

# Newsletter

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to Mrs Banks, Mrs Margetts, Mrs Wild or Mrs Colman



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Dear Families,

Hopefully you all received a letter from our Chair of Governors this morning, sharing the news that I was successful in the Headteacher recruitment process, and have happily accepted the position of Head at Holy Cross. We have a fantastic school with passionate and committed staff, and kind and enthusiastic children. I am very much looking forward to continuing to drive forward improvements, working in partnership with you, our families.

Again, we have had another busy, fun-filled week. We have been making, and eating, pesto pasta, creating fantastic animal factfiles, finding out all about seed dispersal and enjoying measuring using scales and thermometers.

Don't forget Monday is our World Maths Day celebration and Thursday is the last day of term. Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards, Mrs Lucie Banks

### Dates for your Diary

**25<sup>th</sup> March – World Maths**

**Day**

27<sup>th</sup> March – Maundy

Thursday Mass @ St

David's (pupils only)

**28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of**

**Spring 2**

**15<sup>th</sup> April – First day of**

**Summer 1**



### Church News

Masses this week – Holy Week

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** 9am St Thomas's, 11am St David's,  
5.30pm St Thomas's

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>** 10am St Thomas's

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup>** No Mass today

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** 9.45am St David's preceded by Adoration  
from 9.15am (Stations of the Cross at  
10.15am), 6pm St Thomas's preceded by  
Adoration from 5.30pm

**Thurs** 9.45am Holy Cross Primary Mass St David's,

**28<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper St Thomas's

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>** 11am East Cowes Churches Together Walk  
of Witness, The Passion of the Lord – 2pm St  
David's and 4.30pm St Thomas's

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Easter Vigil St Thomas's

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup>** 9am St Thomas's, 11am St David's, 5.30pm  
St Thomas's

Readings for Sun 24<sup>th</sup>: Mark 11:1-10, Isaiah 50:4-7, Psalm 21 and Philipians 2:6-11. The Gospel is taken from Mark 14:1-15:47.



### Year of Prayer

*Lord of Peace, on this coming  
Palm Sunday, as we remember  
Jesus' peaceful entry into  
Jerusalem, we pray for peace in  
our hearts, homes, and world.  
Amen*

### Attendance

Our target for whole school  
attendance is **97%**

Holy Cross whole school attendance  
this week is: **94%**

Reception: 94%

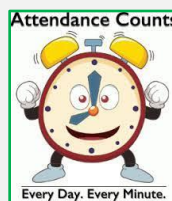
**Year 1 & 2: 97%**

**Year 3: 99%**

Year 4: 93%

Year 5: 94%

Year 6: 93%



### Certificate Winners!

Reception

Wilbur, Chiara and

Matilda

Year 1

Francesca and Daisy

Year 2

Jaxson, Eleanor and

Samuel

Year 3

Ieuan and Mikayla

Year 4

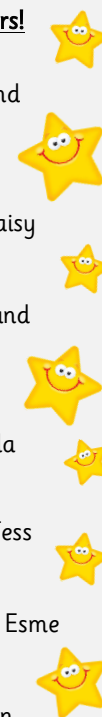
Milo, Layla and Jess

Year 5

Alfie, Joseph and Esme

Year 6

Sienna and Evlynn



### Menu

Just a reminder that school dinners are **£2.75**.

★ **Don't forget school lunches are free for all of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and for those pupils who are eligible** ★

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza</b> with wedges & vegetables	<b>Turkey Con Chilli</b> with wholegrain rice or <b>Macaroni Cheese</b>	<b>Roast Beef</b> with roast potatoes, vegetables & gravy	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers or Veggie Dippers</b> with vegetables & chips	
<b>Apple Crumble &amp; Custard</b>	<b>Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit</b>	<b>Chocolate &amp; Vanilla Marble Cake</b>	<b>Strawberry Ice Cream</b>	

### Available daily and comes with the above puddings

<b>Tomato Pasta</b> Penne pasta with homemade tomato and basil sauce	<b>Baguettes</b> A Choice of Ham, Cheese or Tuna	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> A Choice of Cheese, Beans, Tuna or Cheese and Beans
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Confident - Aspirational - Resilient - Enquiring - Spiritual

### Fantastic Mr Fox!

A huge well done to Ronnie and Molly, for their achievements outside of school.

Well done also to all who took part in the Isle of Wight Music and Dance Festival. You have all done brilliantly.

Don't forget to let us know if you feel your child deserves a Fantastic Fox award.



### World Maths Day



Don't forget our World Maths Day celebration on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

To celebrate all things maths, we will be taking part in a whole range of exciting maths-based activities throughout the day.

As part of our promotion of maths, we are re-launching TT Rockstars (a maths programme that supports the learning of times tables and helps to boost children's fluency in these), and we will be introducing Reception and Year 1 to Numbots, (a programme designed to support children in achieving the 'triple win' of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction).

To get into the spirit of things, children are invited to come into school dressed either as rock stars or robots.

### Mr Thompsett's Paris 2024 Olympic-themed Challenge

Mr Thompsett says:

*As part of Team GB's 'Get Set to Go Green Challenge', I would like you to design a delicious and nutritious plant-based burger for a Team GB athlete. You can be as creative as you would like, but please also be realistic. Remember, you are designing this for someone who is going to be competing for a Gold medal, whilst representing Team GB.*

*It is important to include labels on your design, so we know exactly which ingredients (MUST be plant-based) are being used.*

*Once completed, please give your design to your teacher before Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, and I will be selecting two designs from each year group. I look forward to receiving your creations.*

*Mr Thompsett #GetSetGoGreen #TeamGB*

