



Wootton Community Primary School

29th April 2022

Dates for your diary:

Week of 9th May - Year 6

SATS

Fri 13th May—Pyjama rama day

Mon 30th May—Fri 3rd June—Half Term

Fri 10th June—PTA Event—Royal Disco (more details to follow)

Tues 21st June—Hat and Sunglasses Day (more info to follow)

Tues 5th-Fri 8th July—Year 6 Residential

Sat 9th July—Mardi Gras

Tues 12th & Weds 13th July 2022 - Transition days

Fri 15th July—PTA Summer Event (more details tbc)

Thurs 21st July—Year 6 leavers service, family picnic with Year 6 presentation @ noon, day finishing at 1:30pm for the term.

Fri 22nd July—Development Day (school closed to children)

Dates for 2022-2023:

Thurs 1st Sept—

Development Day

Fri 2nd Sept—Development

Day

Monday 5th Sept—Children

in years 1-6 return

Weds 7th Sept—Year 6 start

Dear Parents,

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and were able to get out and about and experience the beautiful weather we had - what a difference the sun makes! Whilst we are still continuing to see the sun, it is unpredictable and can be quite cold, therefore can you please ensure your child still brings a coat to school. Thank you.

Thank you to the PTA for arranging the PJs and Popcorn event today after school and to everyone who helped to run the event. I look forward to spending time with the children and hope that they enjoy the films. The next school event is Friday 10th June when we will hold our Jubilee Royal disco. We have decided to celebrate the Queen's jubilee after the event has taken place, as this falls during half-term, so that the children will have gained some different experiences and knowledge about the special celebrations. We are hoping to have a range of different activities throughout the day on the 10th including a lunch picnic, please look out for more information soon.

I cannot believe we are at the end of the first week back in our last term of the school year. I can assure you this will be a busy one with lots of different activities for the children as well as transition events to ensure that the children are ready for their next stage of learning. I am currently in the process of arranging staffing for September but can share that we will have a new teacher joining us. Mr David Scurr will be joining the team and leading Maths for us from September. Once we have placed staff in to year groups we will be able to share who your child will have in September. As teachers have until the end of May half-term to resign we have to wait until after this to make the final arrangements for September. I appreciate how this can be frustrating for you and the children, however it is important that we get the staffing structure right for each class. We will hold our transition days, in-line with High School transition, on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th July when the children will spend the days in their new classroom with their new staff. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's staff team and hear about some of the topics they will cover from 9 to 9.30am both mornings. On Wednesday 13th July between 3.15 and 4.45pm, you will also have the chance to meet with your child's current teacher if you wish to discuss their report. End of year reports will be sent home on Friday 8th July. For children in Year 6, this will be on Monday 11th July.

Our sports events this year, weather permitting, will take place for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 during the afternoon of Thursday 14th July and Key Stage 2 during the afternoon of Friday 15th July. We are then hoping to hold a summer PTA event after school on Friday 15th - more details to follow soon. The children's last day will be Thursday 21st July which will include our Year 6 leavers presentation and a family picnic at 12pm with school finishing at 1.30pm. I am so pleased that we will be able to hold all our traditional events again this year. Please look out for more details nearer the time.

Our Year 6 children are working hard to prepare for their SATs assessments which will take place from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May. Friday 13th May will be Miss Salters' last day, and when we welcome Mr Ben Yates to the staff team who will take over Year 6. Mr Yates has already completed some supply work here so knows the school well, we look forward to working with him.

Many congratulations go to our School Business Manager (SBM) Mrs Pye, who has successfully completed the ILM Level 4 Diploma for SBMs. The criteria for the assessments are very strict to ensure that there is a high standard which must be adhered to ensuring that the required knowledge, experience and skills are gained. We are delighted that Mrs Pye has been successful with this and know that the school is in safe hands!

One of Mrs Pye's jobs, amongst many, is to ensure that the school budget is managed well and in particular services we use are value for money. As a result of Mrs Pye's research and work we are changing to a new phone system. Please note next Tuesday there may some disruption to our phone service and you may find you cannot get through. In the event of this happening please contact us by email. In the case of an extreme emergency please call the school mobile phone - 07931687469, **however please only call this number on Tuesday for an emergency only if you are unable to get through on the usual landline number**, thank you.

