



# ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



30th 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 10:1-10, Jesus declares himself the "good shepherd" and the "gate for the sheep," contrasting his care with "thieves and robbers" who come to steal, kill, and destroy. He emphasizes that true sheep follow him because they recognize his voice, promising salvation and abundant life.

Dear families,

We have been very busy this week not only with our learning but with making the school look better and more inviting. Mr John our site manager has been working hard in and around school but we need your help over the half term holiday. We would love to paint the outside of the school but this is a huge job so Mr John is looking for some volunteers who are confident with painting to help him. Any time you have spare would really help!

Mrs Knight, our English lead is continuing to promote regular reading practice with all children and is still monitoring boom reader to check children are reading at home. This vital skill cannot be practised enough so please make sure you log all of your child's reading, every little helps!

We now have a new member of staff as part of our team to support families and monitor attendance. Ellie Obbard is our new family liaison officer and will continue with all of the work and support that Tracey Castle was providing for our families. If you feel you would like some additional support with anything, please leave a message at the office and Ellie will contact you. Currently, Ellie is only with us on a Thursday.

Just a reminder that school dinners need to be ordered in advance on compass. We do not want children to miss lunch and be hungry so it is vital that parents support us with this.

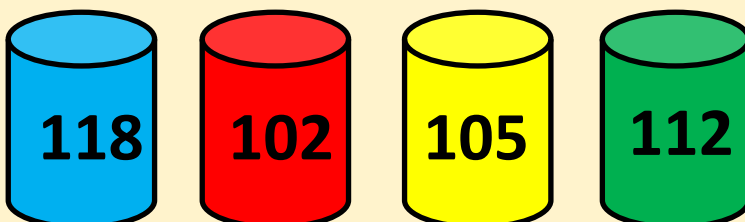
I am so pleased to say that the Mini Vinnies cake sale raised £162! This will go directly to the hospice. Well done everyone that made this happen.

Don't forget that next Monday is a bank holiday and school will be closed. We will welcome everybody back on Tuesday 5th May at 8.20am.

Have a wonderful weekend  
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)

**LIVE LOVE BELIEVE**

# Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance **91.61%**

EYFS = **97%** 1 late

Year 1 = **93.8%** 2 lates

Year 2 = **99%** 3 lates

Year 3 = **93%** 1 lates

Year 4 = **93%** 2 lates

Year 5 = **92%** 1 lates

Year 6 = **97%** 3 lates

Well done Year 2!

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

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

**EYFS**

THURSDAY

**YEAR ONE, YEAR  
TWO & YEAR  
FIVE**

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 🌱
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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.

**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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# School dinner menu


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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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	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges 🍰 🍈	Strawberry Jelly 🍓	Chocolate Mousse 🍫	Vanilla Ice Cream 🍦	Banana Flapjack 🍌

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 Schools

## 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

<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

**HELP PAINT  
OUR SCHOOL!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

St. Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

Help us make our school look **amazing!**

**MAY HALF TERM  
PAINTING DAYS!**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Come along & help as much time  
as you can spare!

Please **Sign Up** in the Office so  
**Mr. John**, our Site Manager, knows how  
many volunteers we have!

# 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!

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

**games...**  
**fun!**

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

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

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



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.

The next face to face appointments available at St Mary's Primary School are on **Friday 12th June at 08:45, 09:15, and 09:45.**

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.

# 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  
sanctuary

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



# 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

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](http://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



## 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