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St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

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Newsletter 6 10th October 2025 01983 862444 admin@stblasius.academy

St Blasius Church of England Academy Shanklin

Dear St Blasius Families,

The one where St Blasius turned yellow... wow... what a fabulous and bright school we had today! It was fabulous to see a sea of sunny yellow and all for a fabulous cause. The children showed great maturity as we raised awareness for mental health. This will be the start of supporting our pupils recognising the importance of looking after not only their physical health but their mental health too.

Our girls' football team secured a fantastic win against Gatten and Lake - a brilliant achievement that showcases the determination and skill of our children. We're incredibly proud of their teamwork and spirit.

Year 5 recently explored the fascinating world of fossils, bringing their learning to life through a hands-on educational experience. Mrs. Potts was beaming with pride! Meanwhile, our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) children were inspired by a paramedic visit, which aims to raise their aspirations and understanding of different career paths.

We also welcomed our Year 2 parents to share our fishy Friday lunch! It was lovely to see so many grown-ups sharing the occasion. Next week, we're looking forward to welcoming our Year 1 parents for lunch. Reminder to sign up via Arbor to ensure you don't miss out on this lovely opportunity to connect with the school and have lunch!

We have also hosted our first parent 'chit chat' session where we discussed how we can move St Blasius forward together. Your input and ideas are always valued. There will be more opportunities throughout the year to share your views... as always parent voice is important to us. Our Year 6 school councillors, Amber and Rhys had an exciting opportunity today. They participated in the first of the year DCAT voice initiative, sharing a prayer and representing our school's perspective with the CEO of DCAT and pupil representatives from all 26 DCAT schools. This is an opportunity to be the voice to a wider audience. I will say, I was incredibly proud of the maturity they showed. For our Key Stage 2 children, we welcomed authors John Dougherty and Yarrow Townsend who shared their own journey of writing and shared their stories with us. These visits support our ongoing theme of developing a love of reading. These sessions will hopefully inspire and motivate our children to explore the magical world of books.

The big question last week was:

What does it mean to take care of the Earth?

Look after the plants. Minnie, EYFS

It means you are saving lives and the world. Izabella, Year 3

Help the eco-system. Jasper, Year 4

Pick up rubbish – don't litter. Eloise, Year 5

Recycling and conservation. Reforestation by planting trees. Santiago, Year 6

The big question this week is:

How do you know what is true?

Warmest regards

Jemma Powell Assistant Principal

Important Dates

Tuesday 14th October– Year 3 Swimming lessons

Wednesday 15th October– Year 3 Roman Day

Wednesday 15th October- Year 4 Ancient Greek Day

Thursday 16th October– Harvest Festival

Friday 17th October– Last day of term

Monday 20th October- Half Term

Monday 3rd November– Return to school

Tuesday 4th November– Parents evening

Wednesday 5th November–Parents evening

Class Attendance

Congratulations to <u>Year 5</u> for having the highest class attendance this week.

Year 5 = 99.26%

Year R = 98.82%

Year 3 = 98.08%

Year 1 = 97.04%

Year 6 = 96.25%

Year 2 = 95.52%

Year 4 = 95.17%

Year One Blog!



What a fantastic few weeks it's been in Year One! The children have had so much fun learning about lots of exciting new topics across all of their lessons. They've shown great enthusiasm, curiosity, and teamwork as they've explored, created, and discovered new things every day.

In English, we've been working hard on our writing. The children have been using their imaginations to describe where their stories are taking place, using adjectives to make their writing come alive!

In Math's, we've been busy counting forwards and backwards to 20 and even counting in 10s! The children have enjoyed using songs, games, and practical activities to help them understand number patterns and build confidence with their counting skills.

Our history lessons have taken us on a fascinating journey as we've explored toys past and

present. The children loved comparing the toys they play with today to those from the past, discovering how materials and designs have changed over time. In Science, we've been learning all about the seasons. We've talked about how the weather, plants, daylight, animals and humans change throughout the year and enjoyed observing the signs of autumn appearing all around us.

It's been a wonderful start to the year—full of laughter, learning, and lots of achievements. Well done, Year One! We can't wait to see what exciting adventures the next half term will bring.





