



# ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



4th June 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

Dear families,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year! Its been wonderful to see the children come back to school eager and ready to learn.

I have shared with you today the new staffing structure for next academic year. You will now know that Mrs Knight will be leaving us in July to become the new head of school at St Thomas'. This means although she is leaving St Mary's, she will still be part of the federation so will continue to work closely with staff. Mrs Knight has been at St Marys for 10 years and has worked passionately to ensure the children have received the best possible education, not only as a class teacher but as the English lead and we wish her all the luck in the world.

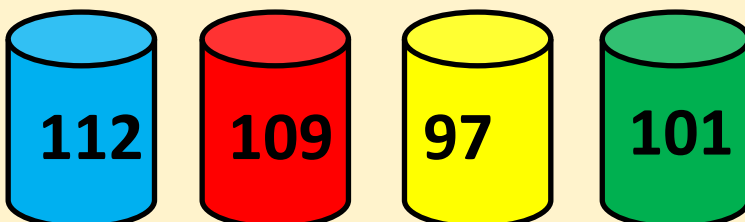
Although the weather has cooled slightly following last week's warmer temperatures, I would like to remind parents that children are welcome to attend school in their PE kit on sunny days during the summer term. Please ensure that this is the correct school PE kit. Items should be plain and unbranded, and shorts should be of an appropriate length rather than very short styles.

As the weather becomes warmer, we also ask that children come to school wearing sunscreen, bring a named sun hat, and have a named water bottle with them each day to help them stay safe, hydrated, and comfortable while enjoying outdoor activities

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 **93.19%**

EYFS = **95.5%** 4 lates

Year 1 = **95.8%** 3 lates

Year 2 = **95.2%** 3 lates

Year 3 = **94%** 1 late

Year 4 = **84.2%** 4 lates

Year 5 = **87.9%** 2 lates

Year 6 = **95.6%** 1 late

Well done Year 1!

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 8th June—Phonics check week

Monday 13th July—EYFS/KS1 sports day (AM)

Tuesday 14th July—KS2 sports day (AM)

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.

# Meet our FLO (Family liaison Officer)



**I am Ellie Obbard and I am the family liaison officer for St Mary's. I currently work on a Thursday at school and I can offer support to families for the following:**

**Friendly support** — Someone you can talk to about any worries, big or small. FLOs listen, understand and help you find a way forward.

**Help with attendance** — I can work with you to understand any barriers to getting your child into school and help improve attendance in a supportive, non-judgemental way.

**Behaviour and wellbeing guidance** — I can offer ideas to support behaviour at home, emotional needs, or refer you to Early Help or health services if needed.

**Signposting to services** — I connect families with local and national support such as housing, debt advice, welfare, bereavement services, parenting courses or adult learning.

**Practical help** — Support with form-filling, online applications, secondary transfer, or understanding school policies and procedures.

**Support during challenges** — I can meet with you 1:1 and advocate for your family when working with school staff or other agencies.

