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### St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

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Newsletter 4

26th September 2025

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St Blasius Church of England Academy Shanklin

Dear St Blasius Families,

What another fabulous week we've had at St Blasius! I'm delighted to share some wonderful moments from our school community.

Our Worship this week, explored how it can be hard to focus on God when our hearts are distracted! In our Gospel, Jesus recalls the two most important commandments - love God and love your neighbour. Children learnt that removing earthly distractions can help us focus on putting God first in our lives, which in turn helps us to love our neighbour's well. The Scripture Luke 16:10-13 was shared with the children to help support this.

We've launched our WOW walk to school initiative with tremendous enthusiasm. Our children were thrilled to meet Strider, the national mascot who's championing active travel. I'm particularly proud of our new Junior travel ambassadors who will be supporting this fantastic scheme and encouraging everyone to think about how we can make our journeys to school more active and environmentally friendly.

Our spiritual life continues to be vibrant, with a beautiful KS1 worship led by Karen Crowhurst from St Blasius church, and a whole school worship with Brian Harley. These moments of reflection are so important in nurturing our children's spiritual development.

Our Year 6 children have been out and about, enjoying a fantastic trip to UKSA, which I'm sure will have been filled with learning and adventure. We also welcomed our school nurse for a drop-in session, ensuring our children's health and wellbeing remain a top priority.

School photos have been taken, capturing these precious moments in our children's educational journey. We've also been enjoying our parent lunch events, with Year 4 parents joining us this week, and Year 3 parents looking forward to their turn next week. And for our sports enthusiasts, we had the boys U11 football match with Gatten and Lake. Also don't miss the Under 9 Football match happening after school today - I'm sure it will be an exciting game!

The big question last week was:

What do you do when something feels difficult?

Ask mummy and daddy. Hudson, EYFS

Keep going. Arthur, Year 1

Try yourself, ask an adult, take a breather, don't give up. Rufus, Year 3

Try and try again until you can get it. Mila, Year 4.

Never give up, and keep trying. Johnny, Year 5

Take a break and then go back and try again. Jackson, Year 6

The big question this week is:

What would happen if no one ever asked questions?

Warmest regards

Jemma Powell Assistant Principal

### **Important Dates**

**Tuesday 30th September–** Year 3 Swimming lessons

Friday 3rd October- Grandparents day

**Tuesday 7th October–** Year 3 Swimming lessons

**Friday 10th October–** St Blasius Parent Workshop

Friday 10th October- Hello Yellow Day

**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

**Tuesday 4th November–** Parents evening

**Wednesday 5th November–** Parents evening

### **Class Attendance**

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

Year R = 98.82%

Year 4 = 97.93%

Year 2 = 95.71%

Year 3 = 95.56%

Year 5 = 95.56%

Year 1 = 94.81%

Year 6 = 91.67%

### YEAR 3 TIM PEAKE CLASS

Tim Peake Class have been 'out of this world' this week and have been learning so much they may well take off into space!!

Now we are in Key Stage Two we use Destination Reader which helps us learn the different stems of reading, such as prediction, questioning

and clarifying and we have been using these to ask our reading partner questions about the text to check

understanding. Our book this half term is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes which is an adventure story and we are really enjoying it! We have been working hard learning how to be 'active listeners'.

We have also been learning how to illustrations to support the stories We had a virtual talk from author Mikey Please who told us the journey he takes from first ideas of a story to the finished, published article! He showed us sketches he

had created from his very first ideas and how they changed into the finished pieces in his books 'The Café at the edge of the Woods' and 'The Cave

downwind of the Café'. He certainly inspired the children to give it a go! It was so nice that Year 4s joined us too!





This past week we have all been given 'jobs' in the classroom - library leaders, table tidiers, book monitors, and our class Worship Leaders who are Mila and Amelia. They will be leading our daily prayers and supporting others as they take it in turns to lead our class worships.

We are keeping our fingers crossed for our applications for the various whole school roles we applied for!





# **St Blasius News**







### What can you do?



### Recycle

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.



livingstreets.org.uk/wow

Get involved on social media: #WALKTOSCHOOL  $\chi$  @Livingstreets f livingstreetsuk @ Livingstreets

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Company Living The Guarantee (England & Wales). Company Resistration No. 5988209.



# St Blasius Sports Report





Well done to our under 11 boys team who played Gatten and Lake at home yesterday.

### Team included:

Albie T Michael W

Johnny C Reggie R

Hugo C

Lincoln N

Arthur G

Grayson A

Archie C

Mason H

James M

Our Under 9 Boys's play tonight V Bembridge, good luck boys!

# St Blasius Stars of the week



Olivia Yr 1



Louie Yr 2



Mila Yr 3



Emilia Yr 5



Nancie Yr 4



Liezah 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 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.



| PARKING PERMIT  |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| DESIGNATED CAR<br>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<br>TERMTIMES ONLY AND<br>UNTIL END OF JULY | 2026                        |

### FOLD HERE

### 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                                      |  |
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| Tuesday   | Year 5 and Year 6 Boys Football Run by Mr Poplett                      |  |
| Tuesday   | KS2 Girls Football<br>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<br>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.