St Blasius News







What can you do?



When surpluses do occur or badges are no longer wanted, we encourage you to recycle them wherever possible. You can do so if your local facilities accept High Impact Polystyrene (HIPS), removing any pins first. We recommend that all pins are removed by an adult.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

We are committed to continuously reviewing our practices to ensure our resources are ethical and sustainable. In the coming years, we will be working with our suppliers to develop even better ways to repurpose and recycle our WOW badges, as well as exploring alternative materials.



Get involved on social media: #WALKTOSCHOOL χ @LIVINGSTREETS f LIVINGSTREETSUK @LIVINGSTREETS



Parent lunches

Parent lunches are returning, as welcome you in with your children's lunch, It will start with Year group 6 and following year group dates are below:

YEAR 1—Friday 17th October

YEAR R- Friday 7th November

St Blasius Stars of the week



Roman Yr 1



Olivia Yr 2



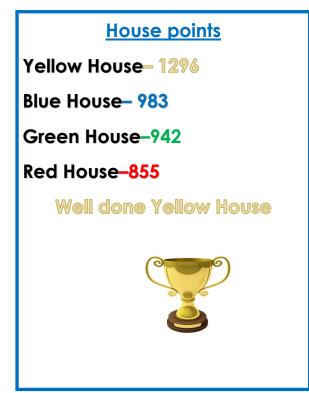
Izabella Yr 3

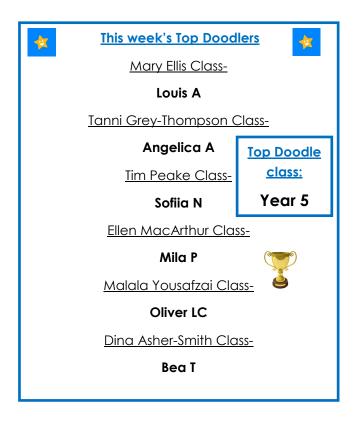


Albie Yr 5



Parker Yr 6







St Blasius Sports Report



U11's Girl Tag Rugby

Squad:

Lacie F Vixxen S

Liezah H Evie C

Millie G

Bea T

Rosie K

Lacey R

Mikayla M



This week we have had a double header of fixtures with the Under 11 girls' visiting Carisbrooke College on Tuesday afternoon for a Tag Rugby competition, they all did incredibly well but just missed out going on to the finals. Well done Girls.

On Thursday our Under 11 girl's football team had a match at home v Gatten and Lake, it was a great game with many chances for St Blasius but with a good keeper in goal for Gatten and Lake. St Blasius edged the game throughout and won 1-0.

We have been so proud of the hard work from them this week. Well done girls.

Under 11 Girls Football V Gatten and Lake

Squad:

Bea T Evie C

Harper W Vixxen S

Millie G Liezah H

Lacey R Anna H

Lacie F

Mikayla M

Rosie K





PARI	KING PERMIT
DESIGNATED CAR PARK	Orchardleigh Rd Car Park
SCHOOL	ST BLASIUS ACADEMY
VALID TIMES a.m.	Valid between 0815 and 0845
VALID TIMES p.m.	Valid between 1445 and 1515
VALID DURING TERMTIMES ONLY AND UNTIL END OF JULY	2026

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Isle of Wight Council School Park & Stride Parking Permit

- · This permit must be displayed on the front nearside windscreen
- The permit is only valid for the car park designated above, and for the times stated
- It is not valid during school holidays
- Having a permit does not guarantee a parking space
- · Please do not park in the coach park
- Should you wish to continue parking in the space, please purchase an appropriate ticket
- Failure to park correctly or abide by the parking regulations set out could result in a penalty charge being issued

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The Isle of Wight Council is helping schools to promote walking to school by providing free parking, at designated times and places, through this Park & Stride scheme. Parents of younger children are encouraged to walk to school with their child. Parents of older children may encourage their child to walk independently.

The scheme is administered by schools, with the agreement of the Parking Services section of the Isle of Wight Council. If there is any aspect of this scheme which you wish to discuss, please contact the school in the first instance, or the Council's Parking Operations Manager on 821000.



