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St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

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Newsletter 7 17th October 2025 01983 862444 admin@stblasius.academy

St Blasius Church of England Academy Shanklin

Dear St Blasius Families,

What a fabulous half term we've had! I'm bursting with pride as I reflect on the wonderful experiences our children have enjoyed over the past weeks.

Our Harvest Festival was an absolute highlight, with an incredible turn out from parents. The children were simply superb, showcasing their enthusiasm and community spirit. It was heartwarming to see so many families come together to celebrate this special tradition.

Our curriculum has been vibrant and engaging. Year 3 transported themselves back in time with an immersive Roman day, while Year 4 explored the fascinating world of Ancient Greece. These experiential learning opportunities bring history to life in such a memorable way for our children.

Year 5 embarked on an exciting fossil hunting trip, connecting classroom learning with real-world exploration. Watching our children discover and investigate the natural world is always a joy. Their curiosity and excitement are truly infectious.

Our Year 6 children recently visited the D-Day Museum, exploring an important chapter of our historical heritage and enhancing their learning beyond the classroom

We also welcomed parents of our Year 1 children for a special lunch, creating wonderful opportunities for connection and shared learning. It will be the turn of EYFS as we return after the half term.

Our Aspiration Day for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) was another memorable moment, helping our youngest learners dream big and understand the potential within themselves.

Each of these experiences contributes to our children's holistic development, creating memories and learning opportunities that extend far beyond traditional classroom boundaries.

The big question last week was:

How do you know what is true?

People with important jobs tell the truth. Hudson, EYFS

When you don't tell the truth, you try and blame someone else. Alfie, Year 2.

By listening to their words. Esme, Year 3

You need to trust the person that said it. Mila, Year 4

You can ask some questions to prove if someone is telling the truth. Uma, Year 5

Think about what could be true. Santiago, Year 6.

The big question for when we return is:

What does it mean to love someone you don't get along with?

Thank you to our incredible staff, supportive parents, and most importantly, our amazing children who make every day at St Blasius Primary so special.

Warmest regards

Jemma Powell Assistant Principal

Important Dates

Friday 17th October-Last day of term

Monday 20th October- Half Term

Friday 31st October-Deadline for Year 6 applications for Secondary School

Monday 3rd November- Return to school

Monday 3rd November- Year 2 MHST workshop

Monday 3rd November– Year 3 MHST workshop

Tuesday 4th November- Parents evening

Tuesday 4th November– Year 3 Swimming lessons

Wednesday 5th November - Bonfire night themed lunch day

Wednesday 5th November– Parents evening

Thursday 6th November - Open Day for Reception children starting September 2024

Friday 7th November - Reception Parent lunch

Friday 7th November - Flu immunisation session

Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Class Attendance

Congratulations to Year 5

for having the highest class attendance this week.

Year 5 = 98.89%

Year 3 = 98.08%

Year 2= 97.24%

Year 6 = 96.67%

Year R = 94.71%

Year 1 = 85.19%

Year 4 = 84.83%

Reception's First Aspiration Day & Harvest Festival!

This week has been full of exciting firsts for our Reception class!

To kick things off, we celebrated Aspiration Day – and what a

dreams with one another.

fantastic day it was! The children came to school dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up. From doctors and dancers to firefighters and astronauts, the classroom was filled with imagination and ambition. It was so inspiring to see the children confidently sharing their

You

In preparation for Aspiration Day, Reception had a special visit from Emma the Paramedic last week. Emma spoke to the

children about her exciting and important job, showing them some of the tools she uses and explaining how paramedics help people every day. The children loved asking questions and learning all about life as a real-life hero!

Then, on Thursday, we celebrated another big milestone – our very first Harvest Festival. The children did brilliantly walking to the church and sat so

beautifully and respectfully throughout the service. It was a lovely

opportunity to come together as a school

community and reflect on the importance of sharing and giving thanks.It's hard to believe we're already coming to the end of our first term at 'big

school'! The children have settled in so well, made new friends, and embraced every new

experience with enthusiasm and joy. We're so proud of them and can't wait to see what next term holds!



