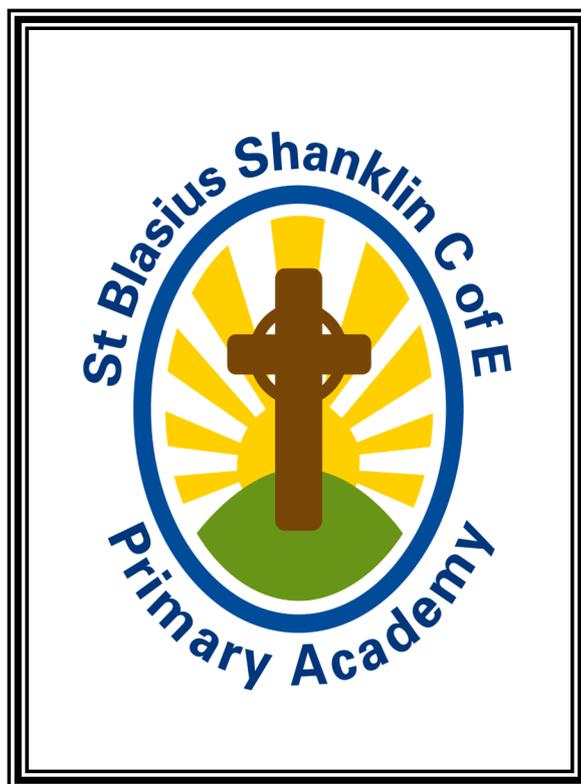


St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy



Prospectus

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Welcome to St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

'Enjoy and Achieve in the Presence of God'

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome you to St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy.

Our school is filled with talented staff, engaged pupils, involved parents and forward thinking governors. These attributes enable us to provide the best education for our children.



As our Academy continues to develop, so do the opportunities we provide for students. Robot building, music workshops, exciting science experiments and creative story writing are just a few examples of what makes our curriculum so engaging. Outside of the classroom, we are developing links with our local community, playing a variety of sports and taking part in varied extra-curricular clubs (including Ceilidh Dancing, Sports Clubs, Nature Team and Cookery Club!). All of our schooling activities aim to promote our 3 school values: Wisdom, Endurance and Friendship. As a school, we recognise the ever changing nature of learning. Skyping famous authors, using green screens and creating stop motion animations are just some examples of how teachers use technology to open up their classrooms to provide exciting learning for our children. Whilst keeping the future in mind, we also ensure that we celebrate the children's achievements of today through our Collective Worship and Superstar Assemblies; something the children love to do.

Overall, our Academy has a strong family feel and a great attitude towards learning.

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F Perkins'.

Mrs F Perkins
Interim Principal and CEO PaWDAT

Wisdom - Endurance - Friendship

About our school

St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy opened as a new school in 2013. It is part of The Portsmouth and Winchester Diocesan Academies Trust. The Trust currently sponsors 4 primary academies and is an umbrella sponsor for a fifth secondary academy.

Our school is on a well established site that has served the community of Shanklin since 1872. The school is an integral part of that community and is an important link in the history and development of the town. In Victorian times the school was known as Shanklin Parochial School (many of the old records are kept in School).

The original building housed the school until the 1970's when it was demolished to make way for the new building that we are housed in today. The school was temporarily housed in Fairy Court, Victoria Avenue. The new building was officially opened on 18th July 1983 and retains some elements of the old building; the most obvious is the bell tower with the original school bell.

The accommodation includes a purpose built nursery which is currently being used by Furzehill Child Care Ltd and as a holiday fun club.

Outside

We enjoy outside space at St Blasius. Year 5 and 6 are housed in a separate building. We have a playing field and a conservation area, which we use as an outside classroom.

We also have plenty of apparatus to play on in the playgrounds including climbing frames.



Furzehill Childcare Centre LTD

The school is very pleased to be working in close partnership with Furzehill Childcare Centre and Holiday Fun Club, which is housed within the school building. The Furzehill Childcare Centre offers childcare from birth, and an after school club between 3.00pm and 5.45 pm, and extensive Fun Club facilities for children up to 13 years of age in the holidays (including half-terms).

The Furzehill Childcare Centre Ltd is managed by Jill Wade-Smith who can be contacted on 01983 864897.



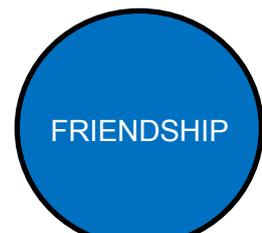
St Blasius Church

We have strong links with St Blasius Church. Pupils visit the Church regularly for special services including the Harvest Festival, Flower Festival and Christingle.



