



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



23rd July 2026

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Celebration of the word—As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, we give thanks for the many ways our children have let their light shine. Through their learning, kindness, resilience and faith, they have brought joy to our school community and reflected God's love in countless ways. We are grateful to our families, staff and parish for their continued support and partnership throughout the year. As we begin the summer break, may we all take time to rest, cherish time with loved ones, and return refreshed and ready to continue our journey together. May God bless each of our families with peace, happiness and safe holidays

Dear families,

I cannot believe that we are at the end of another great year at St Mary's! So much has happened and there is so much to celebrate and look back on with such positive memories.

Tomorrow we say goodbye to our current year six class with our leavers assembly. I know they have been working extremely hard to make this a memorable hour and I look forward to seeing as many parents and family members as possible. Don't forget to bring your tissues! I would like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to Mr Dignan and Miss Young, the formidable year 6 team, who not only supported the children to achieve amazing SATs results but have also supported our children to be ready and confident for the next stage of their education. SATs tests are only one small part of the year six journey and without Mr Dignan and Miss young, all of the other vital parts of the last year of primary school would not be possible. I am sure that our families will join me tomorrow in showing our gratitude to them for the academic and emotional support and stability that means our children are leaving St Mary's with strong life long skills and lasting memories.

We will also be saying a few more goodbyes tomorrow, as Mrs Hoey will be retiring and not returning to St Mary's. Mrs Hoey will be joining us at the leavers assembly and I am sure those of you that are there will wish her well.

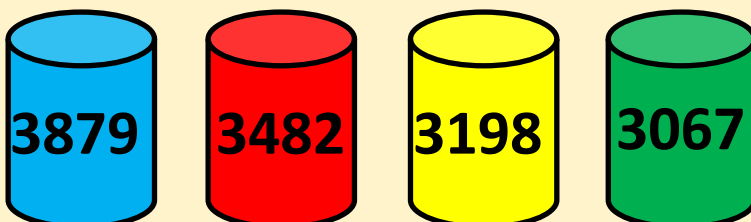
Mrs Knight will also be leaving St Mary's to take up a new and exciting position of Head of School at St Thomas of Canterbury. Her leadership skills and high expectations will be very much missed but I am sure she will be back next year as our celebrity guest at sports day!

I hope you all have a fantastic summer and I will see you again in September.

Mrs Broome

House Point Totals

Well done to **St Mary's house** who were the winning house this Year!



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 Year's whole school attendance 93.07%

EYFS = 94.85%

Year 1 = 90.34%

Year 2 = 93.67%

Year 3 = 94.88%

Year 4 = 92.44%

Year 5 = 89.92%

Year 6 = 95.31%

Next year, we will still be focusing on improving attendance and trying to improve and achieve 96% or more for every child.

Diary Dates 26-27

NEW DATES WILL BE ADDED IN RED

**Tuesday 1st September—School closed—
staff development day**

**Wednesday 2nd September—all children
back to school (EYFS until 12)**

**Monday 7th September—Year 5 out—
sailing (for three days)**

**Wednesday 9th September—Harvest
Celebration (FOSMA)**

**Tuesday 15th September—Film screening
for are you listening project**

**Wednesday 16th September—Whole
school mass**

**Thursday 17th September—School
photograph day**

**Thursday 24th September—BMX
workshop day**

**Friday 16th October—School closed—
staff development day**

**October half term—Monday 19th
October—Friday 30th October**

**Monday 2nd November—Children return
to school**

**Monday 16th November—Flu
immunisations**

Wednesday 2nd December—Advent Mass

**Friday 18th December—Last day of the
term**

**Christmas Holidays—Monday 21st
December—Friday 1st January**

**Monday 4th January—Children return
back to school.**

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.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

AUTUMN 1 2026

MONDAY

YEAR 3 & 6

TUESDAY

YEAR 4

WEDNESDAY

EYFS & YEAR 2

THURSDAY

YEAR 5

FRIDAY

EYFS & YEAR 1

We have had a busy last few weeks. We had a Graduation ceremony and party, An awesome water fight with the Reception class. Lots of dressing up, picnics, water play and games to name a few.

