ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter

11th June 2026

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Celebration of the word

This week, we have learned about the gospel of **John 6:51-58**, Jesus declares Himself the "living bread" that gives eternal life. He emphasizes that this bread is His flesh, which He will give for the life of the world, and insists that believers must "eat His flesh and drink His blood" to have eternal life and be resurrected

Dear families,

We have had another busy week at St Mary's. Our Year 1 children undertook the phonic screening check this week and were all amazing and excited to show off their reading skills. Although this is a national assessment, we see this as a vital skill that all children need to ensure they are confident and fluent readers. Please continue to read and share books with your children so we can all work together to ensure the children of St Mary's continue to grow their love of reading.

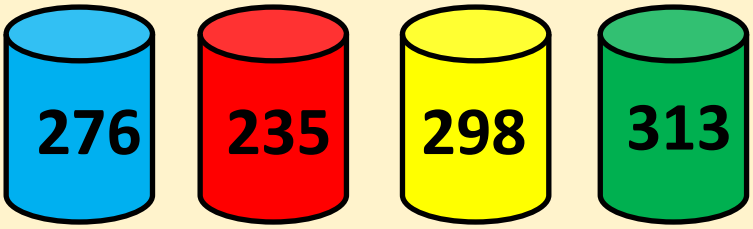
Last week our Year 4 children were also busy with a national test, where they completed the multiplication check. Again, this is a vital skill that will support all elements of math's work and research shows that children who are confident with their times tables feel more confident with all of their math's lessons. All children can work towards this, even from year 1 so keep up the good work!

By working together, we can make sure that all of our children feel confident and happy in school. This includes improving attendance across the school. Some classes are so close to achieving their class party to celebrate good attendance so make sure your child is in class on time every day.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Broome

House Point Totals

Well done to **St Martin'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.

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Attendance and Lateness

School target 96%

This weeks whole school attendance 93.28%

EYFS = 96.5% 4 lates

Year 1 = 95.14% 2 lates

Year 2 = 91.67% 4 lates

Year 3 = 97.62% 1 late

Year 4 = 96.3% 5 lates

Year 5 =90.38% 3 lates

Year 6 = 99.04% 1 late

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 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

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.

Compass

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.

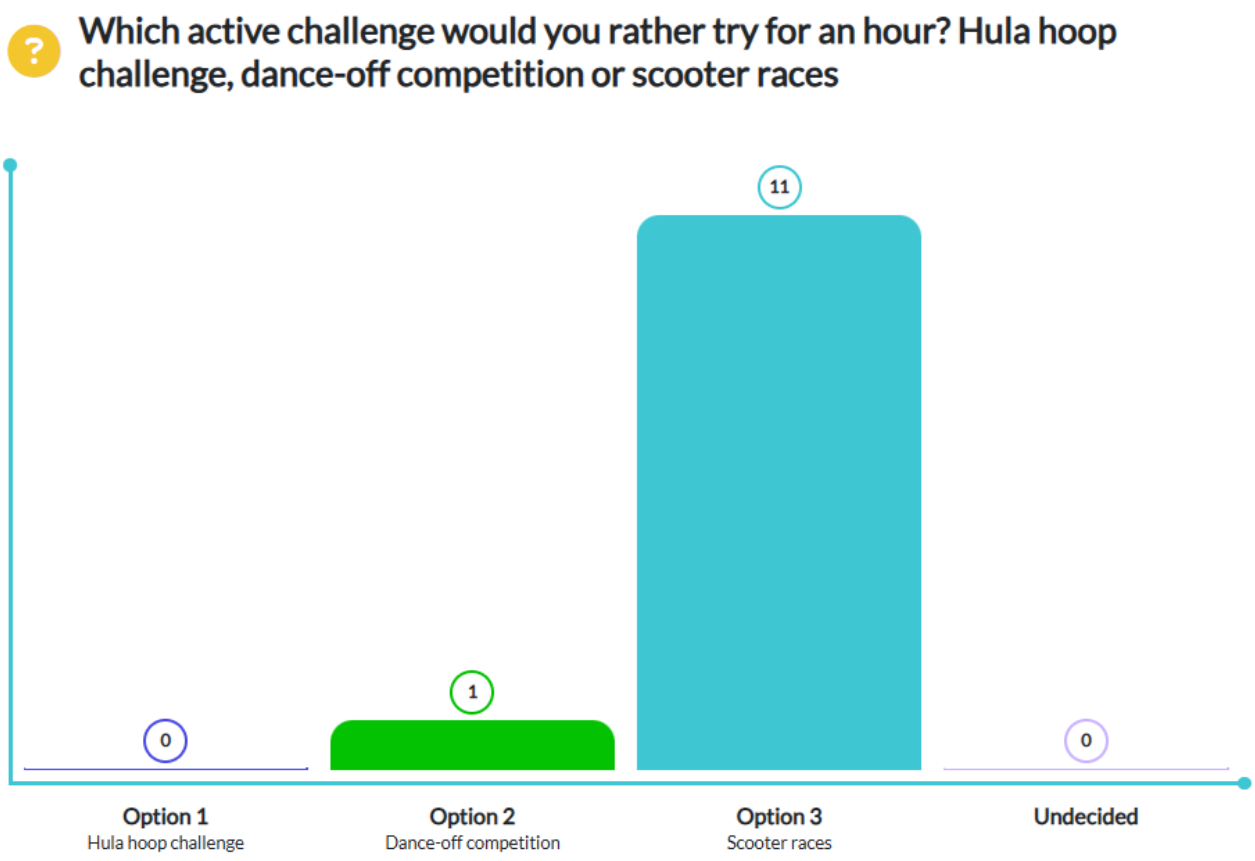
Practical help — Support with form-filling, online applications, secondary transfer, or understanding school policies and procedures.