St Blasius after school clubs





Monday	KS1 Multiskills Run by Mr Poplett
Tuesday	Year 5 and Year 6 Boys Football Run by Mr Poplett
Tuesday	KS2 Girls Football Run by Mrs Cutler
Wednesday	John Cattles Skateboarding club Run by John Cattle £4 per session FULL
Wednesday	Year 3 and Year 4 Tag Rugby Run by Mr Poplett
Wednesday	Choir Club Run by Mrs Potts
Thursday	Year 5 and Year 6 Tag Rugby Run by Mr Linfield
Thursday	KS1 Dance club Run by Mrs James £3 per session
Friday	KS2 Dance club Run by Mrs James £3 per session
Friday	Year 3 and Year 4 Football Club Run by Mr Poplett



School Uniform



Reception class

- White polo shirts with academy logo (no ties)
- Trousers Black or dark grey
- Skirts/Pinafores Navy or dark grey
- Academy navy blue V neck sweatshirt/cardigan/Hoodie with logo
- Pale blue and white check dresses in summer
- Socks or tights should be grey, black or navy and shoes black and sensible.
- Shoes should be black no labelled trainers

KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

- White polo shirts with academy logo (no tie)
- Trousers Black or dark grey
- Skirts/Pinafores Navy or dark grey
- Academy navy V neck sweatshirt/cardigan/Hoodie with logo
- Pale blue and white check dresses in summer
- Socks or tights should be grey, black or navy and shoes black and sensible.
- Shoes will be black no labelled trainers

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

- White shirt and academy tie
- Trousers Black or dark grey
- Skirts/Pinafores Navy or dark grey
- Academy navy V neck sweatshirt/cardigan/Hoodie with logo
- Pale blue and white check dresses in summer
- Socks or tights should be grey, black or navy and shoes black and sensible.
- Shoes will be black no labelled trainers

P.E kit – all years

- Black or navy shorts

- In the event of cold weather a tracksuit may be worn over the P.E kit. Pupils can wear their Hoodies for PE.







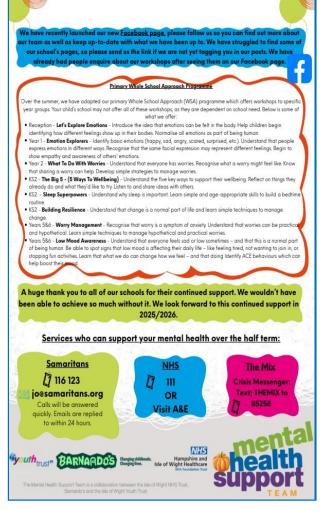
Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form 2025-26 Open Day/Evening dates (as at 20 July 2025)

School/College Carisbrooke College 29 September 2025 Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm 18 September 2025 Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm 06 November 2025 6th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm Open Month November 2025 – 8 December 2025 6th Form Open Month 11 October 2025 Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm Island Free School Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon Medina College 23 September 2025 Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm Ryde Academy 8 October 2025 Y6 Open Evening 19 November 2025 6th Form Open Evening 4 October 2025 Y6 and 6th Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm Ryde School 7 February 2026 The Bay CE School 2 October 2025 The Island VI Form 13 November 2025 VI Form open evening: 5-8pm The Isle of Wight 23 September 2025 4.30-6.30pm Open Evening 10-2pm Open Day 15 November 2025 10-2pm Open Day 10 January 2026 7 March 2026 The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: mail:mail@prioryschool.org.uk n/a

Please note St George's School is not offering open days.
 Places are allocated via the SEND department.







PE days

Monday - Year 1

Tuesday- Year 5 and Year 3

Wednesday-Year 4

Thursday-Year 2

Friday—Year 6 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.





Invitation from the School nurses who will be attending on Wednesday 5th November:

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 01983 862444.

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.

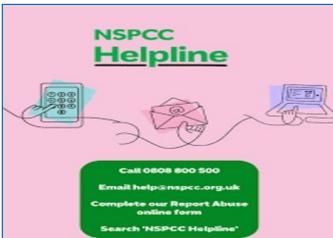
From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country are £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

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.