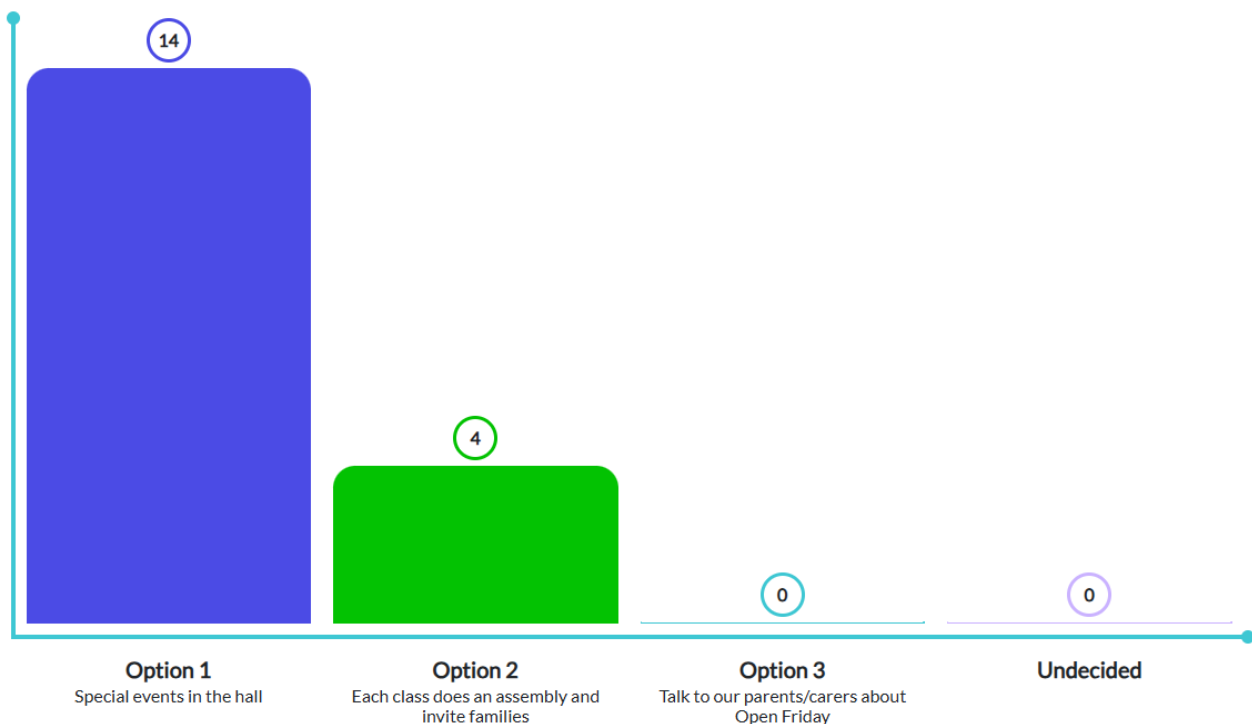
**Help with financial barriers** — Advice or signposting for help with costs such as clubs, trips or uniforms

**If you feel that I can help you or your family, please pop into the office and leave a message and I will get in contact and arrange a meeting.**

# Our Weekly debate

[View all](#)[Results summary](#)[Results details](#)[Comments and ideas](#)[Print / Download](#)

How can we encourage more parents and carers to come in to school?



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 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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WEEK 3

W/C: 27/04/2026, 18/05/2026, 15/06/2026, 06/07/2026, 27/07/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	<b>OPTION 1</b> 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
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	<b>OPTION 2</b> 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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MAIL 15/05/2026

## 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 1st June – Friday 24th July All clubs finish at 4pm unless otherwise stated Your child will <b>NOT</b> be offered a place until payment in full has been received, together with consent. All clubs are offered on a first come first served basis.	
Monday	<p><b>Skateboarding (KS2)</b>            Run by John Cattle's Skate Club C.I.C  <b>Minimum 8. Starting 1st June (8 sessions).</b>  <b>£4 per session.</b>            To book please go to your Compass Portal</p> <p><b>Homework Club (Yrs 2 - 6)</b>            Run by school staff            Free to attend            To book please go to your compass portal</p>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<p><b>Art Club (Years 2-6)</b>            Run by Portraits with Fleur  <b>Starting 3rd June (8 sessions) £5.50 per session (£44 in total).</b>            To book please go to your Compass Portal</p> <p><b>Carnival Club (All Years)</b>            Starting 3rd June (8 sessions) <b>£30 in total</b>            To book please go to your compass portal</p>
Thursday	<p><b>Football Club (Years 1-6)</b>            Run by LJR Coaching  <b>Minimum 5 children. Starting 4th June (8 sessions)</b>  <b>£32</b>            To book: <a href="https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/246">https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/246</a></p>
Friday	<p><b>Llama Drama (Years R-3)</b>  <b>3:00pm-4:00pm</b>  <b>Starting 5th June (6 sessions).</b>  <b>£30.</b>            To book: <a href="https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/206">https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/206</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Llama Drama (Years 4-6)</b>  <b>4:00pm-5:00pm</b>  <b>Starting 5th June (6 sessions).</b>  <b>£30.</b>            To book: <a href="https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/205">https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/205</a></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

## Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Form 2026-27 Open Day/Evening dates (as at 1/6/2026)