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



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					
	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					
	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
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	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

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Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

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					
	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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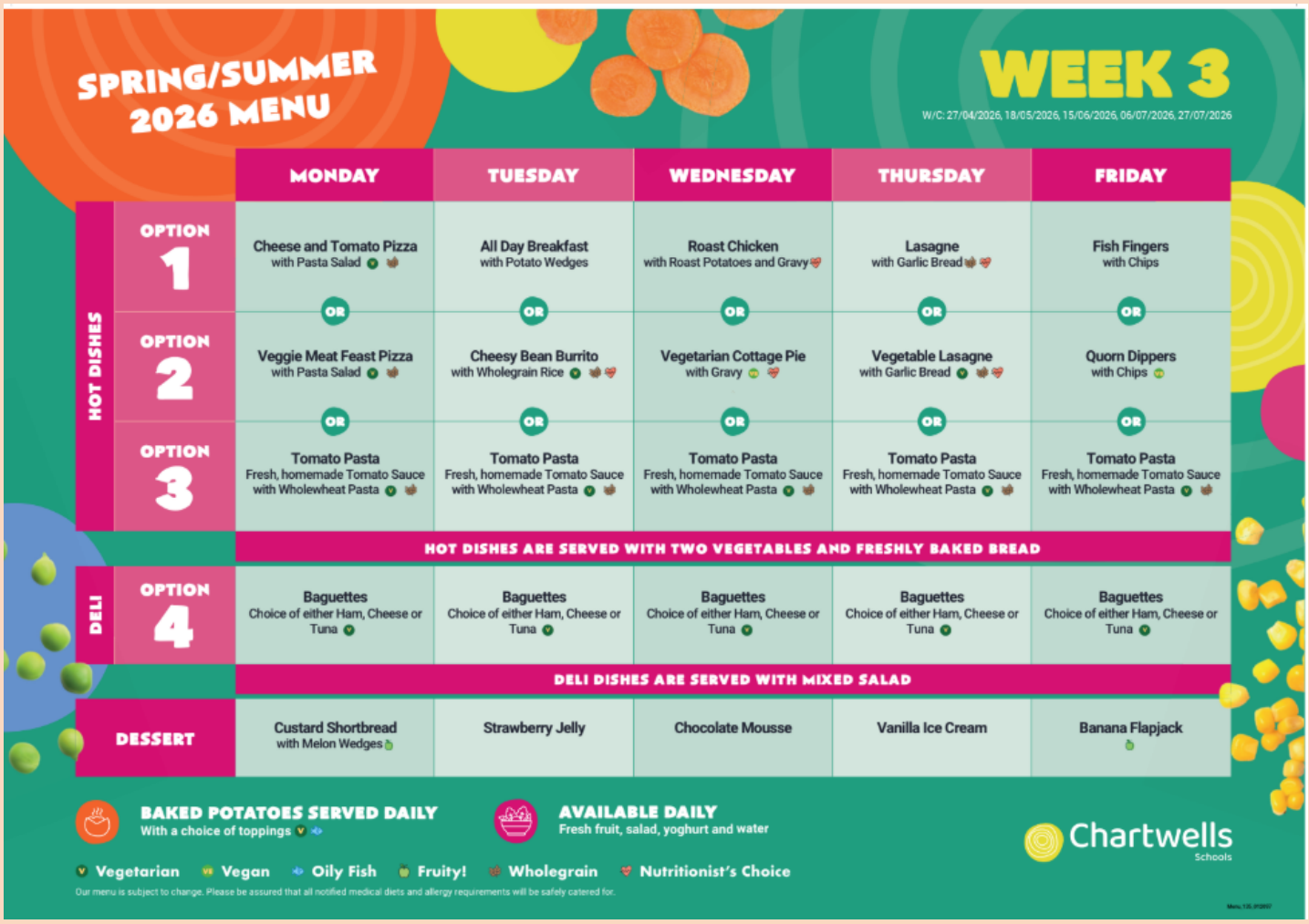

Are you entitled to free school meals?

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 and 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 1st June – Friday 24th July All clubs finish at 4pm unless otherwise stated Your child will NOT 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	**Skateboarding (KS2)** Run by John Cattle's Skate Club C.I.C **Minimum 8. Starting 1st June (8 sessions).** **£4 per session.** **To book please go to your Compass Portal** **Homework Club (Yrs 2 - 6)** Run by school staff Free to attend **To book please go to your compass portal**
Tuesday	
Wednesday	**Art Club** (Years 2-6) Run by Portraits with Fleur **Starting 3rd June (8 sessions) £5.50 per session (£44 in total).** **To book please go to your Compass Portal** **Carnival Club** (All Years) Starting 3rd June (8 sessions) **£30 in total** **To book please go to your compass portal**
Thursday	**Football Club** (Years 1-6) Run by LJR Coaching **Minimum 5 children. Starting 4th June (8 sessions)** **£32** **To book:** https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io/info/246
Friday	**Llama Drama** (Years R-3) **3:00pm-4:00pm** **Starting 5th June (6 sessions).** **£30.** **To book:** https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/206 --- **Llama Drama** (Years 4-6) **4:00pm-5:00pm** **Starting 5th June (6 sessions).** **£30.** **To book:** https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/205

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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Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th 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 6th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	15th October 2026 9 November 2026 – 11 December 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm 6th 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 6th 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 6th Form 3.30pm and 4.30pm Please note that the child MUST have an EHCP as an admissions criterion **Please call St George's to book a place**
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: mail@prioryschool.org.uk

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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** 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)
- Tackt-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!

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