Our decking has just been done and it looks great. Thank you H and H builders!

We have had a blast this year. Let's see what next year brings.

We have spaces for September so please come join us.



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.

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
	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 🌱
	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 🌱🍷
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

Menu 135 (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
	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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DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Banana Oat Bite 🌱	Lemon Cookie 🌱	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream



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With a choice of toppings 🌱🍷🍷



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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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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- Autumn 2026

St Mary's Catholic Primary School After School Clubs Autumn Term 1 Monday 7th September – Friday 16th October 2026 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 7th September (6 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 9th September (6 sessions) £6 per session (£36 in total). To book please go to your Compass Portal Acrobatics (Years 1, 2 & 3) Run by Ella Sheppard School of Performing Arts Starting on 9th September (6 Sessions) Maximum 12 pupils @ £12.50
Thursday	Street Dance (Years 4, 5 & 6) Run by Ella Sheppard School of Performing Arts Starting on 9th September (6 Sessions) Maximum 15 pupils @ £10.00
Friday	Llama Drama (Years R-3) 3:00pm-4:00pm Starting 11th September (6 sessions). £30. To book: https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/221 Llama Drama (Years 4-6) 4:00pm-5:00pm Starting 11th September (6 sessions). £30. To book: https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/info/219

School Development Days 2026-27

Monday 1st September 2026

Friday 15th October 2026

Monday 26th July 2027

Tuesday 27th July 2027

**Please can
parents support us with
this in September....**



Community News



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Fun, Friends & New Adventures Every Day!

OUR ACTIVITIES



COOKING
Create, bake and enjoy delicious treats!



SPORTS
Fun games, team activities and more!



ARTS & CRAFTS
Get creative and make something amazing!



FILM FRIDAYS
Relax, unwind and enjoy a great film!



BOARD GAMES
Challenge your friends and have fun!

SESSIONS

Flexible sessions to suit your needs



3-4
1 HOUR OF FUN!



3-5
2 HOURS OF FUN!



4-5
1 HOUR OF FUN!

SNACK & TEA



3PM
BISCUIT SNACK



4PM
A LIGHT TEA
A choice of healthy, tasty options to keep everyone happy and full!

Play, Learn, Grow... Together!

A safe, friendly and fun place to be after school.



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ELLA SHEPPARD
School of
Performing Arts

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

MOVE • CREATE • PERFORM • HAVE FUN!

ACROBATICS WEDNESDAYS

BUILD STRENGTH,
FLEXIBILITY AND
CONFIDENCE!

FLIP
LEAP
SHINE!

STREET DANCE THURSDAYS

LEARN COOL MOVES,
BUILD STYLE AND
DANCE YOUR WAY!

DANCE
EXPRESS
BELONG!

FUN • FRIENDS • CONFIDENCE • CREATIVITY

EVERY WEEK. NEW SKILLS. BIG DREAMS!

FROM THE ELLA SHEPPARD SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

☆ ≥ Let your star shine! ≤ ☆

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SANDOWN SUMMER SOCCER



Fun and inclusive Football camp providing an enjoyable environment whilst improving confidence and **developing** footballing ability!

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12



Fun football games to develop **agility, balance, coordination** and **speed!**



Win medals by becoming **Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar** or **Speed Champion** as well as our **Best Attitude, Most Improved** and **Future Star** awards!



Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned **WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!**



Attend 4 days during the same week and **win a medal** for all of your hard work!



FA Qualified coaches with enhanced **DBS** and **first aid** training.

CAMP DATES

 Week 1: 27th July - 31st July
 Week 2: 3rd - 7th August
 Week 3: 10th - 14th August

ONLY £15 PER DAY | **FULL WEEK DISCOUNT JUST £67!**

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

 10AM - 3PM |  AGES 4-12 



SCAN ME
TO BOOK
YOUR PLACE!

