

### St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

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**Newsletter 38** 18th July 2025

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St Blasius Church of England Academy Shanklin



Dear St Blasius Families,

What a week it has been at St Blasius. I am filled with pride as I reflect on the incredible experiences our children have enjoyed and the outstanding behaviour they've demonstrated throughout.

Our Worship this week, looked at how Jesus calls us to love our neighbour, but sometimes it can be tricky. Children explored how we can love others through our everyday actions when we realise that everyone, we meet is our neighbour!

The Scripture Luke 10:25-37was shared with the children to help support this.

Year 5 have just completed their final sailing session with Seaview Sailing Centre, and what a tremendous success it's been! We now have a group of budding sailors on our hands, and I'm delighted to share that the instructors were thoroughly impressed with the behaviour and maturity shown by our children. It's moments like these that truly showcase the character of our young people.

Our reception children had the most exciting adventure this week, taking a trip on the hovercraft to visit the Blue Reef Aquarium. The enthusiasm and excitement they shared upon their return was infectious! The staff on the hover commented on how exemplary the children's behaviour was throughout the journey what a fantastic representation of our school values. Great job, Reception!

Year 1 concluded their curriculum work with a visit to Amazon World, and once again, the feedback regarding the behaviour of the majority was truly fabulous. It's these positive reports that make my heart absolutely full with pride.

As we prepare for a wonderful weekend, I can't help but feel excited about our final four days ahead. We have so much to look forward to - the DCAT Enriched performance for both school and parents of our DCAT superstars, EYFS Graduation, Year 6's Parliament trip, Year 2's beach adventure, and of course, our special Year 6 Leavers service. What busy and memorable four days they promise to be!

However, it is with great sadness that I share Mrs Wheatley will be leaving our St Blasius team due to other commitments. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work, dedication and commitment. We wish you all the very best and we hope to see you soon.

The big question last week was:

### What would the world be like if everyone was exactly the same?

It would be boring, nobody would stand out. Olivia, EYFS

Difficult because we couldn't learn from each other. Callie, Year 1

There wouldn't be boys and girls, just boys or girls. Jessica, Year 2

Boring as there would be no different personalities. Bea, Year 5

It would be colour-draining and depressing. Harley, Year 6

The big question this week is:

If colours had feelings, what do you think your favourite colour would feel like? Why?

Kind regards

Jemma Powell Assistant Principal

### **Important** dates:

Tuesday 22nd

July-Year 2 Beach Trip

Wednesday 23rd

July- Year 6 Parliament Trip

Thursday 24th July-

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Thursday 24th July- Last day of school

Friday 25th July-Development Day

September-Return to school

Tuesday 2nd

### **Our School** Vision



### Year 5 summer blog 2025

What a wonderful last term we have had! I am so proud of all the hard work and determination the children have put in these last few weeks. We have had a rather busy end of the term with lots of fun aspects to keep us on our toes!

### Sailing

What a wonderful opportunity we were given by Seaview Yacht Club to take part in three full days of sailing.

1st session – learning the ropes and entering the water safely. They then learnt all about capsizing the boats and how to safely do this!

2<sup>nd</sup> session – we had a beautiful sunny day where the children were out on the water all day. The sailing instructors were very impressed with the children's ability. As the wind dropped we went out very deep to the pontoon and jumped off – the children were extremely brave!

3<sup>rd</sup> session – our last session! We are really looking forward to this and we can't wait to see what the children have achieved













### DCAT in bloom

Our schools have been taking part in something called DCAT in bloom where all classes and school take part in planting a flower in an unusual way. We had some wonderful times planting and watching our pumpkins, marigolds and snapdragons grow!

### Invitation from the School nurses who will be attending on Tuesday 22nd July:

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.

### **Lost Property**

We have accumulated lots of lost property in the main office.

Next week this will be accessible in the playground for you to check through and claim any bits that may be yours!

Anything that is left in the final week will be disposed off for recycling.

### **House points**

Yellow House-332

Red House-311

Green House-267

Blue House-257

**Well done Yellow House** 



### **Class Attendance**

Congratulations to **Year 5** for having the highest class attendance this week.