The children will have the opportunity to wear their PJs to school again on Friday 13th May. In previous years we have taken part in the National Pyjama day to support reading and we would like to do this again. Please see details on the poster attached.

Can I take the opportunity to remind you about the need for children to adhere to the school uniform policy. Whilst I appreciate children have grown, we still have a term left and children should be wearing the correct clothing. Footwear must be black school shoes, with plain trainers on PE days. PE kit must be the correct uniform too. Many children, particularly the older children, are not meeting the uniform requirements. Shorts should be of an appropriate length just above the knees and not hot-pants style. Clothing should not be branded or have logos on. Thank you to all the parents who ensure their children do wear correct uniform, we need to ensure that this is the case for everyone!

On Thursday Key Stage 2 had a really exciting morning listening to the author Pete Murray who shared the story of his life journey and how he came to be a children's author. Pete is well know to the Island and has visited us before. Staff joined the workshop and were delighted with the level of engagement the children had and how so many children have found a new enthusiasm to read. Several parents have contacted me to share their concern regarding the content of his books but please be assured the books are suitable for children in Key Stage 2 and whilst the front cover of the books look a little scary, the books are written with a moral and ensure that children know that good wins over bad! Mr Murray is returning on Tuesday to complete a personal book signing session for the children but please note there is absolutely no obligation to purchase any of these books, and these are suitable for Key Stage 2 only. For more information about purchasing the books please see the mail sent out on Thursday.

In assembly today we listened to the fantastic reasons each Star Pupil was chosen for and we congratulated our Numbots winners for this week - 1st place Daisy in Year 2, 2nd place Zach in Year 1, 3rd place Arya in Year 1, 4th place Sophie in Year 1 and 5th place Harry M also in Year 1 - well done to you all. Our top 5 TTRS, the children who have earned the most coins over the last 7 days are - 1st place Rocco in Year 4, 2nd place Koby also in Year 4, 3rd place Eli in Year 5, 4th place Kayden also in Year 5 and 5th place Gabrielle in Year 6 - great work, keep it up! We congratulated Willow in Year 2 who has completed her Rainbow promise, also Daisy in Year 2 for achieving 4 swimming awards, Darrell in Year 4 with 2 swimming awards and Lucy in Year 1 with 4 swimming awards. Jacob in Year 3 also showed us his medals he gained at a recent football camp, super effort everyone! We also congratulated Year 5 and Mrs Lounds for the excellent community work they did before Easter managing to collect 59.30kg of food donations for the Isle of Wight Foodbank. Thank you again for all your support with this.

In the meantime have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend - enjoy the extra day off!



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a brilliant first week back in Year 1! In English we have started our new book 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and the children have drawn story maps, described the foods that the caterpillar ate and learnt how to spell the days of the week. In Maths we have been practising reading and writing numbers to 100 and we have moved on to subtraction. I am so impressed with how much everyone has remembered and how independent we are when we are working! In Science, we have started our topic about plants. We looked at cress seeds with magnifying glasses, made some observations and planted our seeds. We also discussed what plants needed to grow and predicted what would happen with our seeds.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Year 2 this week we have started our new topics. In English, we have looked at the landmarks of London and created a setting description to describe what the character in our story sees when they first arrive in London. We have then considered how we might change this setting description if she was to arrive on the Island. In Maths, we have begun to embed our knowledge of counting in 3s and have applied our learning to multiplication and grouping. In Geography, we have looked at places in our local area that we recognise and added other places we know. We have used our knowledge of compass points to show where the places are found. In Science, we have looked at the difference between dead, alive and never lived and applied our learning to things within our school grounds. In our Art this week we have started to look at aboriginal art and have chosen one piece to talk and write about.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We started to read out new book in English called Stone Age Boy. We made inferences about the main character, learnt new vocabulary and answered questions to show our understanding of the story. In Maths we worked on multiplication and division, using number lines and arrays to help us. In History we created a timeline to show the Stone Age, Iron Age, Bronze Age and Romans. We learnt about the tools and weapons used in the Stone Age. In Science we started to learn about how rocks are formed and the different types of rocks. We looked at the different rocks and thought about their properties.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week Year Four have been working really hard in Maths to understand how 12-hour time and 24-hour time relate to one another, as well as converting between different units of time such as seconds into minutes and vice-versa. In English we are really enjoying our new text (Friend or Foe) and alongside our new History topic of Evacuation in WWII, we are learning lots about life as an evacuee in the 1940s. This also links to our new focus artist, Norman Rockwell, whose works from the 1940s we have begun to analyse and discuss.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 5 have begun their new class novel, Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll. So far we have written a newspaper article to explain the mysterious disappearance of a professor...that is, all but his feet have disappeared! We're also learning how to write a conversation, which is very complicated! In Maths, the children are mastering the standard method of short division. They often refer to this as the 'bus stop' method. It is lovely to see how confident they are becoming with this skill. In Science, we took our learning outdoors to the sensory garden. We pulled some weeds and brought them indoors to examine the parts of a plant. It was very interesting to look inside the stems and be able to see the xylem and phloem! In History we've begun our study of Ancient Egypt and are finding it very interesting indeed.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year 6 have really focused well. In English we have revisited word classes, sentence structures and tenses. The children really persevered with some challenging questions. In Maths we have revised our fraction, percentage and decimal unit, it's great to see the children building such confidence in this area. This week we started our new DT project linked to the Greeks. The children thought about food combinations ready for a food taste test next week. They are very excited!

