



# St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

*Enjoy and Achieve in life in all its fullness, following in the footsteps of Jesus*

Wisdom ~ Endurance ~ Friendship

Newsletter 33

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St Blasius Church of England  
Academy Shanklin

Dear St Blasius families

What an eventful week we've had at St Blasius! I'm delighted to share some wonderful updates with you all. Our worship this week, led by Mr Augustus provided a deep dive into the Holy Spirit. Through a party game and the Scripture reading, children discovered that the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost is cause for celebration, leading to a prayerful invitation to be filled with the Spirit now. The Scripture John 20:19-23 was shared with the children to help support this.

Our Year 1 children have recently completed their phonics screening check, and I couldn't be prouder of how they approached this milestone. Their dedication to their reading journey continues to impress us all, and it's wonderful to see their confidence growing with each passing day. This was celebrated with a fabulous trip to Carisbrooke Castle.

Similarly, our Year 4 children have tackled their multiplication check with great enthusiasm. The progress they've made in their mathematical understanding has been remarkable, and their positive attitude towards these assessments really shines through.

I must also commend our entire school community for the mature and sensible way everyone responded to an unusual smell that occurred recently. The children, in particular, showed excellent behaviour and followed instructions perfectly, demonstrating the values we hold dear at our academy.

We've been incredibly fortunate to welcome some exciting enrichment opportunities through DCAT. The children were absolutely thrilled to learn a song from the musical Wicked - the joy and excitement on their faces was truly magical to witness. These cultural experiences are so valuable in broadening our children's horizons and inspiring their creativity. We look forward to sharing this with you soon.

Finally, I'm pleased to introduce Mr Clark, who has joined our school community. We're delighted to welcome him and know he'll make a wonderful contribution to our academy family.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It's partnerships like ours that make St Blasius such a special place for our children to learn and grow.

The big question last week was:

Is it ever to tell a lie?

You can't lie to your teacher. **Charlie, EYFS**

No because we could hurt people's feelings and our own. **Millie, Year 1**

No, because if you tell a lie no one will believe you. **Lily, Year 2**

It is ok to tell a little lie if it isn't important. **Mila, Year 3**

Yes, because if you are in trouble and might need to. **Lacie, Year 5**

Yes, because we don't want to hurt people's feelings. **Lily, Year 6**

The big question this week is:

**What would the world be like without imagination?**

Kind regards

Jemma Powell Assistant Principal

## Important dates:

**Thursday 26th June–**

Film Night

**Tuesday 24th June–**

**Friday 27th June - Year**  
6 Paris Trip

**Wednesday 2nd July–**

Year 5 Sailing Trip

**Wednesday 2nd July–**

**Friday 4th July– Year 4**  
PGL Trip

**Tuesday 8th July–**

IOW School Transition  
date

**Thursday 10th July–**

DCAT Enriched

**Friday 18th July–**

Sports Day

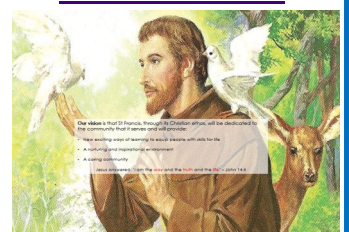
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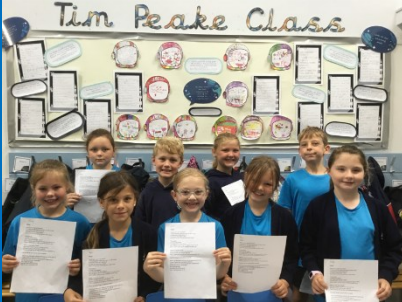
Year 6 Leavers  
Assembly

## Our School Vision

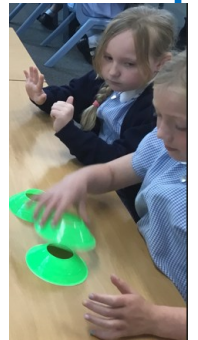


## YEAR 3 TIM PEAKE CLASS BLOG

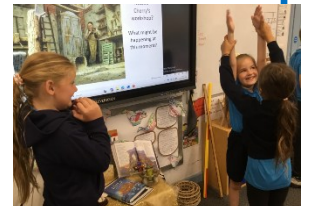
Tim Peake have had a super week that begin last Friday when they achieved the Attendance Cup! We have all been working hard to ensure that we are at school every day, ready and on time and we are well on our way to our next attendance treat by spelling out the words 'ST BLASIUS' - what treat will they choose?



On Wednesday, those children selected to take part in DCAT Enriched (a third of the class!) took part in a West End Workshop to begin to learn their piece - Mrs Bushell popped in to see how they were at break time and has never seen so much enthusiasm, energy and enjoyment in one song - well done all!

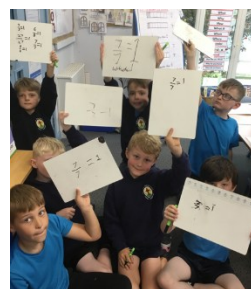


We have introduced 'cones' to enable us to challenge our brains and our motor movements in between lessons - when books are being handed out, we work on beating our prior score to stack and unstack the cones with our left and right hands - our partner keeps score!



