

St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

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St Blasius Church of England Academy Shanklin

Dear St Blasius Families,

What an absolutely wonderful end to the academic year we've had at St Blasius! As I reflect on these past few weeks, my heart is truly full seeing all the incredible experiences our children have enjoyed.

Our Year 2 children had the most fantastic trip to the beach - there's nothing quite like seeing their faces light up as they explored the seaside and created memories that will last a lifetime. The joy and wonder they displayed reminded us all why these hands-on learning experiences are so precious.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 children embarked on their trip to the Houses of Parliament, which was absolutely brilliant! What a perfect way for them to see democracy in action and understand how our government works. These children asked such thoughtful questions and showed real maturity during their visit.

Our sports day was nothing short of fabulous! The atmosphere was electric with children cheering each other on, showing tremendous sportsmanship and giving their absolute best in every event. Thank you to all the families who came to support - your enthusiasm made it even more special, especially the hotly contested 'welly wanging'.

We also celebrated all of our children's successes, proud moments and our Stars of the Year. What a wonderful way to end the school year. Finally, our fabulous leavers service was both moving and celebratory. We're wishing our wonderful Year 6 children all the luck in the world as they embark on their new journey into secondary school. They've grown into such confident, caring young people, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful children for a truly fabulous year, and our amazing staff for their hard work, dedication and support they have shown. What a wonderful school community we have.

Sadly though, we have to say goodbye to Mr Clark who will be leaving to embark on a new venture and farewell to Ms Ramsdale who will be joining the St Francis team so not disappearing completely!

Have a truly wonderful summer break and we will see you all fully refreshed for the Autumn term on September 2nd.

The big question last week was:

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

Rainbow feels happy. Lilah, EYFS

Teal... would be happy because it reminds me of the beach. Maeve, Year 1

Black...would be scary because black is like the dark. Erin, Year 2

Grey...emotionless and boring. Rhys, Year 5

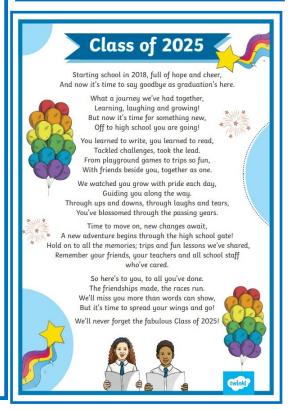
Kind regards

Jemma Powell Assistant Principal

Important dates:

Tuesday 2nd September - Return to school





Year 4 Class blog

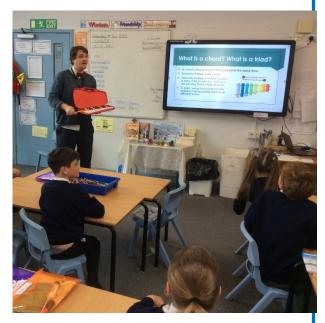
Summer is here in Year 4! After coming back from our busy time at PGL, we've finished the year in style, putting together tyre-planters for the DCAT in Bloom Competition and helping to brighten up our school.

We've also been learning about triad chords in music, playing an accompaniment to the ukulele 'Favourite song' using glockenspiels, working in pairs so that we have enough hands!

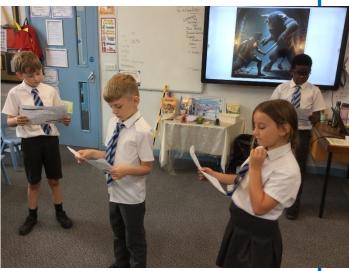
In guided reading, we've been reading play scripts and showing how these can be best read aloud, as they were meant to be performed.

Year 4 has been a great adventure – bring on Year 5













St Blasius Stars of the Year









Rowan Yr R

Mila Yr 2









Harper Yr 4







House points

Yellow House 565

Red House-458

Green House-440

Blue House-434

Well done Yellow House



Class Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 2** for having the highest class attendance this week.

Year 2 = 100%

Year 4 = 98.94%

Year 6 = 98.9%

Year 3 = 96.83%

Year 1 = 94.76%

Year 5 = 94.29%

Year R = 92.31%



Top class
attendance for
the year 2024/25:

Year 4



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.
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P.E kit – all years

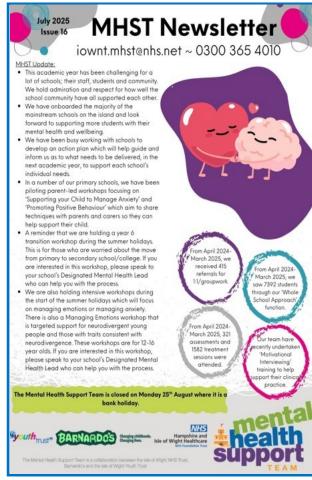
- Black or navy shorts
- Academy blue t-shirt
- Plimsolls/Trainers
- In the event of cold weather a tracksuit may be worn over the P.E kit. Pupils can wear their Hoodies for PE.

Our uniform supplier is Kids & Co, Ryde.



