St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Headteacher: Alison Ternan
Deputy Headteacher: Brad Page
Date: 9th 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,

This week Years 1 - 6 took part in a Guinness World Record attempt '*The most people reading online in 12 hours*' The classes were joined online by an author and together they read for 10 mins…watch this space it could be in the next Guinness World Record book…we will keep you updated.

Year R celebrated their class saint *St Francis* this week, they learnt about him and the care he took looking after God's creation – do ask your child about this.

We have our Harvest Mass on Monday 19th October at 9am, do you have any spare tins or packets of food you could donate and we then deliver these to the local food banks – children can start to bring them into school next week. Many thanks, in advance, for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend.
Warm wishes, Alison Ternan

SCHOOL MEALS

WEEK COMMENCING:- 12th October 2026 | **WEEK 1**

DAY OF THE WEEK	OPTION 1 RED	OPTION 2 GREEN	OPTION 3 BLUE	OPTION 4 PURPLE
MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato pizza	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
TUESDAY	Beef Burger	Bean Veggie Burger	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken	Bean & Cheese Pastry	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
THURSDAY	Tandoori Chicken	Tex Mex Veggie Fajita	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers	Spanish Omelette	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 2	12th October
Year 1	19th October
Year R	2nd November
Year 6	9th November
Year 5	16th November
Year 6	23rd November
Year 4	30th 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.

Year 2 – Last Friday, Miss Speirs took her class to visit Gosport Train Station – this was to enhance their History learning of the topic "Making a Difference" and their local study of the Gosport area.





Year R celebrated their Class Saint (St Francis) on Monday.

Miss Phillips said "The children had a wonderful day. We spoke about what it means to be a 'team' a little community looking after each other. We found about St Francis and learned how much he loved animals so we made bird feeders so he would be proud! We played animal games outside and took part in some mindful eating with our special doughnut treat- we had to be very patient!!"





Your child will have come home with their Christmas Card design that they have created in class. We have worked with the above company for many years producing children's work into lovely Christmas cards etc and this is a great fundraiser for school.

If you would like to purchase your child's Christmas card design, all you need to do, is go online choose the number of card packs/present tags etc you wish to buy, complete the order form and **make payment online (*please note:- this is the only payment option*).** *Details are on the form the artwork is attached to.*

Please note: It is very important that AFTER you have placed your online order **that you RETURN the artwork/order form to school no later than FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER,** as they will then be sent off to be processed.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance Cup awarded to :-

Year 4

YEAR R	Maya
YEAR 1	Tammy
YEAR 2	Oakley Myles
YEAR 3	Teddy
YEAR 4	Benedita
YEAR 5	Olivia
YEAR 6	Willow

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A child may be eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits: Income Suppor,t 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. **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.**

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.

PLEASE NOTE :-

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!

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.

School Flu Programme

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***

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



CLASS SAINT DAYS 2026/2027

	Class Saint	Feast Day	Celebration in school
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!***

First Holy Communion Programme

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

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St Mary's PTA - Film Club

Thursday 22nd October

School Hall 3 – 5.15pm



Film: Super Mario Galaxy Movie

Cost £3.50 – includes a drink and a snack!

Please make payment by Friday 16th October to:-

St Mary's RC Aided School PTA

SC:- 30-93-56 Acct:- 02091661

Ref: Child's Name.

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