St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Headteacher: Alison Ternan
Deputy Headteacher: Brad Page
Date: 16th 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 weather has begun to change this week – thank you for sending children in with raincoats, this helps us to allow the children outdoor play if there is a little drizzle.

We are celebrating Harvest Mass on Monday 19th October – this is the Mass we ask for donations of tins and packets of food. In the past St Mary's community have been so generous and the food supplies have been given to Gosport Food Bank so local families benefit – thank you, in advance, for your support with this.

Can I remind you to complete the consent form for your child to be able to receive the flu vaccine. NHS states that '*Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people*'. The vaccinations will take place on Friday 20th November in school.

Have a lovely weekend. Warm wishes, Alison Ternan

SCHOOL MEALS — WEEK COMMENCING:- 19th October 2026 — WEEK 3

DAY OF THE WEEK	OPTION 1 RED	OPTION 2 GREEN	OPTION 3 BLUE	OPTION 4 PURPLE
MONDAY	Cheese & tomato Pizza	Chinese Veggie Noodles	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
TUESDAY	Pasta Carbonara	Veggie Meatball Baguette	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken	Sweet Potato, chickpea & Herb Roast	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
THURSDAY	Jamaican Jerk Chicken	Veggie Lasagne	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers	Veggie Fingers	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 1	19th October
Year R	2nd November
Year 6	9th November
Year 5	16th November
Year 4	23rd November
Year 3	30th November
Year 2	7th December

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.



KIT CLUB - run by Miss Creighton and Mrs Frain. The club helps children of Service Families and Families where a parent is away for a period of time with work etc. The club meet to play games, discuss feelings etc. If you are going away with work and think your child would benefit attending the group call the Office for information etc.





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	Harry W
YEAR 1	Isabelle/Darcey
YEAR 2	Dante
YEAR 3	Jensen
YEAR 4	Billie
YEAR 5	Miaa
YEAR 6	Junior

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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.

POPPY APPEAL

We are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - On sale until 11th November (School Office) we will have a range of "Poppy themed" items.

The Year 6's will be in the playground at breaktimes with the items.

Price range:

50p – Erasers, Rulers, Pencil Sharpeners, Pencils & Reflectors.
£1.00 - Friendship bracelets, Wristbands & Snapbands

Traditional Poppies – any donation



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

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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If you require further information, posters can be found in the school entrance.









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.

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