Our values

Our core Academy values are Endurance, Wisdom and Friendship. The three core values are displayed in every classroom and around the school. They promote the learning culture within our school and they feature in our collective worship. Teachers look for opportunities to incorporate them into the curriculum and promote them through key learning activities. They are incorporated into our behaviour and rewards system in a variety of ways including our weekly bridge award, weekly star of the week award and class dojo points system.



Our vision

Our vision at St Blasius is to create, within a framework of Christian Values, a thriving and successful Academy that sets the highest aspirations for pupils' attainment and behaviour; and enable children to excel academically and socially.

St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy is a happy school with strong links with parents, local churches and the community.

Our ethos

Our Academy ethos is the Christian belief that all people are uniquely created by God and loved by God. Children's education should be personalised and inclusive, ensuring excellence for all. It will raise standards and transform the chances of the community the Academy serves

Senior staff

Interim Principal:
and CEO PaWDAT
Mrs Fiona Perkins

Assistant Principal:
Mr Roger Lyon

Assistant Principal:
Ms Sarah Powell



Teaching staff

Sarah Powell	Reception teacher
Lorna Morey and Gayle Trevallion	Year 1 teacher
Dan Stirrup	Year 2 teacher
Roger Lyon	Year 3 teacher
Sally Wilson	Year 4 teacher
Paul Attrill	Year 5 teacher
Ellen Hicks	Year 6 teacher
Jemma Powell	Teacher
Sara Hodgson	Librarian

Office staff

Sarah Miselbach	School Business Manager
Clair Brayley	Clerical Assistant
Carole Wenman	Clerical Assistant
Georgina Watson	Administrator/ICT

Teaching Assistants/Support staff

Linda Egan	Julie Wilson	Moira McGimpsey
Juliet Jerram	Kevin Read	Dyan Northard
Cheralyn Powell	Sam Tate	Sheila Fallone (HLTA)

Midday supervisors

Steve Butler	Clair Brayley	Juliet Jerram
Dawn Brett	Jo Cooke	

Premises staff

Philip Wood	Sue Thomas	Denise Rostron
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Governing Body membership

<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>
Stephen Corbett	Chair of Governors
Rev'd Mark Williams	Governor
Tanya Smith	Governor
Jenna Crane	Governor
Barry Grant	Governor
Paul Barnard	Governor
Sheila Fallone	Governor
Carole Wenman	Clerk to Governors

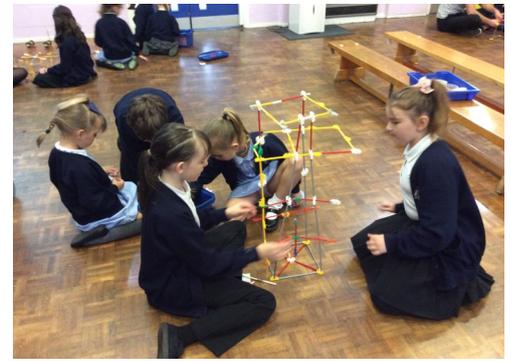
The Clerk to the Governing Body, can be contacted through the school office.

The Chair of Governors may also be contacted through the school office.

As St Blasius is an Academy Trust, the Governing Body of the school is an important group of volunteers who support the school's improvement and strategic development. They are the employers of all staff and run the school, through delegated powers to senior staff, as a non-fee paying independent school, directly accountable to the Department of Education.

The Governors have overall responsibility for running the school and are responsible for seeing that the school fulfils its legal requirements. Minutes of Governor's meetings, information and copies of current policies are available in the school office.





Our curriculum

We follow the national curriculum for Maths and English. For all other subjects, we follow the International Primary Curriculum. The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) is a comprehensive, thematic, creative curriculum for 3-11 year olds, with a clear process of learning and with specific learning goals for every subject, for international mindedness and for personal learning. This covers the National Curriculum.

Homework

The following is a guide regarding appropriate time allocations for homework activities:

Years 1 and 2 – 1 hour per week

Years 3 and 4 – 1.5 hours per week

Year R	Children will have sounds and words to learn, phonic games, reading books to practise and also weekly number activities.
Year 1	Phonics, reading, spelling, maths activities.
Year 2	Phonics, reading, spelling, comprehension work, English and Maths activities. Times tables practice.
Year 3	Reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar practice, English and Maths, activities. Times tables practice.
Year 4	Reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar practice, English and Maths, activities. Times tables practice.
Year 5	Reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar practice, English and Maths, activities. Times tables practice. Independent Learning Challenge.
Year 6	Reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar practice, English and Maths, activities. Times tables practice, SATs preparation tasks. Independent Learning Challenge.



School and home

Our school has an 'in it together' attitude to learning. We believe in letting parents and carers know what and how we are learning. We encourage two-way dialogue between school and home and support this through Parents' Evenings, meetings, curriculum information, class blogs on our website, IPC Exit Points, Reading Record Books and invitations to many of our acts of worship.



