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Newsletter 3

19th September 2025

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St Blasius Church of England Academy Shanklin

Dear St Blasius Families,

What a fantastic few weeks we've had at St Blasius! I'm bursting with pride to share some wonderful moments from our school community.

Our Worship this week, children explored the meaning of the Cross as a symbol of love and hope. The Cross reminds us of the love the Father has for each of us as we remember that He sent His only Son so that we can know His mercy and love. The Scripture John 3:13-17 was shared with the children to help support this

Our girls' football team have been absolutely phenomenal! They've shown incredible teamwork, skill and cooperation, winning two matches and drawing one, which means they've secured their place in the final. What an achievement for our young athletes! We are immensely proud of their hard work and dedication!

We've also embraced some exciting learning experiences. Our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a virtual author visit, bringing literature and creativity right into their classrooms. Meanwhile, our youngest children in Early Years have started their full-time journey with us, settling in beautifully and exploring their new learning environment.

Community and connection remain at the heart of what we do. We were delighted to welcome Year 5 parents to share lunch with their children this week - a lovely opportunity for families to experience school life together. Next week, we're looking forward to inviting Year 4 parents to do the same.

We were also privileged to welcome Karen Crowhurst from St Blasius Church, who led our Key Stage 2 Worship, enriching our children's spiritual understanding. As we move into autumn, our Harvest preparations are well underway. With the changing weather, please ensure your child brings a coat to school - our children love being outdoors, whatever the weather!

The big question last week was:

Can something sad ever lead to something good?

It was sad leaving nursery but exciting coming to school. Lilli-Mae, EYFS.

Yes, because your friends may come and help you. Jaxson, Year 2

Yes, because if you miss your mum, when you see her again you will be happy. **Ava, Year 3.**

When I wanted to be a character for harvest but couldn't, Henry let me have it. **Zoe, Year 4.**

Yes, when my dog was unwell and went to the vets and got better. Alfred, $$\operatorname{\textbf{Year}} 5$$

Theres always a bit of light in the dark, that's what gives us hope. Rhys, Year 6.

The big question this week is:

What do you do when something feels difficult?

Warmest regards

Jemma Powell Assistant Principal

Important Dates

Tuesday 23rd September- Year 3 Swimming lessons

Wednesday 24th September– School Nurse visit to St Blasius

Friday 26th September– School photographs

Tuesday 30th September- Year 3 Swimming lessons

Friday 3rd October- Grandparents day

Tuesday 7th October– Year 3 Swimming lessons

Tuesday 14th October– Year 3 Swimming lessons

Thursday 16th October– Harvest Festival

Friday 17th October - Last day of term

Monday 20th October- Half Term

Monday 3rd November– Return to school

Class Attendance

Congratulations to <u>Year 4</u> for having the highest class attendance this week.

Year 4 = 97.24%

Year 6 = 97.08%

Year R = 97.06%

Year 5 = 96.03%

Year 2 = 95%

Year 1 = 93.7%

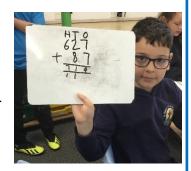
Year 3 = 91.48%

Ellen MacArthur Class

We have had an excellent start to the year in Ellen MacArthur class and are stuck into our learning!



In maths we have been consolidating our work on column addition. We have been able to use our skills to answer problem solving and reasoning questions. It has been fantastic to watch the



children work collaboratively and help each other out when they're feeling confident.





We have enjoyed learning about rugby in our PE lessons. We have

learnt that when you score

during a game, it is

called a tri and what the offside rule means. We have learnt to pass confidently behind us and have even practiced passing behind us in teams.





It has been a pleasure getting to know year 4 and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds for Ellen MacArthur class. The children have been fantastic at making everyone feel welcome and it is lovely to have some new faces in our class.