 **CONTACT US TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!** | **07594 389531**

 **SAFE, FUN & INCLUSIVE** |  **ALL ABILITIES WELCOME** |  **LOVE THE GAME**

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FREE HAF SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS



PLAY. LEARN. IMPROVE. HAVE FUN



10AM - 2:45PM



ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME



AGES 5 - 12

6 Days of Football, One Amazing Summer
**ST MARY'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
RYDE**

Dates



4th, 5th and 6th August



18th, 19th and 20th August

BOOK HERE



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UCanPlay

Girls Football Camps

- Girls-only fun football development sessions
- Positive, player-first environment
- Skills, confidence and game understanding
- Led by UEFA B coach
- All abilities welcome (school years 3-8)

 **Fri 7/14/21/28 August**
10am - 3pm

 **IW Community Club,
Cowes PO31 7NP**

BOOK NOW



Special offer!
4 for 3
Only £60

 **£20 / session**  ucanplay.classforkids.io  info@ucanplay.org

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Future Lionesses FA Talent ID Event

New date:
17th August

- 17th August 2026 @ Cowes Enterprise College
- watched by FA Regional Talent Scouts
- led by UEFA B coaches
- School years 7&8 a.m / 9&10 p.m
- all abilities welcome
- pre-registration necessary (free to attend)
- QR code for details and sign up

www.englandfootball.com/england/youth/womens-talent-pathway/discover-my-talent/Future-Lionesses-Talent-ID-Events



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St James' Church
East Cowes
Isle of Wight



Home Of The Original
JIGSAW
PUZZLE
FESTIVAL

10th - 15th August
Daily 10am to 4pm
Also Wed & Thurs - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

100'S OF PUZZLES ON
DISPLAY AND TO BUY

Refreshments, Tombola,
Books, Souvenirs
Available



Adults £1
Children Free



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**SUMMER
GYMNASTIC
FUNDAY**

**Cowes Sea Cadets, Whitegates,
Artic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG**

 **Bring packed lunch and drinks**
 **Wear comfortable sensible clothes**

 **Wednesday 12th August
10am till 3pm**

 **Wednesday 19th August
10am till 3pm**

 **Wednesday 26th August
10am till 3pm**

Book online at
<https://little-rockets.classforkids.io>
£32 per child (siblings discount available) Dola AI

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Term Time Gymnastics Classes



Mondays Sandown- The Fairway Sports Complex, The Fairway, Sandown PO36 9JH	Tuesday - Cowes Cowes Sea Cadets, Whitegates, Artic Road PO31 7PG
Beginners - 6pm - 7pm	Beginners - 4pm - 5pm
Beginners/Intermediate - 6.45pm - 7.45pm	Beginners/Intermediate - 5.05pm - 6.05pm
Intermediate - 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Intermediate - 6.10pm - 7.10pm
	Advanced - 7.15pm - 8.15pm

£33 per term

book online at: <https://www.little-rockets.classforkids.io>
Email - little.rockets@hotmail.com

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PSSC
Premier School Sport Coaching

Summer SPORTS CAMP



3,4,5,6,7,17,18,19,20,21 AUGUST
AT DOVER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
9AM - 3PM EACH DAY

HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES



FOR AGES 5-11



FOOTBALL



BASKETBALL



CRICKET

Cost: £FREE

(if on income related Free School meals)
Funded by the Department of Education
- LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!!!

OR

£15 per day

3rd & 17th August -

Gym, Dance and Cheerleading

4th 5th 7th & 18th, 19th, 21st August -

Team Sports including Football,
Basketball and Handball

6th and 20th August - Football
with Andy North from New Era
Coaching.

For more information:

Email Andy Day -
pssc1td@gmail.com or
phone/text 07970009509

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Why Attend

- MULTI-SPORT TRAINING
- EXPERT COACHES
- DEDICATED RELAXATION AREA.
- SKILL-BUILDING, TEAMWORK & CONFIDENCE



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NATURE'S CAMP 3 DAY SPECIAL

Come and have a great time outdoors! Go on a nature safari, look for wildlife in our ponds, woods and meadows. See if you can charm worms out of the ground. Get creative in our guided art sessions and try some crafts using willow and other natural materials. Play games based around wildlife and tackle a challenge! Various different fun activities during each session.