Outside school

We enjoy strong links with local schools (both primary and secondary), community churches and local businesses. This, along with the fact that we are on the Isle of Wight, gives us plenty of opportunities for local projects. We also enjoy going on residential and day school trips. Recent adventures have included visiting Carisbrooke Castle, and Blackgang Chine and residential trips to the mainland. We also have a range of visitors to the school.



Our local community

Our school is at the centre of our community. Many local businesses and people give us their support and are always very generous when we fund raise for school equipment. People in the community, including local fire crew, police officers and authors often visit us and tell us about what they do. We also visit people outside and take part in community activities such as enjoying the Harvest Festival and Flower Festival at our local church.



Our school community

We are a friendly school; we like to collaborate with each other. The older children often act as buddies' for the younger children, helping them with House Activities, reading and playground activities at playtime. Even parents and carers make friends with each other when they come to collect our children at the end of the school day.



Our House system

When the children join our school they are placed in one of the four Houses, St Andrew (blue) St David (yellow), St George (red) and St Patrick (green). They will remain in this House during their time in the school. Brothers, sisters, and cousins if possible, will be in the same House. Children will be given Dojo points for working hard and showing effort, for doing something very well, for being helpful, for being polite and showing consideration to others. The Dojo points earned by your child will be added to the weekly, termly, and yearly total of the House. You will receive updates if you sign up! The House system also helps in giving a focus for Sports Day etc. Dojos are celebrated in our Friday assemblies.

Collective Acts of Worship

We have five collective Acts of Worship a week. The whole school attends a daily act of worship which is taken by the teachers, guests or the children. These underpin the Christian values and ethos of the school community and provide opportunities for prayer, reflection and celebration. We have strong connections with local churches, the main one being St Blasius' Church. The school celebrates special occasions in the Church year and in the life of the community. Parents may withdraw their children from these activities. Parents are invited to attend our Friday morning Celebration Assembly which starts at 9am.



Activities

Extra-curricular activities

A large number of our clubs and activities are run free of charge by our staff. Others are offered for a small charge by outside coaches and teachers. Clubs vary depending on demand and the season, but regularly include: sport, games, gardening, cooking, art, drama, reading and country dancing etc.

Activities Week

During activities week each class takes part in a visit or activity held at school whilst Year 6 are away on their residential trip. Last year they visited Mill Rythe and took part in many exciting activities. Classes will also take part in visits that complement the topics they are learning.



General Information

Admissions

The administration of admission arrangements are dealt with centrally by the Local Authority. Our current admission number is 30.

Admissions Department, Education Department, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight.
Telephone 01983 821000

School visits by prospective parents are always welcome. Please make an appointment through the School office by phoning 01983 862444 or emailing: admin@stblasiusacademy.iow.sch.uk.

Starting school

In the term prior to their entry in to Reception, children will be invited into school for visits. This will help them become familiar with the surroundings and routines of school. There will also be an opportunity for you to talk to staff.

Times of the school day

School starts at 8.45 am

Playtime is from 10.30 to 10.45 am

Lunchtime is from 12.00pm to 12.55 pm for KS1 and 12.10pm to 12.55 pm for KS2

Home time is at 3.00 pm

For safety reasons all children who arrive or leave during the school day must be signed in or out with the office. Children who arrive after 8.45 are deemed to be late and will need to be signed in at the academy office.

Medical Information

Parents are requested to inform the school about any medical conditions, dietary requirements etc, as they arise and at least annually.

If a child becomes ill during the school day, parents will be informed as soon as possible. In the case of an accident then one of our qualified first aiders will treat the injury and parents will be informed by a slip sent home unless the accident involves a head injury when a phone call home will be made.

Long Hair and Jewellery

For safety reasons long hair should be tied back. No large bows are to be worn.

For safety reasons, rings, necklaces and bracelets should not be worn. If your child has pierced ears, then small ear-studs only may be worn and should be removed during PE.

School uniform

What a child wears to school reflects their attitude to learning. It portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values. We have a very simple uniform that pupils should wear:

Reception Class

White polo shirt with school logo (no ties)

Trousers - Black or dark grey

Skirt/pinafore – Navy or dark grey

School navy blue V neck sweatshirt/
cardigan with logo

Pale blue and white check dress in
summer

Socks or tights should be grey, black or
navy and shoes black and sensible. No
boots, heels or open toe sandals.



All other years

White shirt and school tie or a white polo
shirt with school logo (no tie)

Trousers - Black or dark grey

Skirt/pinafore – Navy or dark grey

School navy blue V neck sweatshirt/
cardigan with logo

Pale blue and white check dress in
summer

Socks or tights should be grey, black or
navy and shoes black and sensible. No
boots, heels or open toe sandals.



