St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Headteacher: Alison Ternan
Deputy Headteacher: Brad Page
Date: 23rd 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,

We are definitely in the season of autumn – thank you for sending your children with coats, we do like to get the children outside even when there is a little rain. This has been a really good half term at St Mary's, well done year R on completion of your first half term at school.

The flu vaccinations are taking place on 20th November -only 45% have completed the Flu Consent Form – If you haven't already actioned this then please do it asap, whether you want your child to have the vaccine or not! Many thanks!

Have a wonderful half term week, we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 2nd November.

Warm wishes, Alison Ternan

PLEASE NOTE ***WE HAVE A NEW SCHOOL MEAL MENU AFTER THE HALF TERM HOLIDAYS!***

WE WILL NOT BE DOING THE FULL ADVERTISED MENU AT ST MARY'S – WE WILL ONLY BE OFFERING HOT MEAL OPTIONS 1 AND 2. BUT WE WILL CONTINUE WITH OUR USUAL OPTIONS 3 AND 4 AS STATED BELOW. – *THERFORE NO DELI OPTIONS!!*

NEW SCHOOL MEALS **WEEK COMMENCING:- 2nd November** **WEEK 1**

DAY OF THE WEEK	OPTION 1 GREEN	OPTION 2 RED	OPTION 3 BLUE	OPTION 4 PURPLE
MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Creamy Garlic Pasta	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
TUESDAY	Sweet potato & lentil curry	Pork sausages	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
WEDNESDAY	Cheese & Onion Pie	Roast Chicken	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
THURSDAY Firework Menu	Pizza Pinwheel	Pork Hotdog	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta
FRIDAY	Quorn Dippers	Fish Fingers	Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta

Hot dishes are served with two vegetables and freshly baked bread. ***£2.75 per day***

Diary Dates

November 2026

2nd **BACK TO SCHOOL**
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
2nd Yr 3 Search Museum
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 **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 R	2nd November
Year 6	9th November
Year 5	16th November
Year 4	23rd November
Year 3	30th November
Year 2	7th December
Year 1	14th 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.

Harvest Mass



Thank you to all who attended the Harvest Mass and to all who donated tins and dried goods.

Mrs Ternan took the items to the Gosport Food Bank and they were very grateful of our donations.

Change of Contact Details

Please don't forget the importance of informing the School Office if you change address, email, mobile phone number or contact arrangements.

We need to have up to date records on file in case of any emergency situation. Thank you!

Year 6 -
Roman Soldier Visit

To enhance their learning of The Romans, Mr Page arranged for re-enactment actor (Adrian) to visit the class as a Roman Soldier on Monday.

The children spent the day learning about Roman life and took part in a military drill. They also played games and other related Roman activities.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance Cup awarded to :-

Year 3

YEAR R	NOVA
YEAR 1	ARTHUR
YEAR 2	ETHAN
YEAR 3	AKIF
YEAR 4	PRIMROSE
YEAR 5	NOAH S
YEAR 6	JASH

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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
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!*

PTA EVENTS –

Thanks to all who attended the Film Club yesterday.

We have lots *of things planned for November and December, so keep a look out for information!*

If you wish to join the team, let the school office know – you are always needed - whatever time you can give!

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





School Flu Programme

PARENT/CARERS - PLEASE ACTION

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

Only 45% have completed the consent form so far!!

