



ST MARY'S Catholic Primary School Newsletter



4th September 2026

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Celebration of the word—This week's gospel is Matthew 18:15–20, which outlines Jesus's instructions for handling conflict and unrepentant sin within a faith community with the ultimate goal of restoration. Jesus teaches us what to do when someone hurts us or does something wrong. First, we should talk to the person kindly and privately and explain what they have done wrong. If they listen and say sorry, we should forgive them and make peace.

Dear families,

We have had a brilliant start to the Autumn term and are really excited for the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone for being in school and on time, this really does allow all children to ensure they are ready for learning each day. I am also impressed with how smart everyone looks in their uniform and the pride they have in being part of St Mary's.

Thank you to everyone that donated cakes for us to sell at the Randonee this Sunday. All of the money raised will go straight back into school resources and experiences for the children.

I would like to welcome all of our new families this year, not just in our reception class but across the school. We still have a few spaces left in some year groups so please keep spreading the word on how wonderful St Mary's is and that we offer a high quality education for all.

I would also like to welcome some new staff members too. Miss Phelps has joined us as class teacher in Year 2. Mr Tanner has also joined us in EYFS I am sure you will get to know our new members and make them feel welcome.

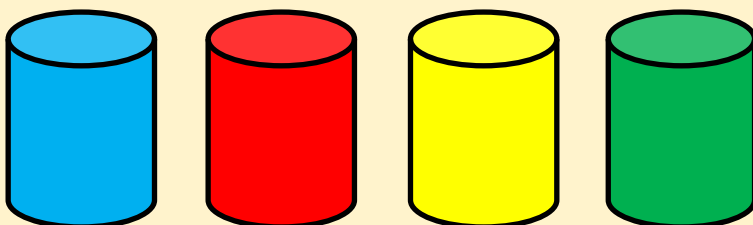
Mrs Skelley will now be working across the federation and will be at St Mary's on a Tuesday and Friday.

Have a brilliant weekend

Mrs Broome

House Point Totals

Will be revealed next 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 Week's whole school attendance **96%**

EYFS = **96%**

Year 1 = **96.7%**

Year 2 = **98.9%**

Year 3 = **99%**

Year 4 = **99%**

Year 5 = **92%**

Year 6 = **99.2%**

Well done everyone! Keep up the good work!

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)

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

Wednesday 16th September—Whole school mass

Thursday 17th September—School photograph day

Friday 9th October—Harvest Celebration (FOSMA) 3.00—4.30pm in the hall

Friday 16th October—School closed—staff development day

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

Monday 2nd November—Children return to school

NEW DATE—Thursday 5th November—BMX workshop day

Monday 16th November—Flu immunisations

Thursday 26th November—School disco

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.

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.

Join the **FOSMA** fun!

Friends of St Mary's needs more volunteers

If you have an hour or two to spare, we'd be really grateful for your support. Help us plan in advance or volunteer at any of the events below.

1

Randonnee Cake Stall

 Sunday 6th September • Spare whatever time you can between 9am and 4pm. Kids welcome too!

 Help run our cake stall, it's good fun!



2

School Autumn Fayre

 Friday 9th October • 3pm–4.30pm

Set up • run stalls • serve refreshments •
sell raffle tickets • help to pack away



3

School Christmas Disco

 Thursday 26th November • 4.30pm–7pm

Keep an eye on the children • sell treats in
the tuck shop • serve drinks • help with set
up and clean up



Can you help with the planning or at an event?

Get in touch at fosma@stmaryspri.co.uk or by messaging

Cath on 07811 320835



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



Chartwells
Schools

🌱 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.

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 🌱
	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		Banana Oat Bite 🌱	Lemon Cookie 🌱	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings 🌱🍷🍷



AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



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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 🌱
	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		Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges 🌱	Strawberry Jelly	Chocolate Mousse	Vanilla Ice Cream	Banana Flapjack 🌱

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings 🌱 🍷
 AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

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 Vegan
 Oily Fish
 Fruity!
 Wholegrain
 Nutritionist's Choice

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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.