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 review 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, will continue after half term with our final class EYFS, link has been sent out via SurveyMonkey and to add payment on Arbor:

YEAR R- Friday 7th November

Here is the SurveyMonkey link for Year R Parent Lunch:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J965G5K

St Blasius Stars of the week



Dimitar Yr 1



Caspian Yr 2



Finn Yr 3



Lacey Yr 5

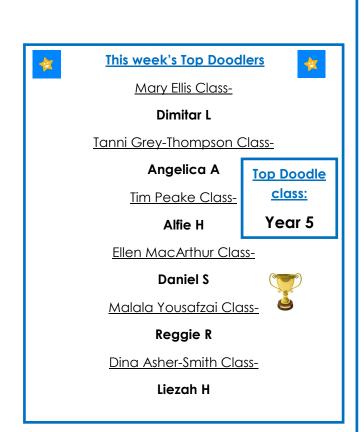


Oliver Yr 4



Amber Yr 6







St Blasius after school clubs





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	Run by Mr Poplett	A
Tuesdays	KS2 Girl's Football club	No.
	Run by Mrs Cutler	③
Tuesdays	Year 5 and Year 6 Boy's Football club	
	Run by Mr Poplett	•
Tuesdays	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas club	
	Run by Mrs Bushell	*
Wednesdays	Choir Club	- (\$)
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	Run by Mrs Potts	,
Wednesdays	John Cattles Skateboarding club	
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	£4 per session	
Wednesdays	Indoor Athletics' Club	
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	Run by Mr Poplett	BARTON BLOOM
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	Run by Mr Linfield	
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	Run by Mr Poplett	
Fridays	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas club	
	Run by Miss Mew	*
Fridays	Dance club	5.7
		*
	Run by Mrs James	1
	£3 per session	



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

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







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.

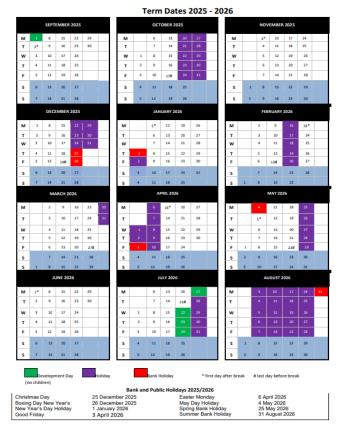
Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

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 J Crane, Mr A Augustus, Miss E Brewerton, Miss J Powell

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



Parent Evenings



We will be holding the St Blasius class teacher parent evenings-

Tuesday 4th November 2025 Wednesday 5th November 2025

booking available on Arbor.

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.





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.



Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

Appointments will no longer be booked please just drop in

Weekly

Ventnor Family Centre

PO38 1FZ Monday 10.30-12pm

Sandown Family Hub

PO36 9EQ Wednesday 9.30-11.30am

with Infant feeding support

Carisbrooke Family Centre

Friday 9.30 - 11am PO30 5QT

with Infant feeding support

Ryde Family Hub

PO33 2JF

Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30am

East Newport Family Hub PO30 2AX Wed Wednesday 12.30 - 2.30pm

Fortnightly East Cowes Family Centre

A Barnardo's

Worker will also

be available for

information

about family hub

services

PO32 6PA Monday 10 - 11.30am with Infant feeding support

Cowes Family Centre

Tuesday 9.30 - 11am **PO317ET**

West Wight Family Centre

1st Wednesday of every month 9.30 - 11am

PO40 9XH

If you have any questions or would like to speak to a health visitor outside of these times, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on

0300 123 5224







Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare

Helping to keep your child healthy

The Isle of Wight 0-19 Team is made up of Health Visitors, School Nurses, Community Nurses, Associate Practitioners and Administrators.

We use our skill mix team to ensure that all families are offered mandated health contacts for needs assessment, advice and support.

Please see Family Assist for additional support information.





If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Health Visitor or School Nurse, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on 0300 123 5224





Sandown

Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

The Health Visitor clinic at Sandown Family Hub will be changing to drop-in **Starting from June**

Appointments will no longer be booked, please just drop in

A Barnardo's Worker will also be available for information about family hub services and infant feeding support

The Fairway, Sandown. PO36 9EQ



If you have any questions or would like to speak to a health visitor outside of these times, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on 0300 1235224





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SHANKLIN CREATIVE HUB, FURZE HILL ROAD, SHANKLIN, PO37 7PA





The Mental Health Support Team & St Blasius invite you to:

A 4-part series of workshops supporting you to learn skills to feel more able to manage challenging behaviour at home.

