



St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

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Newsletter 1

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St Blasius Church of England
Academy Shanklin

A Warm Welcome Back!

Dear St Blasius Families,

What an absolute joy it has been to welcome everyone back to St Blasius Academy! The school is positively buzzing with excitement, and there's nothing quite like that wonderful energy that fills our corridors when our fabulous, smiley children return. It truly is the heartbeat of our school community.

I'm delighted to extend a very warm welcome to our new team members who have joined us this term. Please join me in welcoming Miss Stevens, who will be working with our Year 4 children, and Miss Westmore, who is settling beautifully into Year 1. We're also thrilled to have Mrs Dunn with us as our higher level teaching assistant, and she'll be working across St Blasius, bringing her expertise to support our children's learning journey.

Of course, the biggest welcome of all goes to every single one of our wonderful children. Seeing their bright faces and hearing their laughter echoing through the school reminds us exactly why we do what we do. Each child brings their own unique spark to our community, and we couldn't be prouder to be part of their educational adventure.

Speaking of adventures, we have so many exciting experiences planned for this coming term! There's truly something special happening around every corner, and I encourage you all to keep checking Class Dojo regularly, so you don't miss a single moment of the fantastic learning and fun we have in store.

I'm particularly excited to announce the welcome return of our parent lunches, which will be starting next Friday with our Year 6 families. These occasions are such a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and share in the school experience.

Here's to what promises to be a brilliant term ahead!

The big question last week was:

If you could invite an inspirational person to dinner, who would it be and why?

Jesus. Arlo, Year 1

Vincent Van Gogh because I want to know how he drew the starry night.
Dolly Year 3

The drummer from Metallica because I want to learn how to play the drums like him. **Jasper, Year 4.**

The Wright Brothers because they created the first powered plane and i would love to know how it was done. **Jackson, Year 6**

The big question this week is:

What is your big dream?

Kind regards

Jemma Powell Assistant Principal



Important Dates

Tuesday 9th September– Year 3
Swimming lessons

Tuesday 16th September– Year 3
Swimming lessons

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

Year 6 blog 2025

What a wonderful start to Year 6 we have had! I am so proud of all the hard work and determination the children have put in these first few days. Year 6 is always an important year and I am looking forward to journeying through this new year group together!

As part of our curriculum, we do some fun quizzes at the beginning and end of each topic. We are using a new piece of software called Blooket – the children loved this and incorporates the fun into the learning!



Our topics for this term:

English – setting descriptions and persuasion.

Maths – calculating using knowledge of structures.

Reading - Skellig

History – World War Two

Computing – E-Safety

PDL – Water safety and zones of regulation

Art – discovering pastels.

French – my class

RE – Rituals

Science - circuits



As we are Year 6 the tests have started already – as part of maths we do an arithmetic test which is that quick thinking skills – even though the unexpected fire alarm went off during this children were fabulous. I am super impressed with their determination and ability to put across those skills!



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 6—Friday 12th September

YEAR 5– Friday 19th September

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.



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 TERM TIMES 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



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

- 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.

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

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	29 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Christ the King College	18 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
	06 November 2025	6 th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	1 st to 31 st October 2025	Year 6 Open Month
	3 November 2025 – 8 December 2025	6 th 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
Ryde Academy	8 October 2025	Y6 Open Evening
	19 November 2025	6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	4 October 2025 7 February 2026	Y6 and 6 th Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm
The Bay CE School	2 October 2025	Y6 Open Evening: 5-8pm
The Island VI Form	13 November 2025	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm
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	
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	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

• Please note St George's School is not offering open days.
Places are allocated via the SEND department.

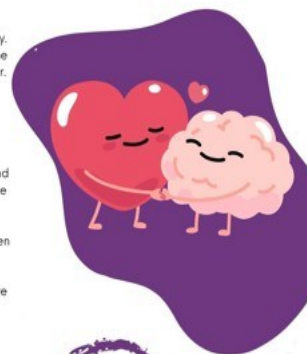
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MHST Newsletter

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MHST Update:

- This academic year has been challenging for a lot of schools; their staff, students and community. We hold admiration and respect for how well the school community have all supported each other.
- We have onboarded the majority of the mainstream schools on the island and look forward to supporting more students with their mental health and wellbeing.
- We have been busy working with schools to develop an action plan which will help guide and inform us as to what needs to be delivered, in the next academic year, to support each school's individual needs.
- In a number of our primary schools, we have been piloting parent-led workshops focusing on 'Supporting your Child to Manage Anxiety' and 'Promoting Positive Behaviour' which aim to share techniques with parents and carers so they can help support their child.
- A reminder that we are holding a year 6 transition workshop during the summer holidays. This is for those who are worried about the move from primary to secondary school/college. If you are interested in this workshop, please speak to your school's Designated Mental Health Lead who can help you with the process.
- We are also holding intensive workshops during the start of the summer holidays which will focus on managing emotions or managing anxiety. There is also a Managing Emotions workshop that is targeted support for neurodivergent young people and those with traits consistent with neurodivergence. These workshops are for 12-16 year olds. If you are interested in this workshop, please speak to your school's Designated Mental Health Lead who can help you with the process.



From April 2024 - March 2025, we received 415 referrals for 1:1/groupwork.

From April 2024 - March 2025, we saw 7392 students through our 'Whole School Approach' function.

From April 2024 - March 2025, 321 assessments and 1582 treatment sessions were attended.

Our team have recently undertaken 'Motivational Interviewing' training to help support their clinical practice.

The Mental Health Support Team is closed on Monday 25th August where it is a bank holiday.

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mental health support TEAM

The Mental Health Support Team is a collaboration between the Isle of Wight NHS Trust, Barnardos and the Isle of Wight Youth Trust.