In English we have begun a unit based on Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi and we have been using drama prior to our writing tasks - look at us acting out the scene when Master Cherry was about to chop the piece of wood!

In Maths we have been learning about fractions and yesterday we had to make a whole using unit fractions - there was a lot of calculating, and movement, to ensure we had the right amount of parts!



And even a wet play in June didn't dampen our enthusiasm, creativity and fun!



What a super week - and an amazing year we have had - Mrs Bushell will miss you all lots when you move up to Year 4!

# St Blasius Stars of the Week



**Freddie Yr 3**



**Siena Yr R**



**Erin Yr 2**



**Millie Yr 5**



**Johnny Yr 4**



**Dylan-James Yr 6**

## House points

**Yellow House— 404**

**Red House— 304**

**Blue House— 299**

**Green House— 243**

**Well done Yellow House**



## Class Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 3** for having the highest class attendance this week.

Year 3 = 98.51%

Year R = 98.07%

Year 1 = 97.33%

Year 2 = 97.14%

Year 4 = 96.43%

Year 5 = 94%

Year 6 = 91.6%





# St Blasius After School Club's



<b>Monday</b>	<b>KS1 Athletics</b> Run by Mr Poplett	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>KS2 Cricket Club</b> Run by Mr Poplett	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>John Cattles Skateboarding club</b> Run by John Cattle £4 per session FULL	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>KS2 Athletics</b> Run by Mr Poplett	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>EYFS + KS1 Dance club</b> Run by Mrs James £3 per session	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Science Club</b> Run by Mr Clarke	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>KS2 Dance club</b> Run by Mrs James £3 per session	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>KS2 Tennis club</b> Run by Mr Poplett	

## Invitation from the School nurses:

We are able to offer targeted support for the following areas for students:

- Sleep
- Constipation/toileting concerns
- Day and night time wetting
- Hearing/vision concerns
- Dietary advice/weight management/body image
- Development/puberty advice
- Personal hygiene/oral health
- Emotional wellbeing

If you are interested please contact the school office to book an appointment on

Isle of Wight  
**County Press**

## Help Your Local School WIN EQUIPMENT!

Get ready to participate in our exciting token collect competition and help your school stand a chance to win amazing prizes.

### Prizes

- **1st Prize: £1,000 Amazon Voucher**
- **2nd Prize: £500 Amazon Voucher**
- **Raffle Prizes: All participating schools will receive a runner up prize • use as a raffle prize in future school events or fundraising.**

Collect tokens printed from Monday  
2nd June until Friday 11th July 2025.



**Terms and Conditions:** Newsquest terms and conditions apply. Visit Newsquest Prize Competition Rules and Newsquest Privacy Policy for more information. No Photocopies Accepted: Only original tokens will be counted. Only registered schools can enter, and no two schools can combine their token collections. Prizes are non-transferable and no cash alternative is available.

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## Isle of Wight SENDIASS Drop in Sessions

- Free impartial and confidential advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Peer support, talking to others who may be experiencing a similar journey
- Free beverages and biscuits

**10 JUNE**

12:30 - 14:30  
Newport Family Centre  
PO30 2AX

16:00 - 18:00  
Cowes Family Centre  
PO31 7ET

**25 JUNE**

09:30 - 11:30  
Ryde Family Centre  
PO33 2JF

12:30 - 14:30  
East Cowes Family Centre  
PO32 6PA

**17 JULY**

12:30 - 14:30  
Newport Family Centre  
PO30 2AX

16:00 - 18:00  
West Wight Family Centre  
PO40 9XH

**26 AUG**

09:30 - 11:30  
Sandown Family Centre  
PO36 9EQ

11:30 - 14:30  
Ventnor Family Centre  
PO38 1EX

No booking  
required

Any questions email:  
[info@iowsendiass.org.uk](mailto:info@iowsendiass.org.uk)

A huge thank you to Barnardo's Family Hubs for the use of their family centres for our in-person sessions across the island.



As the weather is warming up please can your ensure your child has sun cream applied before school and they bring a water bottle and hat to school every day. Thank you



Join the PTA!



## PTA NEWS

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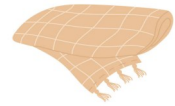
# **The PTA are holding a Film Night for the children on Thursday 26th June**



Children can come in PJs and bring a blanket! Tickets will be £3 and will include a hotdog, popcorn & squash.

Please pop £3 in a named envelope and give to class teacher.

Tickets will be given closer to the event.