When & Where? Workshops will be delivered online via microsoft teams on the following dates:

- Wednesday 12th November @ 13:00PM-14:30PM -Introduction
- Wednesday 26th November @ 13:00PM-14:30PM -Session One
- Wednesday 10th December @ 13:00PM-14:30PM -Session Two
- Wednesday 17th December @ 13:00PM-14:30PM -Session Three

If you wish to attend, Please register your interest with Miss Powell





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MHST Newsletter

iownt.mhst@nhs.net ~ 0300 365 4010

MHST Update:

- · Welcome back to a new school term!
- We held transition workshops in August and early September to help support year 6s transitioning up to secondary school/college. If any of the new year 7s require more support coping with starting their new school, please speak with the school's Designated Mental Health Lead v can refer them into our service.
- Our team have been attending the year 6 open days at some of the secondaries that we work with. Our MHST works in all of the mainstream secondaries on the island and are happy to help students with the transition up to secondary school/college
- Over the summer, we held intensive groups supporting young people with their anxiety or emotions. These were beneficial for those who attended, but we'd like to work on increasing the number of students who attend these workshops for next summer.
- We also developed and expanded our primary Whole School Approach programme over the summer which is explained in more detail on the third page. We have started offering these workshops to schools and have already delivered some.
- Our team recently enjoyed a team day where we were able to share what has been going well and what needs improving. Moving forward, some of our processes may change, but we will communicate to schools as and when appropriate.



now working in 47 educationa

We assessed 43 young people in August.











Tips to help with your mental health:

Use your phone for something different to get outdoors and in nature every day... identify trees by recognising leaves, sticks, tree shape and even bark! We are surrounded by trees most of the places we go, especially on the island, but do we know much about them?

Noticing our surroundings and taking time to understand and appreciate our living landscapes can help us feel connected to nature we can feel more grounded and less trapped in our own thoughts. which can happen during school holidays when we are away from our usual routines and friends. Sometimes it can feel like everyone else is busy having fun without us, but often having some time outdoors can help shake that feeling and improve our mood. So, try taking yourself for a walk – or invite along a friend or family member – and use a phone app to identify different trees along the way, such as this one from the Woodland Trust: https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/treeswoods-and-wildlife/british-trees/tree-id-app/

You could collect the information and photos of your trees to share with someone else - you'd be surprised how good it feels to know which trees are which, just by looking at them, and some interesting facts about them. Try it!











year groups. Your child's school may not offer all of these workshops, as they are dependent on school need. Below is so what we offer:

- Reception Let's Explore Emotions Introduce the idea that emotions can be felt in the body. Help children begin
- Reception Let's Explore Emotions Introduce the idea that emotions can be lett in the body. Help of identifying how different feelings show up in their bodies. Normalise all emotions as part of being humb Year I Emotion Explorers Identify basic emotions (happy, sad, angry, scared, surprised, etc.). Under express emotions in different ways. Recognise that the same facial expression may represent different show empothly and ownerness of others! emotions. Year 2 What To Do With Worries Understand that everyone has worries. Recognise what a worry m

- mple techniques to manage hypothetical and practical worries
- Years 5&6 **Low Mood Awareness** Understand that everyone feels sad or low sometimes and that this is a normal part of being human. Be able to spot signs that low mood is affecting their daily life like feeling tired, not wanting to join in, or stopping fun activities. Learn that what we do can change how we feel - and that doing Identify ACE behaviours which ca

A huge thank you to all of our schools for their continued support. We wouldn't have been able to achieve so much without it. We look forward to this continued support in 2025/2026.

Services who can support your mental health over the half term:

Samaritans [] 116 123 io@samaritans.ora

Calls will be answe quickly. Emails are replied to within 24 hours. NHS













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





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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













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Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Serv

• Wednesday 22 October Wednesday 29 October



•£1 per person

Create a dinosaur diorama
Visit pop-up Dinosaur Isle gift shop
Discover local dinosaurs and get

• 10am to 2pm

hands-on with fossils

• Tuesday 28 October **Thursday 30 October**

Cypress Road, Newport, IW, PO30 1HA

01983 823433 iow.gov.uk/museums museums@iow.gov.uk

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



Isle of Wight Council



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SANDOWN **SOCCER**

Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to 07594 389531



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