Year 5 = 98.4%

Year 3 = 97.41%

Year R = 96.92%

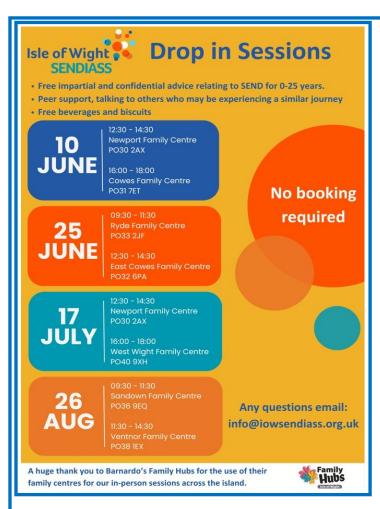
Year 1 = 96.33%

Year 4 = 95.19%

Year 2 = 94.64%

Year 6 = 88.46%







# Please support us with easyfundraising easyfundraising



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

### 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

Rowan H

Mary Ellis class -

Angelica A

Tanni Grey-Thompson class -

Mila J

Tim Peake class

Daniel S

Ellen MacArthur class -

Thomas T

Malala Yousafzai class -

Liezah H

Dina Asher-Smith class -

Elsie T

Beatrix Potter class -





### **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.

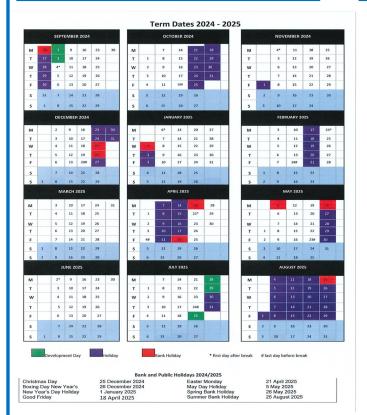
In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

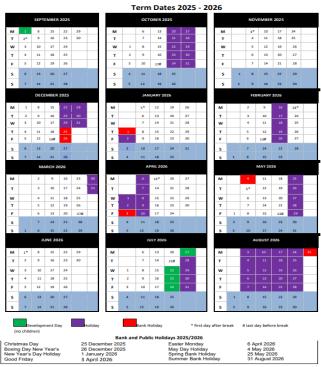
Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

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**

### Next Years Term Dates 2025-2026





### **New Spring/Summer Menu**





Please note Thursday 24th July (Last day of Term) menu change will be Fridays options.



### Relish and School Meals:

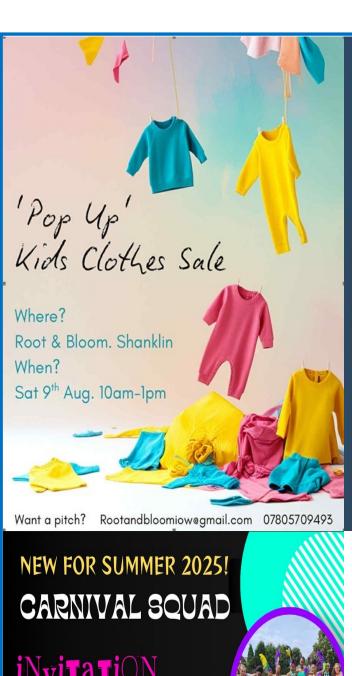
Children will no longer be able to book their meals in the classroom, all meals including home packed lunch should be booked via Relish.

### **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.





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Saturday 19 July 3.30 – 5.30pm

### At Shanklin United Reformed Church,

(on the corner of Landguard Road and Shanklin High Street)

Free fun for all the family

- Loads of Craft
- Action songs
- Games
- Bible story
- Yummy tea



All Free

No need to book, just turn up. Come as a family; Grandparents, Aunt and Uncles all welcome too – any combination is fine! Enjoy it together.