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	29 September 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Christ the King College	17 September 2026 11 November 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 9 November 2026 – 11 December 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Month
Island Free School	19 October 2026	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Medina College	22 September 2026 29 September 2026 8 October 2026 13 October 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm } Open mornings 9.30-12noon
Lift Ryde	7 October 2026 10 October 2026 18 November 2025	Y6 & Y5 Open Evening Quiet School Tours and meet the Headteacher sessions 6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	3 October 2026	Y6 and 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm
ST George's School	7 October 2026	Open event: tours at 1.15pm (limited spaces during the school day) Y6 and 6 <sup>th</sup> Form 3.30pm and 4.30pm Please note that the child MUST have an EHCP as an admissions criterion <b>Please call St George's to book a place</b>
The Bay CE School	1 October 2026	Y6 Open Evening: 5-7.30pm
The Island VI Form	12 November 2026	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm
The Isle of Wight College	17 September 2026 7 November 2026	5-7pm Open Evening 10am-1pm Open Day
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Tel: 861222 or email: <a href="mailto:mail@prioryschool.org.uk">mail@prioryschool.org.uk</a>

# Community News



TRAINING  
SEA VIEW YACHT CLUB

## SATURDAY CLUB SAILING

FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

For young sailors with previous experience who want to take their sailing skills to the next level!



These sessions follow the same format as the Schools Sailing Programme. The aim is to further participants' sailing knowledge and skills.



### FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY

Due to the high demand, sessions are only open to Year 6 pupils.



### PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED

For children who have already completed, or taken part in, an RYA Stage 1 course or equivalent.



### LIMITED SPACES

Places are limited to just 24 participants per session. Book early to avoid disappointment!



### HOW TO BOOK

Email [sailingsupport@svyc.org.uk](mailto:sailingsupport@svyc.org.uk) to secure a place.

£1

WE ASK FOR A £1 PER WEEK CONTRIBUTION towards the Seaview Sailing Trust charity that funds these sessions. (Further cost details are not shared with children.)



SEAVIEW  
SAILING TRUST

Registered Charity No. 1198176

### 2026 SATURDAY CLUB SAILING SESSIONS

SESSION 1	0900 – 1200	SAT 6TH JUNE 2026	SESSION 6	1300 – 1600	SAT 20TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 2	1300 – 1600	SAT 6TH JUNE 2026	SESSION 7	0900 – 1200	SAT 27TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 3	0900 – 1200	SAT 13TH JUNE 2026	SESSION 8	1300 – 1600	SAT 27TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 4	1300 – 1600	SAT 13TH JUNE 2026	SESSION 9	0900 – 1200	SAT 4TH JULY 2026
SESSION 5	0900 – 1200	SAT 20TH JUNE 2026	SESSION 10	1300 – 1600	SAT 4TH JULY 2026

### MORE SAILING OPPORTUNITIES

There are also several local clubs and centres offering sailing for young people:

- Brading Haven Yacht Club (Bembridge Harbour – St Helens end)
- Bembridge Sailing Club (Bembridge Harbour – Bembridge end)
- Royal Victoria Yacht Club (Fishbourne)
- Gurnard Sailing Club
- Yarmouth Sailing Club
- Wight Water Sports (Sandown)
- Tackit-Isle (St Helens Duver & Bembridge Marina)
- UKSA (Cowes, Arctic Road)

### NEW PARTNER



SEA SCOUTS

We have teamed up with the local Sea Scouts who can now support further sailing opportunities too.



DEVELOP SKILLS. BUILD CONFIDENCE. ENJOY SAILING!

# Community News

★ CURTAIN CALL CREATIVE ★  
PRESENTS

Disney

# NEWSIES JR.

MUSIC BY  
**ALAN MENKIN**

LYRICS BY  
**JACK FELDMAN**

BOOK BY  
**HARVEY FIERSTEIN**

Based on the Disney Film  
Written by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White

Originally produced on Broadway by  
Disney Theatrical Productions

TRINITY THEATRE

**JULY** 18TH AT 7PM  
19TH AT 1PM & 5PM

TICKETS ADULTS £15 CHILDREN £12

BOOK NOW AT: [curtaincallcreative.co.uk](http://curtaincallcreative.co.uk)



# 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.