



# ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



15th May 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 Matthew 28:16-20, widely known as the "Great Commission," captures Jesus' final instructions to His disciples. He commands them to make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Trinity, and teach them to obey His teachings, promising His abiding presence forever.

Dear families,

I cannot believe we are near another half term already!

Well done to those of your that completed walk the Wight last Sunday. It has been wonderful to hear from the children who took part how much they enjoyed this event.

I have been so proud of our year pupils this week who have been sitting their SATs tests. All of these pupils showed a real determination and maturity for the SPAG, reading and Maths papers and were really positive about how they tackled all of the questions. I hope they now all have a really good rest and relaxing weekend, ready for the residential trip next week!

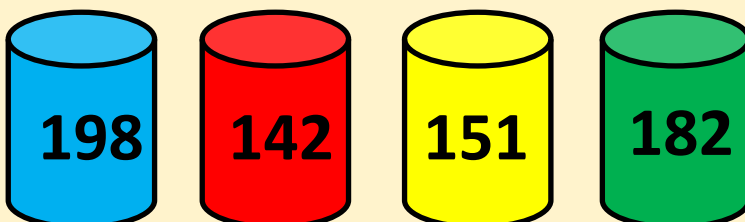
This morning the children took part in the Mary, doer of knots, where the children all wrote down their troubles and worries and asked Mary to support them in making these things better. It was lovely to come together as a school for this important occasion.

Next week we will be celebrating the Isle of Wight Literacy festival, where we will be visited by authors in school and attend some workshops in other schools to celebrate our love of reading and books. Please use this opportunity to talk to your children about their favourite book and share some stories together. Don't forget, any reading that happens at home can be logged on Boom reader and we can celebrate this with the children in school.

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 **90.79%**

EYFS = **92.2%** 2 lates

Year 1 = **90.3%** 3 lates

Year 2 = **94.2%** 3 lates

Year 3 = **95.7%** 2 lates

Year 4 = **86.4%** 3 lates

Year 5 = **83.5%** 2 lates

Year 6 = **100%** 0 lates

Well done Year 6!

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 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.

# Our Weekly debate

**?** David Attenborough, who turns 100 this week, has inspired millions through his wildlife documentaries. Do you think helping people fall in love with nature is the best way to protect the planet?



We listen to our pupils and hear their voice! We will be working with the children to see if we can make this happen and have an attendance award shop, where they can swap their points for prizes!

# 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 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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	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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## 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

St Mary's Catholic Primary School After School Clubs – Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2026 All clubs finish at 4pm unless otherwise stated  <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>	
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). £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). £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). £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



## SEND REFORM INFORMATION EVENT

THE ISLE OF WIGHT PARENT CARER FORUM  
(IWPCF) WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO AN  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION SHARING EVENT  
REGARDING LOCAL ASSESSMENT AND  
PLANNING ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT IN RELATION  
TO THE UPCOMING SEND REFORMS.



### EVENT DETAILS

📍 RIVERSIDE CENTRE

📅 WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY 2026

🕒 10:00AM – 12:00PM

💻 ONLINE SESSION

📅 THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2026

🕒 6:30PM



SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO BOOKING IN ADVANCE IS  
ESSENTIAL.

THE ONLINE SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE UNABLE  
TO ATTEND IN PERSON, ENSURING AS MANY PARENT  
CARERS AS POSSIBLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
PARTICIPATE.



YOU CAN REACH US AT

ISLE OF WIGHT PARENT CARER FORUM



@IW\_PCF



ISLEOFWIGHTPCF@GMAIL.COM



# Community News

**SMALL MUSEUMS · BIG ON HISTORY!**

**NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA**  
1926 - 2006

**MUSEUM OF ISLAND HISTORY**

**ROMAN HALF-TERM FAMILY FUN**  
NO NEED TO BOOK!

**WEDNESDAY 27 MAY**

**EXPLORE THE ROMAN GARDEN**

**CREATE A LAUREL CROWN**

**TUESDAY 26 AND THURSDAY 28 MAY**

**PLAY ROMAN GAMES... AND DESIGN A ROMAN GAME TO KEEP!**

**ALL-WEATHER ATTRACTIONS**

- ◆ 10am to 2pm
- ◆ £1 per person
- ◆ Wednesday 28 May

- ◆ 10am to 1pm
- ◆ £1 per person
- ◆ Tuesday 26 May and Thursday 28 May

**Cypress Road, Newport, IW, PO30 1HA**

**01983 823433**  
[iow.gov.uk/museums](http://iow.gov.uk/museums)  
[museums@iow.gov.uk](mailto:museums@iow.gov.uk)

**Guildhall, High Street, Newport, IW, PO30 1TY**

**Isle of Wight Council**

Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service

# 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



## 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