



Wootton Community Primary School

Dates for your diary:

11.10.21- School photos
Half-term Thursday 14th October (staff Development Day Friday 15th October), return Monday 1st November.
09.11.21 - Parents evening (more details to follow)
10.11.21- Parents evening (more details to follow)
08.12.21- Christmas performance 1.30pm & 6pm (more details to follow)
09.12.21- Christmas performance 1.30pm & 6pm (more details to follow)
16.12.21- Christmas Dinner (more details to follow)
17.12.21- Christmas parties (more details to follow)
20.12.21- Christingle service (children only)
Break up for Christmas Monday 20th December (staff Development Day Tuesday 21st December), return Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Break up for half-term Friday 18th February 2022, return Monday 28th February 2022.

Break up for Easter Friday 8th April 2022, return Monday 25th April 2022
09.05.22- End of Key Stage 2 SATs

Break up for half-term Friday 27th May 2022, return Monday 6th June 2022

12&13.07.22- Transition days

Final day for children Thursday 21st July 2022 (staff Development Day Friday 22nd July 2022)

8th October 2021

Dear Parents,

What an incredible week we have had! The rain stopped and the children have taken part in a range of fantastic activities. On Tuesday I felt so incredibly proud of the whole school community during our Harvest service at St Marks church. All the children in years one to six took part with such enthusiasm and energy, treating us to singing and spoken word, with impeccable behaviour and kindness shown from the older children to the younger children. I can honestly say I was overwhelmed with such a sense of pride. Thank you to the parents who walked with us and also to you all for the vast amount of donations given which have been taken to the central food bank to be distributed across the Island. Mr Harry Kirby, a retired Headteacher and church warden was overcome with emotion during the service due to the wonderful singing the children performed. We discussed after the service how much value children singing brings to everyone's well being, and I am so grateful that the staff at Wootton Primary School share my enjoyment and passion for children to be involved in these events. We are looking forward, with the hope that we will be able to continue to meet together, to the next service and indeed the whole school Christmas performance in December.

In our celebration assembly today, sports was the theme! We congratulated Theo R, Theo L, Ben, Ethan and Owen from Year 5 and Katie, Jack, Jimi, Bailey and Oliver from Year 6 who took part in a football match on Tuesday. Also Theo L and Eli from Year 5 and Lily-Mae, Katie, Amelie C, Ethan, Dylan Jimi, Franky and Jack from Year 6 who took part in a tag rugby festival yesterday. Well done to all of the children representing the school so well – please read the sports news section for more information. We enjoyed hearing about the different activities children are participating in outside of school. Lucy in Year 1 has gained her first horse riding rosette, Charlie in Year 2 has passed his first golf training, both Caleb in Year 2 and Huxley in Year 4 have achieved swimming awards and Gabrielle in Year 6 has passed her yellow belt exam in Karate. What talented children Wootton Primary has!

Our top five coin scoring children in TTRS this week are Huxley, Koby, Edinburgh all in Year 4, Alfie A in Year 3 and Travis in Year 2 - well done boys for all earning 5 House Points for your Houses. Please feel free to come along and join us in assembly if your child is Star Pupil - it would be lovely to see you. **Please note next week's assembly will be at 9am on Thursday.**

We hope you were pleased with your child's Christmas card design and that you have placed your order online. If you have forgotten to do so and have not returned your child's design to school then you can do so on Monday at the absolute latest as these will be collected on Tuesday.

Don't forget on Monday we have the school photographer in! If you requested a slot for family pictures with siblings not at Wootton Primary you should have received a time from Miss Holmes. All siblings in school will have their photographs automatically taken in school.

Year 6 had an incredible morning at UKSA yesterday and Miss Salter was so impressed with the children's engagement and in particular the support they gave to each other. Well done Year 6!

Over the last two weeks Year 3 have been working with the NCC to design and produce flags for the 'Crossing the Bar event' in Wootton next Friday. Please see the email sent out this morning with the details of how you can take part and look out for some children performers! Sadly, as the school is closed next Friday for us to finally move everyone back into the building, I will not be able to take part in the walk and watch some of our children take part but please do go along and support the event if you can.

It was so encouraging to see many new faces at the PTA meeting last night. Thank you to those who joined. The PTA work so hard for all the children in school and their fund raising events are crucial to the school. I would like to express my particular thanks to the committee who have agreed to remain in post for another year whilst training some other parents to be able to take the reins from her next year. Our thanks also go to Sarah White-wood has stepped down as vice Chair after giving so much of her time over the last few years, she has been a crucial part of the PTA team and will be missed. Look out for the dates coming up so following the many great ideas discussed at the meeting. Once the builders have left the school grounds we would like to use PTA funds to develop outside learning and create a reading shed for playtimes.