# **Friday 18th July– Sports day– Ice Cream for the children after the races £1.00 per child.**



# **Friday 18th July– Summer Fair**

**More details to follow....**



## PE days

**Monday** – Year 5

**Tuesday**– Year 2

**Wednesday**– Year 1 and Year 6

**Thursday**– Year 3

**Friday**—Year 4 and EYFS



- **Please remember PE kit MUST be worn to school on your child's PE day. PE kits should be brought in for all after school sports.**

## This week's Top Doodlers

Beatrix Potter class -

**Dimitar L**

Mary Ellis class -

**Angelica A**

Tanni Grey-Thompson class -

**Jesse H**

Tim Peake class

**Daniel S**

Ellen MacArthur class -

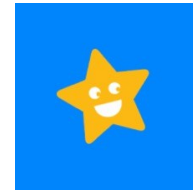
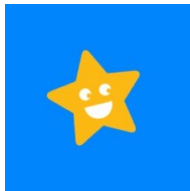
**Oliver L-C**

Malala Yousafzai class -

**Bea T**

Dina Asher-Smith class -

**Noah S-F**



Top Doodle class

**Dina Asher-Smith**



## School information:

School starts at 8:30 and finishes at 15:00. Please ensure your child is dropped off in plenty of time for the start of the day and that you collect your child promptly at the end of the day of after their club.

### Attendance

If your child is absent from school please ensure you contact the school office promptly in the morning you can leave a message on 01983 862444.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country are £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

## Term Dates 2024-2025

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Development Day Holiday Bank Holiday \* first day after break # last day before break

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Christmas Day 25 December 2024  
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May Day Holiday 1 January 2025  
Spring Bank Holiday 18 April 2025  
Summer Bank Holiday 21 April 2025  
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Summer Bank Holiday 25 August 2025

## Next Years Term Dates 2025-2026

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4 May 2026  
25 May 2026  
31 August 2026

## New Spring/Summer Menu



Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Main</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, New Potatoes	Beef Bolognese to go with Homemade Garlic Bread, Mixed Pasta	Sausage to go with Mixed Veg, Mashed Potato, Gravy	Mango Chicken Curry to go with Herby Rice, Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread	Fish Fingers to go with Baked Beans, Chips, Peas
<b>Vegetarian</b>	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, New Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese to go with Homemade Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausages to go with Mixed Veg, Mashed Potato, Gravy	Vegetable, Pea & Potato Curry to go with Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread, Herby Rice	Quorn Hotdog to go with Chips, Peas
<b>Combo</b>	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Cheese & Beans, No Topping	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Cheese & Beans, No Topping	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Cheese & Beans, No Topping	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Cheese & Beans, No Topping	Jacket Potato with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Cheese & Beans, No Topping
	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Grated Cheese, No Topping	Wrap to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Tuna Mayo, Ham, Grated Cheese	Pasta to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Grated Cheese	Wrap to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Ham	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Grated Cheese, No Topping
<b>...and to finish!</b>	Blueberry Muffins Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Raspberry Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Apricot & Orange Cookie Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Fruit Meringues Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Chocolate Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view [relishschoolfood.co.uk](http://relishschoolfood.co.uk) for Allergen Information

**\*\*Please not on Wednesday 18th June it is an alternative lunch for International Picnic day.**

### Relish and School Meals:

Children will no longer be able to book their meals in the classroom, all meals including home packed lunch should be booked via Relish.

### Healthy Snacks

A reminder that only healthy snacks should be brought in for breaktime, not crisps or chocolate. Thank you.

### Meal price change

Relish have increased the cost of paid school meals from £2.80 to £2.95.

## Wild Art Club

Animal themed art sessions for  
young people aged 8 - 14 years old.

Selected Saturdays

14.00 - 15.30

See our website for  
more information  
and to book your place

Meet our amazing rescue  
animals and new people!

Try out a range of art  
techniques that can benefit  
mental health and  
wellbeing.

Sessions will be guided by  
Emma, our brilliant  
Learning and  
Discovery Assistant!

- Draw, paint and collage our  
amazing animals
- Have a go at model making
- Create your own animal  
themed sketch books

£5 per  
person,  
per  
session



## LITTLE LIONS

3 - 6 year olds

Our Little Lions program is a fun  
and exciting way for young  
players to get started with the  
club, offering a great pathway  
into future youth teams once  
they turn seven.

For more information, please  
drop us a message for further  
details.

Every Saturday

10:00 - 10:45

First four weeks free then  
£3 a session

The Fairway, Sandown, PO36 9EF

## RYDE MEAD LTC COACHING SCHEDULE

**TOTS TENNIS**  
AGES 2-5

Monday 0930-1015  
Thursday 0930-1015

**MINI RED/ORANGE**  
AGES 5-9

Thursday 1020-1115 (Home Ed)  
Thursday 1545-1640  
Saturday 0900-0955

**MINI ORANGE/GREEN**  
AGES 9-14

Thursday 1120-1215 (Home Ed)  
Thursday 1645-1740  
Saturday 1000-1055  
Saturday 1100-1155 (all ages welcome)

**ADULT BEGINNERS**  
AGES 14+

Monday 1130-1225  
Thursday 1445-1540  
Friday 0930-1025

**ADULT ADVANCED**  
AGES 14+

Tuesday 1700-1815  
Saturday 1200-1315  
Sunday 1130-1245

**TENNIS FITNESS**  
ALL AGES

Thursday 1345-1440

**PICKLEBALL**  
ALL AGES

Monday 1230-1325  
Thursday 1245-1340