For more information email janetharley62@gmail.com or phone Janet on 862485



### SUMMER DRAMA WORKSHOPS



"Marvellous Mischief: A Dahl-ightful Drama Day"

For Ages: 7-11

Date: Tuesday 19th August Time: 10:00am–4:00pm Show Back: 3:30pm

Location: The Department, Ryde
Details: A magical day of drama where
characters from across Roald Dahl's stories
collide in a wildly imaginative mash-up.
Students will explore devising, improvisation
and physical theatre — all culminating in a

performance for families.

### "Isle of Fright: Drama from the Dark Side of the Island"

For Ages: 12-16

Date: Tuesday 26th August Time: 10:00am-4:00pm Show Back: 3:30pm

Location: The Department, Ryde

**Details:** Inspired by the Isle of Wight's own spinetingling folklore, this day invites students to explore haunting local myths through storytelling, movement, and devised theatre, ending in a

powerful parent performance.

# Isle of Fright: Drama from the Dark Side of the Island Step into the shadows and uncover the eerie legends that have earned the Isle of Wight its reputation as the most haunted Island in the world. From ancient myths to chilling ghost stories whitepred through generations, students aged 12-16 will spend the day diving into local folklore through drama, movement, and storytelling: Drama Movement Storytelling Show back performance at 3:30 Tuesday 26th August, 10:00am to 4:00pm at The Department – Ryde

### **Summer Sports Activity Days**



St. Francis Primary School Newport Road, Ventnor PO38 1BQ

### Booking is Essential please use this link

/premier-sports-haf-fun-club-st-francis-with-premier-school-sports-coaching-limited-1645

## Or use this QR Code Monday 28th July & 11th Aug

Tuesday 29th July & 12th Aug
Wed 30th July & 13th Aug
Thursday 31st July & 14th Aug
Friday 1st & 15th August

### Cost: £FREE

(if on income related Free School meals) – LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!!! Funded by the Department of Education OR

9.00am till 3.00pm each day.

The activity days are **for children at primary school** to have fun, make new friends and enjoy physical activity in a safe and structured environment. The activities will be a mixture each day of:

Team games - Football, Handball, Basketball, Cricket etc.
Individual sports - Tennis, Athletics, Soft Archery, Tri Golf etc.

Alternative sports - Dodgeball, New Age Kurling, Boccia etc.
There will also be a chill out zone for your child to play board games and relax.

### Staffing:

All Coaches are experienced in working in Island Schools, have an enhanced DBS, first aid and attended safeguarding

### What to Bring:

Plenty to drink
Wear suitable clothing for
physical activity.
Suncream, hat or warm
clothing for outside activities



Email Andy Day – psscltd@gmail.com or phone/text 07970009509

# ISLE OF WIGHT LIBRARIES CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES

All of our summer holiday activities are free. More information can be found at www.iow.gov.uk/thelibra

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Thursday, 2.30pm - 3.30pm PAINT YOUR OWN ROCK OWLS - LORD LOUIS LIBRARY Children aged 5+ Booking essential. Telephone 823823

Saturday, 2.30pm - 3.30pm CREATE YOUR OWN PRETTY BUTTERFLIES - LORD LOUIS LIBRARY

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5 AUG Tuesday, 10.30am - 12.00pm JUNK MODELLING - SANDOWN LIBRARY Children aged 4+ Drop-in, no need to book.

6 AUG Wednesday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm
PRINTING PAPER - FRESHWATER LIBRARY

7 AUG <u>Thursday, 2.30pm – 3.30pm</u> <u>MAKE A HANDPRINT BLOSSOM TREE – LORD LOUIS LIBRARY</u>

Children aged 3+ Booking essential. Telephone 823823

11 AUG Monday, 2.15pm - 3.30pm MAKE A GARDEN IN A TEACUP - LORD LOUIS LIBRARY Children aged 7+ Booking essential. Telephone 823823

13 AUG Wednesday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm
PRINTING T SHIRTS - FRESHWATER LIBRARY

13 AUG Wednesday, 10.30am - 11.30am GROW A STORY, CREATIVE SESSION - VENTNOR LIBRARY Children aged 5+ Booking essential. Telephone 852039

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Friday, 10.30am
PLANT POT DECORATING AND RE-POTTING - SANDOWN LIBRARY

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Children aged 5+ Booking essential. Telephone 402748