August 12th, 13th, 14th

10am - 1.30 pm

3 days £24 or 1 day £9

for 8 - 12 yrs

bring packed lunch



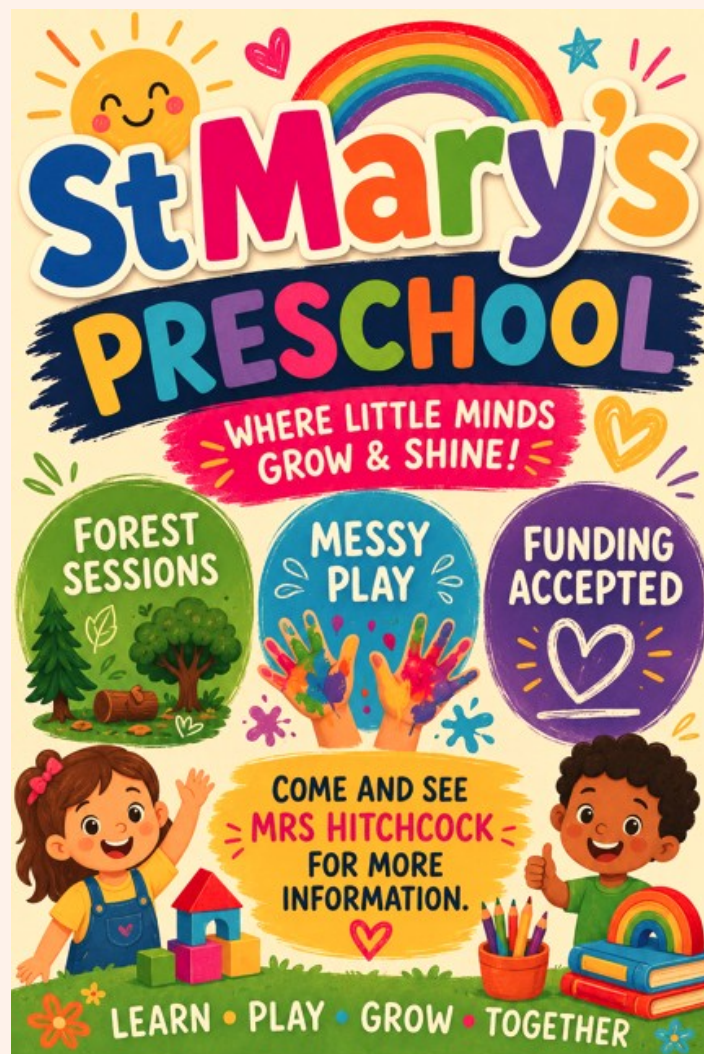
MUST BOOK - limited places
Further details on booking form
Where - Blackwater

www.naturezones.org.uk



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Help your child discover the joy of reading this summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge** in Isle of Wight Libraries is a FREE fun-packed way to keep children reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Read to the Beat!**, celebrating music, storytelling and creative self-expression.



Why Join?

- It's FREE! Available in all island libraries
- Earn a medal and certificate and other fun rewards
- Free magazine for all children taking part!
- 95% of children said they read more after joining
- Children choose their own books to read over the summer, which can really help with reading motivation and enjoyment. Any type of book counts!
- The main challenge is for children aged 4 and over, but there's a mini-challenge for little ones, too.
- Libraries have loads of things for grown-ups, too, so come as a family and enjoy the library together.

The challenge starts on Saturday 4 July.

Visit your local library to get started.

Help your children start their reading adventure today!

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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	Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
	11 November 2026	6 th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	15 th October 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
	9 November 2026 – 11 December 2026	6 th 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	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
	29 September 2026	} Open mornings 9.30-12noon
	8 October 2026	
	13 October 2026	
Lift Ryde	7 October 2026	Y6 & Y5 Open Evening
	10 October 2026	Quiet School Tours and meet the Headteacher sessions
	18 November 2025	6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	3 October 2026	Y6 and 6 th 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 th 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	5-7pm Open Evening
	7 November 2026	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