St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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WELCOME



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We are a small, one-form-entry Catholic primary school in a beautiful setting in Ryde, Isle of Wight, with sea views from our fields, extensive grounds and a newly developed Forest School area. Our school day runs from 8.30am to 3.00pm. Children of all faiths and none are warmly welcomed within our Catholic ethos.

Led by Mrs Maggie Sanderson, Executive Headteacher, and Mrs Sian Broome, Head of School.

We look forward to welcoming your family.

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OUR ETHOS AND MISSION

Live, Love, Believe
At St Mary's, our mission statement guides everything we do. We are a welcoming Catholic primary school where children of all faiths and none are embraced within our caring ethos. Prayer and collective worship are central to our daily life, with prayer at the beginning and end of each day and Grace before and after lunch.
Every child is valued and cared for by our dedicated teachers and learning support assistants. We nurture courage, tenacity and a positive mindset, helping children to flourish spiritually, academically and personally. Our strong family partnership ensures that parents, carers and staff work together to support each child's journey.



JOINING OUR SCHOOL

01 Contact us to arrange a visit. We warmly welcome prospective families to see our school in action, meet our staff and pupils, and experience our caring Catholic community. Call 01983 562000 or email admin@stmaryspri.co.uk to book your visit.

02 Apply for a Reception place through the Isle of Wight Council. The admissions team is there to support you through every step of the process. Children of all faiths and none are welcome within our Catholic ethos. Please check our website for current deadlines.

03 Prepare for school life with confidence. St Mary's Preschool is located on our school site, offering a seamless transition into Reception. Our staff work closely with families to ensure every child feels ready, welcomed and excited to begin their learning journey.

YOUR CHILD'S JOURNEY STARTS HERE



OUR CURRICULUM

01 Our vibrant curriculum is delivered by committed staff and reviewed annually to ensure it meets the needs of every child. We follow the National Curriculum, enriched with creative themes that bring learning to life across all subjects.

02 Reading is at the heart of our curriculum. Children benefit from daily phonics sessions, high-quality texts, and three weekly reading-skills sessions using the VIPERS approach to develop comprehension, vocabulary and a lifelong love of reading.

03 Religious Education is central to school life, woven through our Catholic ethos. We also provide age-appropriate relationships and sex education in line with statutory guidance, always respecting our faith values and informing parents fully.

A BROAD, INSPIRING CURRICULUM WHERE EVERY CHILD IS SUPPORTED TO FLOURISH



LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM













INCLUSION, SEND & WELLBEING

01 Our dedicated SENDCo, Mrs Kristy Skelley, works closely with families and external agencies to ensure every child receives the support they need to thrive. We create personalised learning plans and provide targeted interventions.

02 Our Woodland Room offers specialist provision for children with SEND who cannot currently access mainstream classroom learning. This nurturing space provides tailored support in a calm, structured environment.

03 Our wellbeing approach ensures every child feels supported, heard, accepted, valued and empowered. We foster courage, tenacity and a positive mindset, helping children develop resilience and confidence.

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PUPIL VOICE & LEADERSHIP

01 Our School Ambassadors represent St Mary's at events and welcome visitors. These roles develop confidence, responsibility and pride in our school community. Children learn to speak publicly and model our values of courage and tenacity.

02 Children take part in weekly whole-school debates give every child a voice. Children discuss real issues, share opinions respectfully and develop critical thinking skills. This nurtures a positive mindset and prepares pupils for active citizenship.

03 Our house point system builds teamwork, healthy competition and belonging. Children earn house points for demonstrating our values and supporting one another. House events and competitions foster leadership at every age and celebrate collective achievement.

DEVELOPING COURAGE, TENACITY AND A POSITIVE MINDSET



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform is worn with pride by our children. The uniform across the school is designed so that children can access outside learning without having to change. Gingham dresses may also be worn in the summer. Our PE kit is practical and yet still shows the opposition we mean business! See our website for more details of the uniform available from Kids and Co, our Ryde stockist.

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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.



SCHOOL DINNERS

Our School dinners are provided by Chartwells. They provide wholesome and healthy food. The children are supported during the lunchtime by our Midday Supervisors Team. They make sure the children are able to cut their food and have a drink. They also ensure that the playground is a happy place for the children.

Example of our dinner menu...

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Tomato Pasta served with two vegetables	Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese Served with two vegetables	Roasted Vegetable Butterbean Crumble Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Vegetarian Dippers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta				
	All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT	Vanilla Ice Cream	Strawberry Jelly with Fruit	Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard	Lemon Slice with Fruit	Crispy Crackle Bar



This remains one of the most asked questions. We understand children have different food preferences. We also know from experience that many children happily eat things they would not eat at home when they are with their classmates. We always suggest children try school dinners but never prevent children from bringing in a packed lunch. As a healthy eating school we ask that these do not include chocolate or sweets. Due to allergy needs they should also not include any products including nuts.

If you have any food allergies, please let us know before your child starts school so we can let Chartwells know in advance.

WRAPAROUND CARE

01 Breakfast Club runs Monday to Friday during term time, from 7.30am to 8.20am. Children enjoy a healthy breakfast and supervised activities before the school day begins. Current charge: £2.50 per session.

02 After-school care is available from 3.00pm to 5.00pm in our on-site preschool setting. This provides a safe, nurturing environment for children whose families need extended provision. Current charge: £5 per hour.

03 We offer a variety of after-school creative and sporting clubs throughout the year, giving children opportunities to explore new interests, develop skills and make friends beyond the classroom. Details of current clubs are shared each term.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH FLEXIBLE BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROVISION

FAMILIES AND SAFEGUARDING

Partnership with Parents

We believe that strong family partnerships are essential to children's success. Parents are warmly encouraged to volunteer as reading helpers, classroom supporters and trip assistants. Our FOSMA (Friends of St Mary's Association) organises events throughout the year, bringing our school community together.

Safeguarding Our Children

The safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Sian Broome (Head of School), supported by Deputy DSLs Mrs Kristy Skelley, Mrs Jen Buchanan and Mrs Sian Hitchcock. All staff receive regular safeguarding training.

Attendance and Communication

Good attendance is vital for learning. We work closely with families to support regular attendance and punctuality. We maintain open communication through our website, newsletters and direct contact with class teachers.



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We hope that you feel you have an understanding of school from our prospectus but feel free to speak with us and ask anything further you require.

Please also look at our website which has information about our results, our OFSTED journey and our place within the Diocese.
The children have recently reviewed the Behaviour Policy and they have created their BEEhaviour Code.

Kind regards from
all of the St Mary's team



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