In the meantime I wish you all a lovely weekend - I cannot believe the children only have four days left before they have their two week half-term!



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a very busy week in Year 1 this week! I am so proud of all of the children for standing up and performing in their first Harvest Festival and everyone really enjoyed themselves! In English, we have continued our work on 'Peace at Last' and have been learning actions to retell the story, creating a storyboard and considering how Mr Bear feels throughout the book. We also really enjoyed our geography lesson this week, where we looked at different map symbols and created our own symbols for the rooms and areas of the school. In science, we have been looking at our senses of sight and hearing, and have done various activities to explore these such as listening to sounds and music with our eyes closed and trying to guess what is playing and sketching what we can see on our school field.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have enjoyed a very busy week. In English we started some work on poetry. The children enjoyed acting out the different poems and have particularly focussed on the use of rhyme. They also sorted words to find words that rhyme. In Maths we have looked at partitioning and have used counters and part/whole models to help partition numbers higher than 20. Pupils have also been on a walk around the school site taking texture rubbings and used observations to explain what they can see in photographs.



WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Maths we started a new topic about money. We practised making totals using different combinations of coins and solved problems involving money. In English we looked at the features of acrostic poems and wrote our own poems about Sophie and the BFG. We learnt about shadows in Science this week and investigated how shadows are formed and how shadows change size. We thought carefully about different ways to show the results of our investigations. On Thursday the Carnival Company came into school again to help us make our flags. The children used their designs to carefully paint the flag. They look amazing, well done Year 3!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

Our English lessons this week have been about a new story: The Sword in the Stone. We are going to write a newspaper article about what happened, so we have spent time looking at examples of good newspaper articles and developing our understanding of how we can capture that journalistic tone in our writing. In maths, the children have shown amazing perseverance with equivalent fractions as they found it a tricky topic to begin with but are now making super progress because of their hard work and resilience. The children have also been making progress with their times tables so well done to all of you for practising at home using Times Table Rockstars or other activities. We have also been designing illuminated letters ready for printing next week, and exploring some more aspects of Anglo-Saxon life.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year 5 children have been busy learning to interpret tables and graphs. They have learnt to interpret data and to then plot points on a line graph to represent that data. In English, the children have begun writing their narratives in the style of author Lemony Snickett. They planned out their writing piece by first deciding on the plot points, time adverbials, Lemony Snickett phrases, and vivid vocabulary that they would use. They are now in drafting mode and will check their final piece against a set of success criteria to make sure they've included all of the task requirements. In science the children discussed the meaning of reversible change vs irreversible change. They then needed to classify changes correctly. For example, a log burning is an irreversible change while chocolate melting is reversible.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 6 had an amazing time at UKSA! I was so proud of all the children, it was so nice to see them all enjoying themselves and working together to support each other. The children learned how to sail and were all confident on the water no matter their previous experience. Their behaviour was impeccable and the UKSA staff were so impressed! Well done year 6!

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we started to look at the story book called The Hungry Caterpillar. We read the story and drew a picture of a caterpillar before attempting to write a 'c'. We all did a really great job. We also looked at quantities and used the terms 'more', 'fewer' to describe amounts. As a class we talked about healthy /unhealthy foods and made a list of different food types. The children had a very good understanding of this.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Macaroni Cheese, with Ice Cream for Pudding.

TUESDAY— Chicken Pie, with Brownie for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Gammon, with Shortbread for pudding.

THURSDAY — Beef Bolognese, with Crumble for Pudding.

Star Pupils

Carisbrooke

Bembridge

Newchurch

Newtown

Freshwater

Appley

Quinn

Brody

Piper

Blaise

Summer

Violet S

Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates.

Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.

**Please ensure
you email an
absence note
within 2 weeks
of your child
being absent,
otherwise it
will be marked
down as
unauthorised.**



	Attendance This Week (%)	Rolling Attendance since Sept (%)
Yaverland	93.4	97.3
Carisbrooke	91.9	92
Bembridge	94.8	94.1
Newchurch	98.3	98.3
Newtown	99.5	99.5
Freshwater	94	94
Appley	96.8	96.6
Whole School	95.7	95.1

***The class with the best
attendance this week
was:
Newtown***

	Lates This Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	1	3
Carisbrooke	3	7
Bembridge	2	8
Newchurch	0	2
Newtown	0	1
Freshwater	2	9
Appley	0	0
Whole School	8	29
Total Minutes	114	296

***Our school target is
96.5%.
We are currently
BELOW target, and
aim for our children
to be in school 100%
of the time!***

Sports News

On Tuesday the Year 5/6 Football team took on Gatten and Lake. Our first home game of the season gave us the chance to build on the successes of our cup tournament earlier this half-term. From the outset it was clear that Gatten and Lake were a good side and the game would be a challenge. Unfortunately, we lost 4-0. Despite the result there were some fantastic performances. Oliver Mc in goal made some very important saves and the defending by Jimi, Jack and Owen was critical in keeping the score down. The entire team should be proud of their performances and I'm sure results will soon be more favourable. Well done to Ben, P, Theo L, Theo R, Owen D and Ethan P from Year 5 and Jimi L, Jack Mc, Oliver Mc, Katie A and Bailey T from Year 6 for your effort and continuing to represent the school admirably.