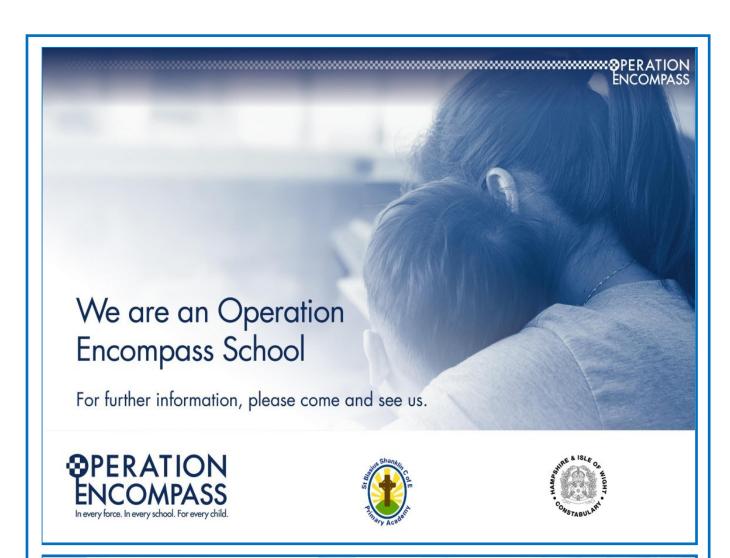












Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

PERATION

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

PE days

Monday - Year 1

Tuesday- Year 5 and Year 3

Wednesday- Year 4

Thursday-Year 6

Friday—Year 2 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.







Beatrix Potter class -

This year's Top Doodlers

Dimitar L

Mary Ellis class -

Angelica A

Tanni Grey-Thompson class -

Mila J

Tim Peake class

Daniel S

Ellen MacArthur class -

Evie C

Malala Yousafzai class -

Liezah H

Dina Asher-Smith class -

Noah S-F



Whole School Top

<u>Doodler</u>

Daniel S





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.

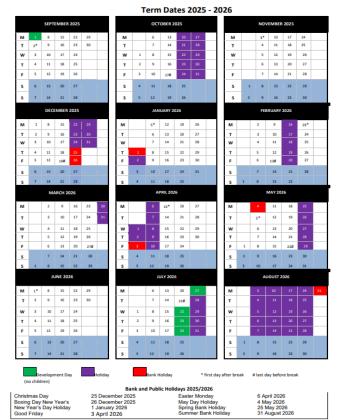
If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.





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Next Years Term Dates 2025-2026



New Autumn Menu September 2025





Relish and School Meals:

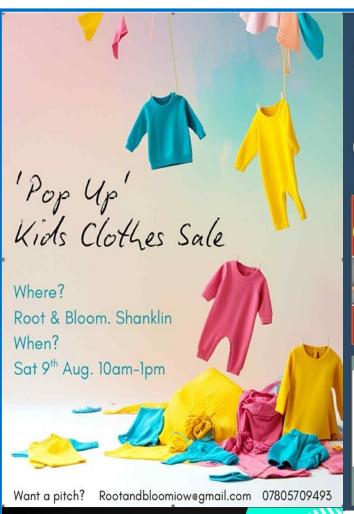
Children will no longer be able to book their meals in the classroom, all meals including home packed lunch should be booked via Relish.

Healthy Snacks

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

Meal price change

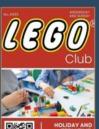
Relish have increased the cost of paid school meals from £2.95 to £3.10.





SHANKLIN LOCATION @REGENTCREATIVE

REGENTCREATIVE.CO.UK













NEW FOR SUMMER 2025!

CARNIVAL SQUAD

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Adults, children, families, dancers and non dancers, you are all invited to join the new and exciting ALL STARS DANCE STARS inclusive carnival performance squad

Join us on parade at carnivals, festivals, gigs and more!

FREE TRIALS AVAILABLE NOW Bookwhen.com/allstarsdancestars



BOOK NOW

Limited spaces available

For more information call Kelly on 07968828137



Shanklin Carnival 3rd to 9th August 2025

Sunday 3 rd August	CHILDRENS AFTERNOON PROCESSION Assemble Palmerston Road 1.15 pm Move off 2 pm through Regent Street to Station
Sunday 3 rd August	CAR TREASURE HUNT £5 per car Starts Shanklin Seafront 6.00 pm (car park by lift) Finish Daish's Hotel Garden 8.00 pm Prize Presentation at 8.30 pm
Monday & August	PIER TO PIER NIGHT WALK In Aid of Island charity Aspire Start 9 pm. Adults £5 Children £3 Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) £12
Tuesday 5° August	PEDESTRIAN TREASURE HUNT £1 per Adult 50p per Child (5-14)rs under 5yrs free) Start Daish's Hotel Garden 6.30 pm Finish Daish's Hotel Garden at 8.00 pm Prize Presentation at 8.30 pm
Wednesday 6th August	GRAND CARNIVAL PROCESSION Assemble Popham Road from 6.30 pm Move off 7 pm
Saturday 9° August	ILLUMINATED CARNIVAL PROCESSION Assemble Popher Road from 8.45 pm

Move off 9.15 pm

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.



Summer Sports Activity Days



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

Booking is Essential please use this link

u.org/book/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

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

mail Andy Day - psscltd@gmail.com or

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

2 AUG

Saturday, 2.30pm - 3.30pm CREATE YOUR OWN PRETTY BUTTERFLIES - LORD LOUIS LIBRARY Children aged 5+ Booking essential. Telephone 823823

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
No need to book

7 AUG Thursday, 2.30pm - 3.30pm MAKE A HANDPRINT BLOSSOM TREE - LORD LOUIS LIBRARY

Children aged 3+
Booking essential. Telephone 823823

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

13 AUG <u>Wednesday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm</u> <u>PRINTING T SHIRTS - FRESHWATER LIBRARY</u> No need to book

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

15 AUG

Friday, 10.30am
PLANT POT DECORATING AND RE-POTTING - SANDOWN LIBRARY
Children aged 54
Booking essential. Telephone 402748