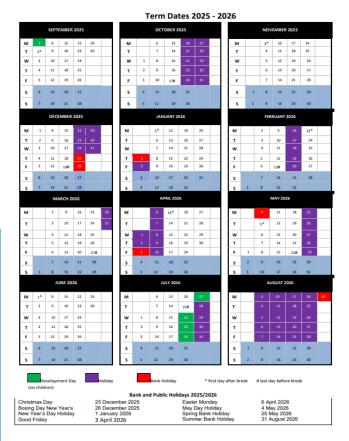
Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

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.





Next Years Term Dates 2025-2026



New Autumn Menu 2025





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 to £3.10.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - if you feel a child is at risk in anyway, for any reason, please report this in confidence to the safeguarding leaders of our academy. By reporting a concern, you are not passing judgment on any other parent, nor is the school, we are simply fulfilling our core role of keeping children safe.

During the school day please contact the school safeguarding team on 01983 school number or email school email address. The safeguarding team in this academy is Ms Jenna Crane, Mr Alex Augustus, Miss Emily Brewerton, Jem/Rob

If your concern is urgent or out of school hours, please contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub Telephone: 0300 555 1373 or report online Web: http://www.iow.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/childrens-services/concerned-about-a-child/report-a-concern/

If there is an emergency and you believe a child is immediate danger, you must call 999 without delay.

Thank you for helping to keep children in our community safe.

Crime Prevention and Let's Talk event: Fri 31 Oct 10:30

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at Shanklin Post Office in Regent Street on Friday 31st Oct from 10.30- 11.00

Please take this opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what we are doing to tackle the issues that matter to you.

Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

When and Where?

Fri 31 Oct 2025 10:30 - 11:00

Shanklin Post Office, 42 Regent Street Shanklin PO37 7AA



ST BLASIUS **OPEN DAY TOURS**

We would love to welcome you to look around our exceptional school. Please call or email the school office to book your personal tour for the dates below. We cannot wait to meet you all.



Thursday 16th October 2025 Thursday 6th November 2025 Thursday 4th December 2025 Thursday 8th January 2026

01983 862444 admin@stblasius.academy





CHARITY **ANIMAL FEEDING** TOUR



£10 PER PERSON

DATE: 25TH OCTOBER

> TIME: 12:30



Meet our Chickens, Goats, Cows, Sheep and more!

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Are you a Parent or Carer of a child aged 6-12 years?

Does your child have a <u>diagnosis of ADHD</u> and are they experiencing sleep problems?





The University Hospital of Southampton and Southampton Clinical Trials Unit are running a study. The study aims to test whether a new website Sleep Buddy, which has been designed by medics and psychologists, improves sleep problems in children aged 6-12 years with an ADHD diagnosis.

You can take part if...

- Your child is aged 6-12 years.
- Your child has a diagnosis of ADHD (including ADD).
- You have noticed that your child is experiencing problems falling asleep.
- You can read and understand English without assistance.

How do I find out more?

Visit the study website by scanning the QR Code, or follow this link: https://www.trial-deck.com/trial/sleepbuddy?reg_code=PTWr

You can also contact the study researcher by calling 0330 1334 689 or emailing





Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Serv

offering to the g

• Wednesday 22 October

Wednesday 29 October

• £1 per person

• 10am to 2pm

Cypress Road,



•£1 per person

hands-on with fossils

- 10am to 2pm
- Tuesday 28 October **Thursday 30 October**



Guildhall, High Street, Newport, IW, PO30 1TY





Parent Evenings



We will be holding the St Blasius class teacher parent eveningsTuesday 4th November 2025
Wednesday 5th November 2025

We're looking for passionate, community-minded individuals to join our Governing Body and help shape the strategic direction of our school over the coming years.

As a governor, you'll:

- Influence key decisions that impact pupils and staff
- Support school leadership in driving improvement
- Gain valuable experience in leadership and governance

No prior experience in education is needed—just commitment, curiosity, and a desire to make a difference. Full training and support provided.

If you are interested, then please contact the office on 01983 862444.