St Blasius News



Last week, Mrs. Bushell was invited to attend the Isle of Wight Council Chambers when a presentation of a flag was given to Councillor Dore, Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council. At the PEACH Games in the summer term each school was asked to make a flag of one of the islands that was attending the Island Games in Orkney. Councillor Dore judged the flags and a St. Helena flag made by pupils from Oakfield won. (St. Blasius' flag of Saaremaa came 3rd!). Mrs Bushell is part of both the PEACH steering group and the Isle of Wight Island Games Association and provided teaching resources for each of the primary schools on the island to learn more about the Island Games.





St Blasius Sports Report



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Thank you for our wonderful write up by Bea T and Rosie K Year 6.



St Blasius Stars of the week



Alfie Yr 1



Max G Yr 2



Rufus Yr 3



Vixxen Yr 5



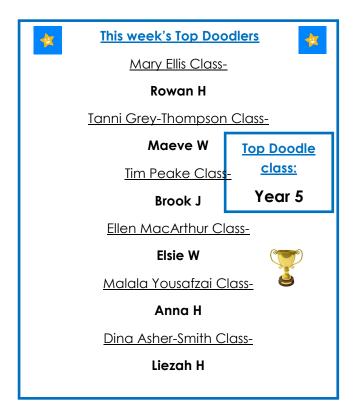
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Millie Yr 6







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 4- Friday 26th September

YEAR 3—Friday 3rd October

YEAR 2—Friday 10th October

YEAR 1—Friday 17th October

YEAR R- Friday 7th November



We would love to welcome our wonderful Grandparents to school for Grandparents Day which we will be celebrating at St Blasius on Friday 3rd October between 13:00-14:00.

If you would like to join us please add this on the Arbor app so we have numbers of how many are visiting us at St Blasius.



PARI	PARKING 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





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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

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

Our school nurse will be visiting St Blasius and will be holding parent sessions within school to provide targeted support and advice, you can access support regarding some of the following areas:

SCHOOL

NURSE



- Constipation/toileting
- Day and night time wetting
- Hearing and vision concerns
- Dietary advice
- Development/puberty advice
- Personal hygiene
- Emotional wellbeing

Next session is Wednesday 24th September

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Our SENCO and DSL would like to invite you in for a drop in session to meet them. If you have recently started at St Blasius with us in EYFS or are recently new to our school we would love to see you.

Miss Crane and Miss Brewerton would love to see you on

<u>Friday 26th September between</u> 08:30 and 09:30

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.

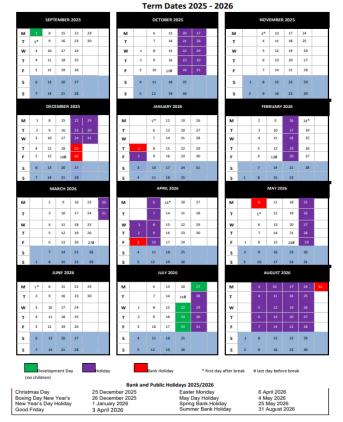
Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

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.



Follow MHST on Facebook for upcoming workshops and support

Next Years Term Dates 2025-2026



New Autumn Menu September 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.

CHILDREN'S SWIMMING LESSONS

At The Wight Hotel in Sandown

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at The Wight Hotel 3:30-5:30



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YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Monday 29 September 2025 5.00 - 8.00 pm

Please join us for

- a short presentation, repeated at 5.15,
 6.00 and 6.45 pm
- tours of the school
- opportunities to meet staff (including SEND) and current students
- Subject demonstrations

Please visit our website for more details: www.carisbrooke.jow.sch.uk



Tuesday 23 September 2025 5.00 - 8.00 pm

www.medina.iow.sch.uk





Year 7 Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025, 5.00-7.30pm

Presentation at 5.00pm and 6.00pm followed by tours of the Secondary School

Open Morning: Tuesday 7th October, 9.00-11.00am, please call to book an appointment.









Contact us for more information: Telephone: 01983 403284 Email: office@bayceschool.org

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.

