St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Headteacher: Alison Ternan
Deputy Headteacher: Brad Page
Date: 2nd October 2026

Attendance Matters
Every student. Every day.

School Attendance **Our Target:- 96%**

School day starts at 8.30am with lessons beginning promptly at 8.45am.

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers,

The children have been very busy this week – Year 6 had a wonderful day at Butser Ancient Farm exploring the Romans. Year 2 have walked down to Gosport old railway as part of their local study. Thank you to the parents who joined us on these trips. Year 3 celebrated their class Saints Day yesterday – St Mother Theresa, they learnt about their Saint and made rosary key chains (also non-uniform and a special doughnut treat!)

We welcome Fr Nishan to our St Mary's Community. Fr Nishan is now our Parish Priest and will be working with us as a school community too. He will be celebrating Harvest Mass with us on 19th October at 9am – please do join us. For Harvest Mass we invite the children to bring in any packets or tins of food that can be donated for the Gosport food bank.

Have a lovely weekend.
Warm wishes. Alison Ternan

SCHOOL MEALS — WEEK COMMENCING:- 5th October 2026 — WEEK 1

DAY OF THE WEEK	OPTION 1 RED	OPTION 2 GREEN	OPTION 3 BLUE	OPTION 4 PURPLE
MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	BBQ Veggie Wrap	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
TUESDAY	Katsu Chicken	Veg & Bean Chilli Pitta	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken	Roast BBQ Quorn	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
THURSDAY	Sausage Roll	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers	Quorn Dippers	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta

Hot dishes are served with two vegetables and freshly baked bread.

£2.75 per day

Diary Dates

October 2026

19th Harvest Mass
20th 4.30pm Open Evening – new starters September 2027
21st Year 1 Saints Day celebration
22nd Film Night (PTA)
23rd INSET DAY
26th – 30th Half Term

November 2026

2nd Whole School Panto
4th/5th Parent/Teacher Meetings
6th Individual School Photos
12th Coffee morning – MHST
13th Children in Need charity day (wear Pjs to school)
20th Whole School Flu Vaccine Programme
28th 5-6.30pm SATURDAY – PTA Family Bingo
30th Year 2 Saints Celebration Day

December 2026

2nd 9am Open morning – new starters September 2027
7th 3-4.30pm Christmas Market
8th Year 1 trip to St Mary's Church
10th Christmas Jumper Day -Charity
10th Christmas Dinner
10th Christmas Disco
14th 1.30pm KS1 Nativity
15th 9.30am KS2 carols (school)
15th 5pm KS2 carols at St Mary's Church
16th 9.30am KS1 Nativity
18th Christmas Bizarre in school (PTA)

18th LAST DAY OF TERM
21st 1st Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

January 2027

4th INSET DAY
5th 8.30am RETURN TO SCHOOL

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School Photographer will be in school on:-
6th November *to take Individual School Photos*

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LIBRARY DAYS

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Friday

Please note:-
Children are unable to take out a new book if they have already a book registered out in their name.

PE DAYS

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday/Friday
Year 2	Monday/Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday/Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday/Wednesday
Year 5	Monday
Year 6	Monday

PE Lessons are compulsory!
Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.

Guinea Pig Timetable

Year 3	5th October
Year 2	12th October
Year 1	19th October
Year R	2nd November
Year 6	9th November
Year 5	16th November
Year 6	23rd November

During your child's class week, if you have any "left over vegetables/fruit" we would be grateful for the donations.

NEW - Medical/Cultural Special Diets – **If your child requires a special diet**, you **MUST** advise the school office. Information will then be given to you to complete. Medical evidence may be needed. Our School Kitchen (Chartwells) **will NOT** provide a meal other than a Jacket Potato until a specific menu has been organised and approved.

Preloved Uniform

In the school reception area we have some preloved uniform. This is uniform donated. If you child needs a replacement uniform item, come and browse to see what we have - *pop in anytime!* We just ask in exchange for a cash donation - whatever you can consider. Money will go to school projects. Place your cash donation in the black tin on the wall.



First Holy Communion Programme 2026/27

Registration is now open for the First Holy Communion preparation programme, beginning this November. If your child is in year 4 or over or turning 8 this year and is ready to take this beautiful Sacrament, please ensure you register them before the official deadline of October 23rd.

Registration form is available in the school office. Alternatively, you may email St Mary's Church at office@stmarysgosport.org,.uk

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL. Please check the ingredients of the goods you are putting into your child's lunch box, as we do have children with allergies relating to nuts. *Thank you!*

Year 6 – Trip to Butser Ancient Farm.

The Year 6 class teachers arranged a visit to enhance the children's learning of their History topic- The Romans. The children enjoyed a roman villa tour and some hands-on activities.







STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance Cup awarded to :-

Year 2

YEAR R	
YEAR 1	George
YEAR 2	
YEAR 3	Inaya
YEAR 4	Nicole
YEAR 5	Amelie
YEAR 6	Max & Eloise

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The Year R Parents came into school on Wednesday to enjoy a meal with their children and see how well they have settled into school life.

It was lovely to see how well they are at following the lunchtime routine and how keen they were to show their Parents.

Please if you think you may qualify (even if your child prefers to bring in a packed lunch) please call into the school office or send in a note with your Child's Name, & Your Date of Birth and National Insurance Number and we will check for you and advise.

A child may be eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with income above £7,400 threshold.

Year 3 Saint's Day!



On Thursday, Year 3 celebrated their class saint – St Theresa of Lisieux. The children learnt about her and her philosophy "The Little Way" where she believed that people do not need to do huge, heroic acts to please God. Instead, small sacrifices, kind words and daily patience matter most.

The children did class-based activities and made bead chains (like St Theresa had to count the gifts she di,d to offer to God) , miniature St Theresa dolls and had a non- uniform day. They also had a sweet treat to celebrate!



CLASS SAINT DAYS 2026/2027

	Class Saint	Feast Day	Celebration in school
R	**St Francis**	***4th October***	**Monday 5th October**
1	St Ursula	*21st October*	Wednesday 21st October
2	St Andrew	*30th November*	Monday 30th November
4	St Patrick	*17th March*	Wednesday 17th March
5	St John Bosco	*31st January*	Monday 1st February
6	St Stephen	*26th December*	Wednesday 6th January

On your child's class Saint's Day, they will attend in NON-UNIFORM. They will learn about their Saint and celebrate their life through fun activities. ***They will also have a sweet treat to enjoy!***

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY EVENT

REMINDER TO PARENT/CARERS OF YEAR 6 PUPILS:- St Edmund's School –

3rd October 11am – 1pm ***Please check the school website for booking info.***

Does your child suffer with an allergy?

To comply with Benedict's Law we are updating our allergy safety in school.

If your child suffers with an any allergy, please inform the school office and complete an Individual Healthcare Form – (if you haven't received one from us already). Please supply medication (eg periton/Epipens) in original packaging & named that will be held in class should the need arise. We do hold 2 spare EPIPENS in school and all staff have been updated in the medical training.



PARENT/CARERS - PLEASE ACTION ASAP

Whole School Flu Vaccination Programme will take place on the ***20th November*** here at school for all pupils. The vaccine is administered by nasal spray by the School Nursing Team.

We do need you to complete the Online Form whether you want your child to have the vaccine or not!

Please complete the online form - ***Scan QR Code by 23rd October.***

School Code: SH116394

Thank you!

If you have difficulty filling in form you can call the Team on 02382318318 or email:- hiowh.seimms@nhs.net







Snapshots of groups etc - advertising posters. Original copies can be found in School Foyer, if you need further information.





