredible experiences happen.

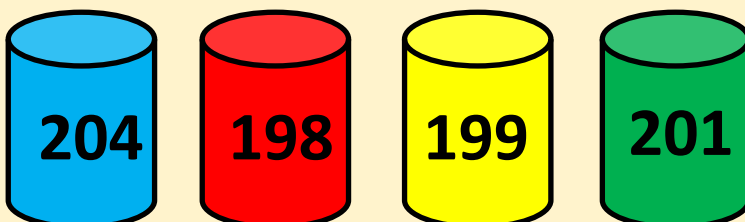
Next week and the week after, school is closed for the Easter break. We hope everyone has a very restful time and we will welcome you all back on Monday 13th April. When we come back, can you all please remember the following:

- If your child is going to be away from school, please contact the office by 8.30am
- If your child is not in school, cancel their lunch via compass to ensure numbers of dinners are correct each day.
- Name all items of clothing so we can return these to the children.

Mrs Broome

House Point Totals

Well done to **St Mary'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)

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Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **91.83%**

EYFS = **91.15%** 2 lates

Year 1 = **89.5%** 2 lates

Year 2 = **95.45%** 4 lates

Year 3 = **96.15%** 1 late

Year 4 = **95.77%** 4 lates

Year 5 = **87.65%** 2 lates

Year 6 = **90.77%** 1 late

Well done Year 3!

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

Diary Dates 25-26

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

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

Wednesday 22nd July—Whole school mass

Monday 27th July—Development day—school closed

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

SPRING/SUMMER
2026 MENU

WEEK 1

W/C: 13/04/2026, 04/05/2026, 01/06/2026, 22/06/2026, 13/07/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	I.O.W Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🍷🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷🍷	Roast BBQ Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Macaroni Cheese 🌱🍷	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
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OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	OPTION 4	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🌱	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🌱	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🌱	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🌱	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🌱
	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Oat Cookie 🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Vanilla Slice with Melon Wedges 🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream



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.

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MAIL 13/03/2025

SPRING/SUMMER
2026 MENU

WEEK 2

W/C: 20/04/2026, 11/05/2026, 08/06/2026, 29/06/2026, 20/07/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 2	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🍷🍷	Beany Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges 🌱🍷	Bean and Cheese Pastry Turnover with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Macaroni Cheese 🌱🍷	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
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DESSERT		Banana Oat Bite 🌱	Lemon Cookie 🌱	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream



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School dinner menu


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HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍕 🥗	All Day Breakfast with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍗	Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🍝 🍞	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍕 🥗	Cheesy Bean Burrito with Wholegrain Rice 🌮 🍚	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy 🥧 🍷	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🍝 🍞	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🍷
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DESSERT		Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges 🍰 🍈	Strawberry Jelly 🍓	Chocolate Mousse 🍫	Vanilla Ice Cream 🍦	Banana Flapjack 🍌 🍪

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  Fruity!
  Wholegrain
  Nutritionist's Choice

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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!

Uniform Expectations

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/skort
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.



After school clubs

St Mary's Catholic Primary School After School Clubs – Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2026 All clubs finish at 4pm unless otherwise stated	
<p>Your child will NOT be offered a place until payment in full and consent has been received via Compass which contains important contact information for the club leader. All clubs are offered on a first come first served basis.</p>	
Monday	<p>Skateboarding (Years 2-6) Run by John Cattle's Skate Club C.I.C Minimum 8. Starting 13 April (5 sessions). £20. To book please go to your Compass Portal</p> <p>Homework Club (Yrs 2 - 6) Run by school staff Free to attend To book please go to your compass portal</p>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<p>Art Club (Years 2-6) Run by Portraits with Fleur Starting 15 April (6 sessions) £33.00. To book please go to your Compass Portal</p>
Thursday	<p>Football Club (Years 1-6) Run by LJR Coaching Minimum 5 children. Starting 16 April (6 sessions) £24.00 https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/245</p>
Friday	<p>----- Llama Drama (Years R-3) 3:00pm-4:00pm Starting 17th April (5 sessions). £30. To book: https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/190</p> <p>----- Llama Drama (Years 4-6) 4:00pm-5:00pm Starting 17th April (5 sessions). £30. To book: https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/187</p>

School Development Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 29th September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 27th July 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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5-8 Years old

8-11 Years old

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

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All Stars & Dynamos

at Newport CC's Home
Newclose County Cricket Ground

IS NOW OPEN TO BOOK

Sundays at 9:30-10:30am

Starting: Sunday 17th May

8 week programme

£50

Includes personalised kit

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CULTURAL
EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIP
ISLE OF WIGHT



ALL YEARS

Earth Museum

Have launched 2 new programmes 'Air We Breathe' and 'Isle of Wight Heritage Biosphere'. Immersive storytelling with geography, science, history and more.