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a fantastic week settling back into school after the holidays. This week we started our topic about 'Pirates' and got underway making a pirate ship outside. We also used gold coins to explore quantities and make comparisons about the amount of coins in each pile.

We planted some sunflower seeds and were able to plant our courgette and bean plants in our new raised bed. We also discovered that a wasp had started to make its nest in our writing shed. It was very small but very fascinating and we learnt more about the process by watching a clip on the computer. You can see the cells clearly in the photo.

Thankfully now the wasp has moved on!



DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Macaroni cheese with oatie biscuit for pudding.

TUESDAY— Chinese chicken noodles with fruity flapjack for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast pork with strawberry ice cream for pudding.

THURSDAY — Beef meatballs with chocolate sponge cake for pudding.

FRIDAY — Fish fingers and chips with crispy crackle bar for pudding.

Star Pupils

Yaverland
Carisbrooke
Bembridge
Newchurch
Newtown
Freshwater
Appley

Lyla and Casey
 Elijah and Alfie
 Charlie
 Sonny
 Elliott
 Theo L
 Jack

Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates at 9am.

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	98.1	92.9
Carisbrooke	91.2	93.0
Bembridge	97.3	95.2
Newchurch	99.7	94.7
Newtown	95.4	96.7
Freshwater	93.8	92.4
Appley	93.8	94.8
Whole School	95.8	94.4

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Newchurch

	Lates This Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	0	27
Carisbrooke	2	44
Bembridge	4	57
Newchurch	1	21
Newtown	1	12
Freshwater	0	24
Appley	1	12
Whole School	9	99
Total Minutes	137	3301

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

Make Carnival Costumes

Are you new to carnival or just want to practice your making skills?
Sign up to this exciting training day!

Learn a variety of carnival costume making skills and techniques, explore fabrics and decorations, make simple effective costumes. Take away a headdress, collar, skirt and flag.



1 Day Course

Saturday 7th May
10am - 4pm

The Coaching House, 13 Union Rd
Ryde, PO33 2ER

£15 Course Fee

Booking essential, Contact:
Gemma Mallinson
Tel: 01983 716095
gemma@thenewcarnivalcompany.com



Samba Dance Fitness



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A fun, Samba fitness course exploring carnival dance traditions, with a fusion of contemporary styles added to the mix.

***Dance + Samba + Fun =
Fabulous!***

6 Week Course

Mondays 6 - 8pm

Starting 9th May

The Old School, Wootton Bridge,
Ryde, PO33 4PH

£18 Course Fee

Booking essential, Contact
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Year 6 Parents

Notice to Parents/Carers about Applying for Secondary School Transport Starting from Academic Year 2022/23

Upcoming Deadline: **26th June 2022.**

Dear Parent/Carer

If you think your child is eligible for free Home to School Transport, please complete the relevant application form '*Application for Free Home to School Transport*' or '*Application for Free Home to School Transport - Low income*' in order to have transport in place for your child for the start of the new academic year 2022/23. Please complete your form by the deadline of **26th June 2022.** Should your application be received after this date, transport may not be in place for the start of the new year.