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NEW!

OUT-OF-HOURS ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Busy schedule? We've got you covered.

We know daytime commitments can make it hard to attend our workshops — that's why we're now offering evening sessions online, designed to fit around your life.

Interested? Get in touch to find out more!

CALL US

01983 217791

For more information regarding MHST, please email Clinical Team Lead, Charlotte Young: Charlotte.young22@nhs.net

We have recently launched our new Facebook page, please follow us so you can find out more about our team as well as keep up-to-date with what we have been up to. We have struggled to find some of our school's pages, so please send us the link if we are not yet tagging you in our posts. We have already had people enquire about our workshops after seeing them on our Facebook page.



If your child/young person attends one of our summer workshops and requires further support afterwards, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.



We are very excited to announce that the Isle of Wight Mental Health Support Team was shortlisted as a finalist for a Healthcare Hero Award this year. Unfortunately, we didn't win, but this is a huge achievement for our team! Congratulations to the winners!

Ways to help your mental health this summer holiday:

1. Enjoy nature and turn off your phone for an afternoon by going for a walk or dipping your toes in the sea!
2. Cook a new dinner dish.
3. Pretend you're in the cinema, make a den and get some popcorn in.
4. Remember to look after yourself; brush your hair, clean your teeth, have a shower, and get changed out of your pjs.
5. Invite friends over for a cuppa.
6. Try a new exercise.
7. Deep clean one room in your house or car.
8. Write a journal or do some artwork.
9. KEEP TO A ROUTINE!
10. Remember you ARE special!



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 September. Enjoy your summer break!

Services who can support your mental health over the Summer holidays:

Samaritans

116 123

jo@samaritans.org

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

NHS

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OR

Visit A&E

The Mix

Crisis Messenger:

Text: THEMIX to 85256

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mental health support TEAM

The Mental Health Support Team is a collaboration between the Isle of Wight NHS Trust, Barnardos and the Isle of Wight Youth Trust.

We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



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

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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 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:



- Sleep
- 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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for young carers
and their families**

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page?id=VtapKDYstKA](https://familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk/kb5/iow/directory/advice.page?id=VtapKDYstKA)**



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 or 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.

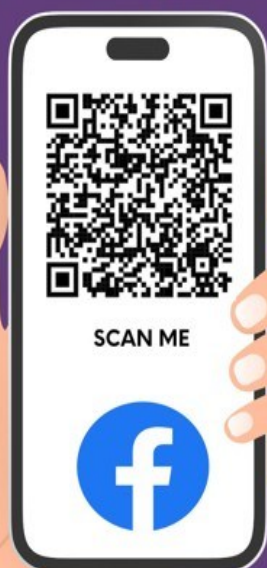
From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country are £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

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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upcoming workshops and support



mental
health
support
TEAM

Next Years Term Dates 2025-2026

Term Dates 2025 - 2026

SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025
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F 5 12 19 26	F 3 10 17 24 31	F 7 14 21 28
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MARCH 2026	APRIL 2026	MAY 2026
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JUNE 2026	JULY 2026	AUGUST 2026
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Development Day (no children) Holiday Bank Holiday * first day after break # last day before break

Bank and Public Holidays 2025/2026
 Christmas Day 25 December 2025
 Boxing Day New Year's 26 December 2025
 New Year's Day Holiday 1 January 2026
 Good Friday 3 April 2026
 Easter Monday 4 May 2026
 May Day Holiday 5 May 2026
 Spring Bank Holiday 31 May 2026
 Summer Bank Holiday 31 August 2026

New Autumn Menu September 2025



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Meat Feast Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Sunshine Rice	Turkey Pasta Bake to go with Homemade Garlic Bread, Peas	Meat & Potato Pie to go with Broccoli, Roast Potatoes, Gravy	Sausage to go with Peas, Mashed Potato, Gravy	Fish Cake to go with Baked Beans, Chips
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Vegetable Cous Cous	Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake to go with Homemade Garlic Bread, Mixed Salad	Veggie Cowboy Pie to go with Broccoli	Quorn Sausages to go with Peas, Mashed Potato, Gravy	Quorn Hotdog to go with Baked Beans, Chips
Combo	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Grated Cheese, No Topping	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Peas	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Grated Cheese, No Topping	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Peas	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce, Grated Cheese, No Topping
Packed lunch	Packed Lunch - Box 4 with Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Crunchie Vegetables and Flapjack to go with Ham Sandwich on White, Egg Mayo Roll, Cheese Roll	Packed Lunch - Box 2 with Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Carrot Cake Muffin and Fresh Fruit to go with Tuna Mayo Wrap, Cheese Bagel, Jerk Chicken Wrap	Packed Lunch - Box 4 with Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Crunchie Vegetables and Flapjack to go with Egg Mayo Sandwich on White, Cheese Baguette, Ham Roll	Packed Lunch - Box 2 with Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Carrot Cake Muffin and Fresh Fruit to go with Cheese Baguette, Tuna Mayo Wrap, Ham Wrap	Packed Lunch - Box 4 with Baked Tortillas & Salsa, Crunchie Vegetables and Flapjack to go with Ham Sandwich on White, Tuna Mayo Sandwich on White, Cheese Roll
...and to finish!	Chocolate Krispie Cake Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Oaty Fruit Crunch Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Sticky Pear and Chocolate Pudding to go with Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly	Chocolate Malt Brownies Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Pot, Yoghurt, Cheese and Biscuits, Jelly

Please speak to a member of the Catering Team or view relishschoolfood.co.uk for Allergen Information

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.

MUSIC LESSONS FOR KIDS AND FUN

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Concentration
Self Discipline
Better School Grades



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