FREE for all schools.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

BRAVE
ISLAND
Zine

FROM AGE 14

Share your views, ideas, and creativity through
Photography, Artwork, Poetry,
Interviews, Creative Writing
or any other medium you choose!

AGES 14-25
APPLY HERE



braveisland.uk

Brave Island Zine

The submission period for Vol.2 of Brave Island's new Zine closes on Monday 30th March. Use the QR code above or [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more and get your pupils involved!

See [Vol 1. HERE](#).



PRIMARY

Naturezones Poetry Trail

Naturezones are looking for year 5 pupils from 4 schools to submit poetry for their new Poetry Trail!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

IW LIBRARIES FILM

YRS 5 - YR 13



Creative Island and the Isle of Wight Council Library Service are proud to share a short film made as part of the Connecting Libraries project. We hope that this resource will be a useful tool to share with the pupils in your school, perhaps in tutor time, in an assembly or as part of a PSHE lesson. The film is 17 minutes in length and is intended for years 5 to 13.

This film, made by young people, for young people, aims to support confidence in using public libraries and ultimately to expand access to resources that support literacy. The film was made by pupils at Christ the King College who were supported by the young creative film maker Sam Lapham.

You can share the film with pupils by clicking below. If you would like the opportunity to have the film presented in your school as part of an assembly with a team member, or if you would like any further information please email claire@creativeisland.org

[CLICK TO VIEW THE FILM!](#)

Community News



NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA



**Celebrating 100
Years of Newport
Roman Villa**

Open day

Saturday 28 March, 10am to 2pm

**Special discounted
entry, just £1!**

**Guided tours at
10.30am, 11.30am,
12.30pm, and 1.30pm**

**Explore the ruins
and get hands on in
the activity room**



Image courtesy of the Isle of Wight County Press

iow.gov.uk/museums ☎ 01983 529720/823433

✉ museums@iow.gov.uk

📍 Cypress Road, Newport, IW, PO30 1HA



**Isle of Wight
Council**

Community News



Girls' Football Festival



Hosted by **UCANPLAY**

in conjunction with the FA Women's Talent ID programme

- April 10th 2026 @ Cowes Enterprise College
- led by UEFA B coaches, supported by FA Talent ID team
- Mini tournament format
 - U8's (school years 2&3)
 - U10's (Years 4&5)
 - U12's (Years 6&7)
- all abilities welcome
- pre-registration necessary (free to attend)
- QR code for details and sign up



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Messy Easter

AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT SALVATION
ARMY CHURCH 72 PYLE STREET,
NEWPORT, PO30 1UJ

On Tuesday 7th April from
3:15pm - 6pm

ACTIVITIES

STORIES

DINNER

CRAFTS

GAMES

FREE

EMAIL: ISLEOFWIGHT@SALVATIONARMY.ORG.UK
TEL: 01983 526312

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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

Community News

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 Isidorik

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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for more information email

GetOnStageIOW@gmail.com

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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 with their foot on 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.

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!

Community News



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

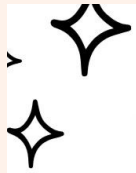


Thurs 12th March 2026



13:00 - 14:00 PM

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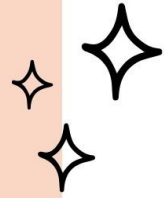



Isle of Wight
Pottery

Starts Fri 9th Jan



Kids Afternoon Pottery Club

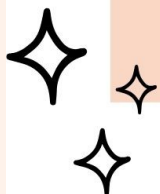


Fridays 4pm - 5:30pm during term time.

£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



Community News



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.

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

