



# ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



16TH April 2026

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Amphill Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight. PO33 1LJ 01983 562000 [www.stmaryspri.co.uk](http://www.stmaryspri.co.uk)

## Celebration of the word

This week, we have learned about the gospel of John 20:19-31, the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples behind locked doors, offering peace, showing his wounds, and breathing the Holy Spirit upon them. He commissions them, empowering them to forgive sins, and later appears again to convince the doubting Thomas, declaring a blessing on those who believe without seeing.

Dear families,

It has been a brilliant start to the summer term. All of the children have come back to school ready to learn and are so excited to tackle their last term of the year. Thank you to those parents that attended parents evenings this week. The feedback has been really positive and it is vital that we continue to work together to ensure our children achieve their very best.

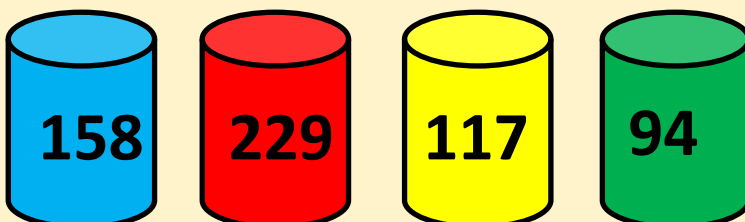
In terms of achieving well, we undertook a monitoring visit with the local authority today, who came to check that St Mary's was working on all of the school aspects that ensure children reach their full potential. It was a very positive visit and our inspector was pleased with the progress the children are making, the quality of teaching and learning and the positive things the children shared about our school. One area of concern was our attendance figures and how many of our children are now persistently absent. Having attendance of 90% or below means children are missing too much of their learning and will struggle to achieve what they should. Every school day missed is 5 lessons, which over a week is a lot of learning! The local authority will continue to monitor our children's attendance and will take action to address this if necessary. Please can you try your very best to make sure your children are in school everyday. With the warmer weather and less germs this should be easier and the children are very keen to reach 96% for their class so they can be rewarded with a party to celebrate.

I wanted to share with you the very sad news that Mrs Hoey will not be returning to St Mary's in her Office Manager role. As you know due to illness Mrs Hoey had needed to step away from her role. Mrs Hoey has been an amazing star in our lives. She has worked at St Mary's for 25 years. During this time she has supported a number of Headteachers (including myself who would not have managed without her) and an even larger number of staff. She was the person you would turn to to find out how to do something but also the person who would support you and look out for you. I know for our families she was that safe person who would get things sorted. The school will miss Mrs Hoey so much and I know that she has missed us too. I know that she will be starting new adventures and wish her every happiness for these. She will always remain in our hearts and I know that she will always keep us in her heart and prayers. Mrs Kettle will continue in her office role. We thank her for taking on the role during Mrs Hoey's absence and that she can stay with us now.

Have a wonderful weekend  
Mrs Broome

## House Point Totals

Well done to **St Josephine'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 and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **91.95%**

EYFS = **95%** **4 lates**

Year 1 = **98%** **3 lates**

Year 2 = **97%** **4 lates**

Year 3 = **98%** **2 lates**

Year 4 = **94%** **4 lates**

Year 5 = **94%** **5 lates**

Year 6 = **96%** **1 late**

Well done Year 1 & 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**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

### SUMMER 1 2026

MONDAY

**YEAR SIX**

TUESDAY

**YEAR 3  
SWIMMING**

WEDNESDAY

**YEAR ONE**

THURSDAY

**YEAR FIVE &  
YEAR TWO**

FRIDAY

**EYFS, YEAR FOUR &  
WOODLAND  
ROOM**

### 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 🌱
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	
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.

**Chartwells**  
Schools

MAIL 12/2026

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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Schools


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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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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## 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/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.



# After school clubs

<b>St Mary's Catholic Primary School</b> <b>After School Clubs – Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2026</b> <b>All clubs finish at 4pm unless otherwise stated</b>	
<p><b>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.</b></p>	
Monday	<p><b>Skateboarding</b> (Years 2-6)                      Run by John Cattle's Skate Club C.I.C  <b>Minimum 8. Starting 13 April (5 sessions).</b>  <b>£20. To book please go to your Compass Portal</b></p> <p><b>Homework Club (Yrs 2 - 6)</b>                      Run by school staff                      Free to attend  <b>To book please go to your compass portal</b></p>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<p><b>Art Club</b> (Years 2-6)                      Run by Portraits with Fleur  <b>Starting 15 April (6 sessions) £33.00. To book please go to your Compass Portal</b></p>
Thursday	<p><b>Football Club</b> (Years 1-6)                      Run by LJR Coaching  <b>Minimum 5 children. Starting 16 April (6 sessions) £24.00</b>  <a href="https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/245">https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/245</a></p>
Friday	<p>-----  <b>Llama Drama</b> (Years R-3) 3:00pm-4:00pm  <b>Starting 17th April (5 sessions).</b>  <b>£30. To book: <a href="https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/190">https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/190</a></b></p> <p>-----  <b>Llama Drama</b> (Years 4-6) 4:00pm-5:00pm  <b>Starting 17th April (5 sessions).</b>  <b>£30. To book: <a href="https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/187">https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/187</a></b></p>