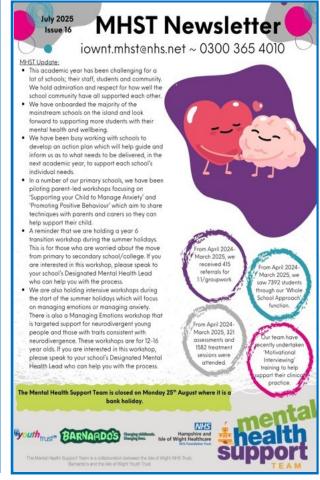




### Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Form 2025-26 Open Day/Evening dates (as at 20 July 2025)

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 – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.









M&S YOUNGMINDS

On October 10th, we are asking the staff and pupils to wear yellow in support of Young Minds. This is to raise awareness of Mental Health.

We are not asking for donations, however, if you would like to donate, there is a link attached.

Here's the link to your fundraising page: https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/jemmapowell

### **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.

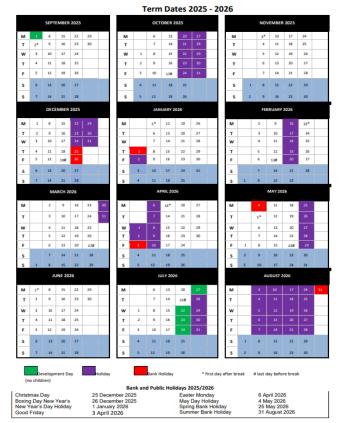
In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

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 2025





### **Relish and School Meals:**

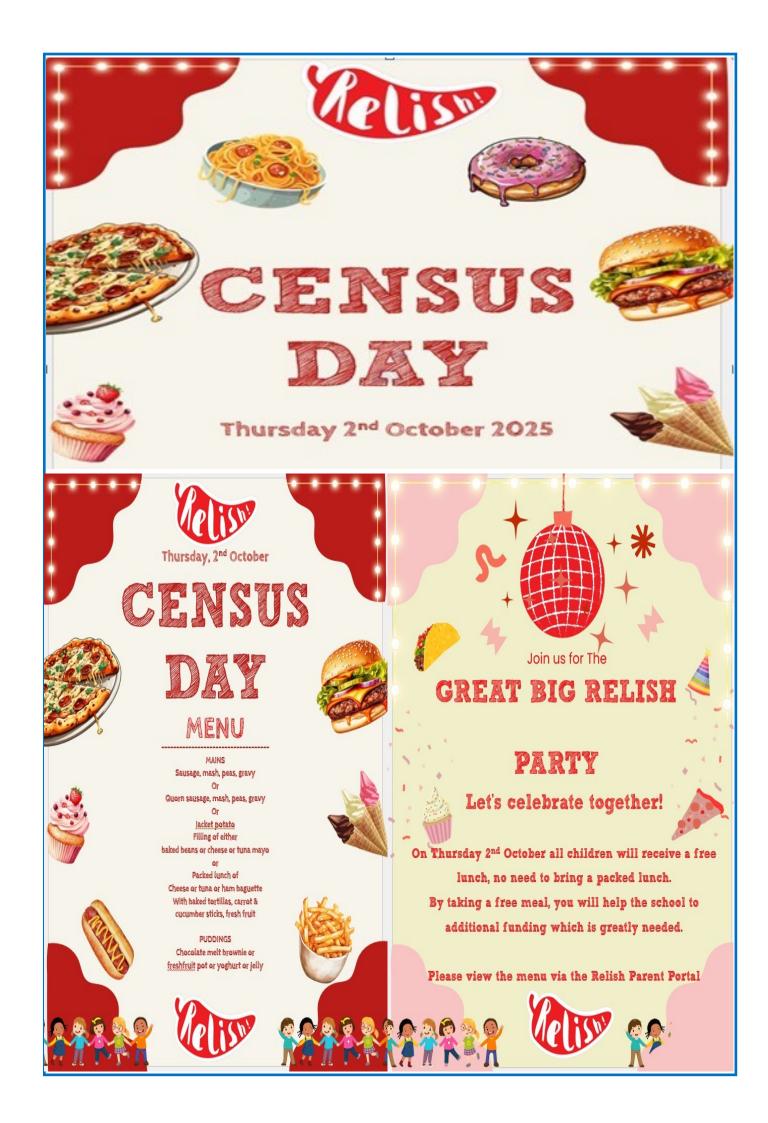
Children will no longer be able to book their meals in the classroom, all meals including home packed lunch should be booked via Relish.

### **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



# CHARITY ANIMAL FEEDING TOUR

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Principal: Chloe James BA (hons) PGCE PGcert Fellow IDTA DEx Dip

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### NEW BUILDERS WELCOME

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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.iow.sch.uk





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# 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

Website: bayceschool.org



# **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.