Unfortunately Niton wasn't able to travel (due to circumstances out of their control) on Wednesday. I know the Year 3/4 Boys were incredibly excited to play their first game for Wootton and this fixture will be rearranged for after half-term. Be patient boys, your time will come!

Our biggest event of the week was the U11 Mixed Tag Rugby tournament on Thursday afternoon. The Cowes Cluster event is always well attended and often primary schools from other areas will choose to compete with us because of the level of competition and the ethos the tournament is played in. There were 11 teams in total split across 2 groups. Wootton were placed in a group alongside Bembridge A, Priory, Yarmouth and Cowes Primary. It is worth mentioning that the team had not played together prior to yesterday afternoon and although the Year 6's learnt Tag Rugby in Year 5, we effectively learnt the game as the afternoon progressed!

Our first game against Bembridge A was tough and they were clearly well drilled. The score ended up as 6-3 to Bembridge A, however the game was far closer than the scoreline suggested. Until the final minute the score never extended past a single try lead. Close, but it was clear that Wootton would only improve!

Next we played Cowes and it was clear that Wootton had taken confidence from the first game. We were always on top and it was great to see some stand out individual moments. Free flowing attacking and amazing last ditch tag tackles! Wootton won 5-3.

Up next was Yarmouth who had some very fast and talented young lads! Despite this Wootton battled all the way to the final whistle. In the last few seconds Wootton scored to win 3-2! A great result and one which gave us the chance to qualify for the semi-final. Something I sneakily kept secret from the team.

Our final group game was against Priory and it was a really close match. Both teams had mastered the basics of the game by now and were applying some flair and improvisation. The score always stayed close with neither team dominating. Wootton took the lead with about 2 minutes to go. 4-3. Priory always looked threatening and it was only due to a great last ditch tag tackle by Jimi that meant they didn't level the game in the dying seconds. A special mention to Lily-Mae who scored the try of the afternoon! A great solo run after intelligently working out the space was behind us and then out to the wings. Even I had to celebrate that one a bit! Wootton won 4-3 and made it to the semi-final.

Our semi-final against Queensgate was a close game and it was clear they are a good side. The final score was 4-2 to Queensgate. However, a final second try inflated the scoreline and the game was far closer than it suggests. A day at UKSA and 4 tough, fast games looked to have taken their toll! Which is why I was surprised that when the organisers offered a 3rd place playoff game, the children cheered at the prospect. The children's resilience shone through and they were ready for another chance to succeed.

The 3rd/4th place playoff game was extremely close. Neither Gurnard nor Wootton looked on top and the lead changed several times. At the final whistle the scores were locked at 3-3. A golden try was needed to settle the match - the next scorer wins! Wootton battled all the way to Gurnard's try line only to just fall short and we were caught offside. With the very next possession Gurnard scored.

Wootton finished the afternoon 4th overall.

A huge congratulations to Eli and Theo L from Year 5 and Jimi, Katie, Lily-Mae, Amelie, Franky, Ethan, Jack and Dylan from Year 6. At short notice you came together well as a team and exceeded all expectations - you should be proud of your achievement.

Next week our U11 Girls Tag Rugby team get their chance in a tournament also to be held at Queensgate on Tuesday. Also, the U11 Girls football team begin their season on Wednesday against Yarmouth.

Please see photos below of the football team, and some shots of the tag rugby team in action.



SANDOWN SOCCER

at The Bay CE Secondary

For children aged 5-11

Week 1: 18th - 22nd October
Week 2: 25th - 29th October

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM £12 a day

- Fully FA Qualified coaches -
- ★ With First Aid, Safeguarding children and DBS checked.
- ★ Skill development and games!
- Win medals and trophies throughout the week with our Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar and Speed Champion competitions as well as Most Improved, Best Attitude and Future Star awards!
- ★ Finish the week with a Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will become World Champions!

PLAYER OF THE DAY WINS A FREE SANDOWN SOCCER T-SHIRT!!!

SANDOWN SOCCER

Monday - Friday
10am - 3pm
5 hours of fun EVERY day!