## School Development Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 29th September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 27th July 2026

# Community News



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 30<sup>th</sup> April at 08:45.**

The next face to face appointments available at **St Mary's Primary School** are on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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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# Community News

**Aged 7 - 11?  
Bored after  
school?**

**drama**

**improv...**

**LLAMA DRAMA.**

Llama Drama offers small, welcoming drama groups across the Island and we would love YOU to join us!

**fun!**

We are looking for young comedians, role players, budding actors & actresses and downright fun-seekers to try a session with us for free!

**games...**

**Ryde  
(St Mary's R.C.  
Primary School)  
Fridays  
4-5pm**

**Get in Touch!**  
ALLY MAC  
☎ 01983 655126  
📱 @Llama Drama IOW  
🌐 llamadrama.iow.co.uk  
✉ info@llamadrama.iow.co.uk

**Book Now:**  
<https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io>



# Community News

Kindly sponsored by  
 thepriceiswight

Gather your herd for our 5K family fun run!

## RUN WILD!

Sunday,  
5<sup>th</sup> July

Join the stampede!



 **wildheart**  
isle of wight  
animal sanctuary

Registered charity number 1171144  
[www.wildheartanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.wildheartanimalsanctuary.org)  
Yaverland Road, Sandown, PO36 8QB



# Community News

**BE WILDFIRE AWARE**  
AND HELP PROTECT THE COUNTRYSIDE



**PACK A PICNIC**  
NOT A BBQ



**DON'T**  
START CAMPFIRES



**EXTINGUISH**  
CIGARETTES  
FULLY



**DON'T**  
DROP LITTER



Hampshire  
& Isle of Wight  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE



IF YOU SEE A FIRE  
**CALL 999**



**SCAN ME**

OR VISIT

[bit.ly/Wildfire-Aware](http://bit.ly/Wildfire-Aware)

# Community News

## Corf Scout Camp Open Day

Saturday 2 May 2026

10:00am - 4:00pm

Corf Road, Shalfleet, PO30 4NT



### Try something new:

- Archery
- Boulder Wall
- Frisbee Golf
- Kayaking\*
- Shooting
- Tomahawks
- Open Fire Cook
- Climbing/High Ropes

All welcome - you don't have to be a Scout. Bring the whole family along.

Many activities. Refreshments.

Parking £5 per car at

What3Words: [///orders.twit.pace](https://www.what3words.com/#!/orders.twit.pace)

\*Water activities dependent on tide and conditions - swimwear & change of clothes required. No open toed shoes. All activities dependent on availability of time and volunteers. No unaccompanied children.

Scouts  
Isle Of Wight



No dogs  
Except guide dogs  
and assistance dogs

[www.corfcamp.org.uk](http://www.corfcamp.org.uk)



# Community News

Recruiting new players  
for the 26/27 season

The **only** all **GIRLS**

club on the island and the  
only one competing in the  
Hampshire league



We are looking for  
footballers in year 4-6  
from across the island



Run by FA qualified coaches  
In a **SAFE, FUN** environment

Contact: [info@wighteagles.co.uk](mailto:info@wighteagles.co.uk) for more details

Come and try us for **FREE**



Training at The Bay C of E School every Thursday  
5.30-7pm

# Community News



5-8 Years old

8-11 Years old

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> May

8 week programme

**£50**

Includes personalised kit

# Community News

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](mailto: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](http://iow.gov.uk/museums) ☎ 01983 529720/823433

✉ [museums@iow.gov.uk](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> 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



# Community News



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

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April from  
3:15pm - 6pm

ACTIVITIES

STORIES

DINNER

CRAFTS

GAMES

FREE

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

# Community News

**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](http://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**



# Community News



## 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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.GetOnStage.co.uk)

for more information email

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# Community News

★ 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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## GET ON STAGE

**Musical Theatre  
Easter Fun Day!**



**Newport Primary  
School**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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**



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**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 30<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

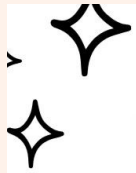


**Thurs 12th March 2026**



**13:00 - 14:00 PM**

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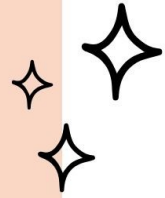


  
Isle of Wight  
Pottery

Starts Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Jan



## Kids Afternoon Pottery Club

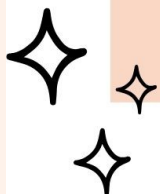


Fridays 4pm - 5:30pm during term time.

£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](http://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.



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