**PE DAYS -
PLEASE WEAR YOUR
PE KIT TO SCHOOL!**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION		AUTUMN 1 2026
	MONDAY	YEAR 6
	TUESDAY	YEAR 4
	WEDNESDAY	EYFS & YEAR 5
	THURSDAY	YEAR 3
	FRIDAY	EYFS, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

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

Families of Faith

September

Prayer Corner



This week we are thinking about new beginnings. New school year, new classes, teachers and friends.

Dear Jesus,

Help us to make the most of the new start that each September brings. May we use the gifts and talents you have given us to the full. Help us to become the best version of the person you created us to be.

Amen

Family Faith in Action

This month as we think of new beginnings why don't you think of something that you are going to try and do better as a family:

- Saying please and thank you
- Saying family prayers
- Thinking of a way you can make a difference to the community you live in. (litter picking, gardening, smiling at people, giving clothes and toys to the charity shop)

Saints to Inspire

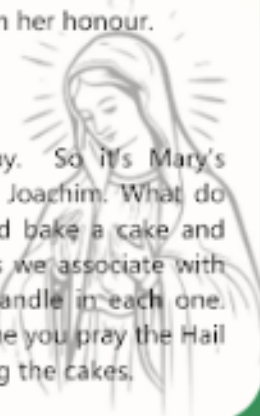


September 5th – St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

She is known for her lifelong service to the poor and homeless in Calcutta, India. Try and do small acts of kindness in her honour.

September 8th - Nativity of Our Lady

"Nativity" is like a fancy way of saying birthday. So it's Mary's birthday. Mary's parents were St. Anne and St. Joachim. What do you usually do for a birthday? Perhaps you could bake a cake and decorate it with white and blue icing, the colours we associate with Mary. You could bake 10 cup cakes and put a candle in each one. Pray a decade of the rosary, light a candle each time you pray the Hail Mary. End by singing 'happy birthday' and enjoying the cakes.



Good News from the Gospel



6th September - Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus reminds us that where two or three are gathered in His name, he is there with us. Try to start and end each day remembering that Jesus is with you in your home.

13th September - Matthew 18:21-35 Jesus is always ready to forgive us. This week let us try and say sorry for the things we do wrong and to forgive those who hurt us.

20th September – Matthew 20:1-16 Jesus tells a story about some workers who all receive the same wages, even though some worked all day and some just worked for an hour. Let us try and be generous and not think 'it's not fair' if we think someone is getting more than us.

27th September – Matthew 21:28-32 Two sons are asked to help their father but respond differently. We consider how we listen to what God is asking us to do and answer that call. This week let's try and look who needs our help and give it without being asked.



National Fitness Day - 16th September

Why not go for a walk, cycle or swim as a family to take care of our bodies that God has created.



Have you seen this insect?

Asian hornet, *Vespa velutina*



What is it?

A highly aggressive predator of native insects that poses a significant threat to honey bees and other pollinators. Originally from Asia, in 2004 this invasive non-native species was accidentally introduced to France where it has spread rapidly and into neighbouring countries. Since 2016 a number of sightings have been recorded in the UK.



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Slightly smaller than the native European hornet. May be confused with other species, shown below in actual size for comparison.



Asian hornet



European hornet



Median wasp



Hornet mimic
hoverfly



Woodwasp

Where might I see it?

May be seen on flowering plants, around beehives, around rotting / fermenting fruit and protein, and at street markets attracted by sweet fruit and fish stalls. Active February to November across England and Wales.

This insect stings,
do not disturb an
active nest.

Please report sightings immediately with a photo:

- with the iPhone and Android recording app: Asian Hornet Watch
- online at: nonnativespecies.org/asianhornet
- by email: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

Find out
more and
report a
sighting:



For more information on invasive non-native species visit: nonnativespecies.org

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.

Community News

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! ≤ ☆

Community News

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 6 th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	15 th October 2026 9 November 2026 – 11 December 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm 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 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 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 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