Only £12 a day!
Find us on facebook: Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

For any information contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)
07594 389531
sandownsoccer@yahoo.com

Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to 07594 389531

Starlit Trail

WESSEX CANCER TRUST

See the Isle of Wight in a different light
Friday, 15 October, 6pm-8pm
Ventnor Botanic Garden

Join us for an illuminated walk through the beautiful botanic gardens with live entertainment and some surprises along the way!

Adult: £15 | Child: £10 | Family of four: £35

Book today at
www.wessexcancer.org.uk/event/starlit-trail

Reg Charity Number: 1110216

40th BIRTHDAY

The West Wight Mission Community are pleased to present ...
at St Mary's Church, Brighstone PO30 4QH
On Tuesday 26th October at 2.00pm

ST MARY'S-IOW
BRIGHSTONE, ISLE OF WIGHT, PO30 4QH

FLORENCE
AND THE MERMAID'S TEARS

TUE 26TH OCT 14:00

FREE ENTRY - MINI MUSICAL
BOOK THROUGH EVENTBRITE OR YOUR CHURCH
SEE THE FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS & UPDATES

The Adventures of Florence and the Mermaid's Tears is a mini Musical, written specially for Portsmouth, family-friendly and climate relevant

Suitable for adults and children. Admission is free

To reserve places and for information go to:
www.eventbrite.com and search for Florence at St Mary's or
email: westwightrector@gmail.com

Isle of Wight Parent Workshops

Autism Hampshire are holding a course for families of children and young people on the autism spectrum which is funded by your council.



Workshop Details

The aim of the course is to provide insight, advice and support to family members of children on the autism spectrum during the diagnostic pathway. Each session will explore a child's unique experiences, and suggest practical ways in which their differences can be accommodated and supported.



What will happen during the course?

There are 6 workshops which last up to 3 hours. The workshops are open to family members and others closely associated with the care and support of your child and young person.

The course is not open to professionals unless they are attending in their capacity as parent or carer.

Schedule

Session 1 - Towards Understanding Autistic Children and Young People.

This session will provide the foundations and context for the other sessions.

Session 2—Towards Understanding Autistic Children and Young People: Thinking.

This will explore differences in brain structure and how this generates some unique styles of thinking for each individual. Which includes some practical suggestions on how to support areas of difficulty.

Session 3—Towards Understanding Autistic Children and Young People: Communication.

This workshop discusses autistic perspectives on the use and processing of communication and strategies for adapting interactions.

Session 4 - Towards Understanding Autistic Children and Young People: Social.

This session will focus on rethinking social expectations concerning your child and developing relationships.

Session 5 - Towards Understanding Autistic Children and Young People: Sensory.

This session looks at sensory perception, how it manifests itself in behaviour, and strategies to either alert or calm your child as appropriate.

Session 6 - Towards Understanding Autistic Children and Young People: Behaviour.

This session will explore how accepting, understanding and adapting to how your child sees the world can dramatically reduce anxiety and behaviours of concern.

COURSE DATES:

Group 1—6-9pm

Monday 13th September
Monday 20th September
Monday 27th September
Monday 4th October
Monday 11th October
Monday 18th October

Group 2—9:15-12:15

Tuesday 21st September
Tuesday 28th September
Tuesday 5th October
Tuesday 12th October
Tuesday 19th October
Tuesday 2nd November

Group 3—9:15-12:15

Tuesday 14th September
Tuesday 21st September
Tuesday 28th September
Tuesday 5th October
Tuesday 12th October
Tuesday 2nd November

Group 4—9:15-12:15

Monday 8th November
Monday 15th November
Monday 22nd November
Monday 29th November
Monday 6th December
Monday 10th January

Group 5—6-9pm

Monday 1st November
Monday 8th November
Monday 15th November
Monday 22nd November
Monday 29th November
Monday 6th December

Group 6—9:15-12:15

Thursday 11th November
Thursday 18th November
Thursday 25th November
Thursday 2nd December
Thursday 9th December
Thursday 13th January

Group 7—9:15-12:15

Monday 10th January
Monday 17th January
Monday 24th January
Monday 31st January
Monday 7th February
Monday 14th February

Group 8—6-9pm

Monday 10th January
Monday 17th January
Monday 24th January
Monday 31st January
Monday 7th February
Monday 14th February

Group 9—9:15-12:15

Tuesday 18th January
Tuesday 25th January
Tuesday 1st February
Tuesday 8th February
Tuesday 15th February
Tuesday 1st March

These sessions will all be held virtually via Zoom. After you have received confirmation of booking, you will be sent a link to join.

To book on to a group please email:

trainingadmin@autismhampshire.org.uk

Please be aware that occasionally we may not be able to offer a specific course if we do not have sufficient participants booked on. Where this happens we will ensure we give you five working days notice.

Year 6 UKSA