PE kit – all years

Black or navy shorts , academy blue t-
shirt , plimsolls. (In the event of cold
weather a tracksuit may be worn over the
PE kit)

Children are given a 'house' coloured
drawstring bag for their PE kit and a
bookbag when they start school. School
uniform is available online from

www.kidsandcodirect.co.uk or at:
Kids and Co, 22 High Street, Ryde, Isle of
Wight, PO33 2HW Tel: 01983 615244



Absence from school

Please let the school office know by telephone on each day of your child's absence; you may phone the school office from 8.00 am and or leave a message on the answering-machine (24 hours). A letter must be brought in on return to school giving the reason for absence. Failure to do so may result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised. Regular attendance at school and punctuality at lessons are important for your child's progress so we follow up any unexplained absence or lateness. If your child is regularly absent or late for school, an Education Welfare Officer will be asked to contact you. We ask that all doctor and dentist appointments are made out of school hours wherever possible. Patterns of attendance are regularly monitored and analysed.

Holiday during term time

If you wish to remove your child from school for any reason other than illness, a 'request to remove child from education form' will need to be completed and returned to the academy office with at least one months notice.

Parental consent forms

When a child starts at our school, parents are asked to complete a consent form giving permission for using the internet, being photographed, videoed, appearing in the media, being checked for head lice, etc. This consent covers their time at this school unless you notify the school otherwise. We will ask you annually if your preference has changed.



Volunteer helpers in school

We actively encourage parents (mums, dads and grandparents) to work with us in the classroom and to become a natural part of the school environment. As parents you all have a range of extra skills that we can use to benefit all the children. Parents have helped and do help in a wide range of differing activities throughout the school and on a normal working day we are very fortunate to have several parents working with us in the school. All volunteer helpers are subject to being DBS checked and checked against the ISA Barred list.

Parent Teacher Association

The PTA is a group of parents, who fund raise for extra items and treats for your children, (Christmas parties, leavers presents, paying for theatre groups/entertainers to visit, providing extra books and resources, etc). Events that take place during the year include the Summer Fete, Christmas Fayre, discos, sponsored events etc. Your support is essential and the PTA welcome any help you are able to offer, from helping to run a stall at the fete or fayre, to wrapping presents for the Christmas Party!

Policies

For a copy of any of our policies or any other information you require, please contact the school office. Policies are also available on the website www.stblasiusacademy.co.uk.

School Council

Our School Council is made up from elected children, to ensure that the views from across the whole school are heard. They meet on a regular basis to discuss and plan various developments.





Parent teacher consultations and written reports

During the year there are two Parents' Evenings, which give a very important opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss educational and social progress. During the Spring Term, parents receive a written report of their child's progress. Parents are also invited to come into school to discuss the report. If parents are worried about their child's progress at any time, or there is any other kind of problem, we urge parents to come and see us so that things can be sorted out straight away. It is advisable to speak to the class teacher in the first instance, but the Principal is always available to speak to parents.

Behaviour

High standards of discipline, consideration for others and behaviour are expected in school at all times. We have clear, shared school rules that are based on the need for us all to care for other people's safety, health and well being. We encourage our pupils to be friendly, polite and to conduct themselves in a quiet manner. Aggressive or dangerous behaviour towards others is not tolerated. Should children disregard or disobey school rules, then children understand the consequences. The school has a Behaviour Policy which parents are welcome to read.

Detentions

Detentions for specific behaviour, as outlined in the Behaviour Policy, are occasionally given to children in years 5 and 6.

School meal

A school meal is currently £1.95 per day (£2.05 from September 2019). All money should be put in a named envelope and given to the class teacher or the school office. School dinner money should be paid on a Monday, or if you prefer it can be paid for the whole/half term in advance. An online payments system is available, for both dinner money and trips. Please enquire at the Academy Office for link codes to create your account. The weekly menu is printed on our weekly newsletter, which is also available to view on the school website www.stblasiusacademy.co.uk. Children in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to a free cooked meal. You may wish to provide your child with a packed lunch – In line with our Whole school food policy only water or milk should be included in lunch boxes, no nuts/nut products or sweets, please. Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you are in receipt of benefits – an application form is available in confidence from the Office.

Water/Playtime snacks/Milk

The children are invited to bring a sports-top water bottle to school filled with plain water (not flavoured water, squash or other flavoured drinks). Children are allowed access to these at all times of the school day. There is a water cooler in the school hall for the children to use.

The children may bring a snack to eat at morning playtime, but it must be either a piece of fruit or vegetable (no sweets, chocolates, crisps, snack bars or biscuits). Toast, tea-cakes and juice are available to buy at morning break from the school kitchen.

Milk is provided free to all children until their 5th birthday.