The forms are available online here: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/School-Admissions/Tasks>. If you would like to check your eligibility or would prefer a paper application form to be posted to you, please telephone School Admissions on 01983 823455 or email school.admissions@iow.gov.uk. Please be aware that paper applications must also be received by School Admissions by the deadline of **26th June 2022.**

The Home to School Transport Policy is available to read at <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.



Vaccinations for 5-11 year olds



**Find your nearest
vaccination site via the NHS
website, by calling 119 or by
calling our Hampshire and
Isle of Wight helpline on
0300 561 0018**

Pyjama rama

Friday
13 May

Dear Parents and Carers,

This May, we're inviting children to join us for Pyjamarama, a day in pyjamas to raise funds for BookTrust to make sure no child misses out on their bedtime story.

On Friday 13 May, you won't need to get the kids dressed – we're asking them to wear their pyjamas all day long in return for a £1 donation.

Pyjamarama is organised by BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity, and is an annual event which encourages children to get reading. We'll organise a special day filled with different reading-related activities, from watching author and illustrator videos to completing activity sheets to reading, sharing and talking about stories.

And to help you get ready for Pyjamarama at home, here are some tips from BookTrust on reading together:

- Make time for reading at the end of a busy day – ten minutes is all it takes!
- Allow your child to choose the book; they'll enjoy it much more that way.
- They'll love you getting involved in the story. Point at pictures, ask questions and don't be afraid to use different voices for different characters.
- But most of all, have fun and enjoy this special time with your child.

If you would prefer your child not to wear their PJs, that's fine – just choose a colourful T-shirt instead.

For more information on Pyjamarama, go to booktrust.org.uk/Pyjamarama

Thank you for your support, we look forward to all enjoying a day in pyjamas on Friday 13 May.



Living with COVID-19: advice for those aged 18 and under

Has your child or young person aged 18 or under tested positive, or do they feel unwell with COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms? If so, there are a few simple steps they can take to protect their family and community – especially those at highest risk of severe illness.



If they feel unwell and have a high temperature, with COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, they should:



Try to stay at home, avoid contact with others and follow the guidance on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)



Try to avoid going to school, college or childcare until they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to return



Carry on attending as normal if they only have mild symptoms like a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough and otherwise feel well



If they have had a positive test for COVID-19, they should:



Try to stay at home, avoid contact with others for 3 days and follow the guidance on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)



Try to avoid going to school, college or childcare during this time, where they can



Go back after 3 days, but only if they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to do so

Find out more on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)



Adult Learning Summer 2022

 [iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses](https://www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses)

 01983 817280

 acl@iow.gov.uk

 IWCACL



The Adult Community Learning Service summer programme is now out and we have a wide range of workshops and courses on offer including ICT, Art, Craft and Wellbeing. For more information and to book, head over to our new website pages www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses or call us on 817280.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON MUSIC CLUB

1pm – Music Appreciation

Weekly discussion of all things music. Each session we will pick a topic to focus on and will occasionally invite guests to do presentations, talks, workshops, Q&As etc.

2pm – Youth Wind Ensemble

For ages 11+ Any instrument and level welcome. A chance to meet other young musicians and develop your ensemble skills. We will cover a variety of genres of music.

3pm – Recorders

All age, mixed ability recorder group. Instruments are available to borrow if you don't have your own. This group will have a more traditional repertoire.

4pm – Junior Guitars

Guitar club for 11-16yrs with teacher Mike Wells. Focusing on playing songs in a group, developing rhythm and lead playing, improvisation, songwriting and looking at a variety of genres.

4pm – Family Choir

All age choir, not just for families but family friendly. Run by our resident vocal coach Lorna Brownsword.

5:30pm – Chamber Ensemble 18+

A group for adult students of any instrument to meet like minded people and help develop ensemble playing skills. This is for beginner to intermediate level players who are not yet ready for one of the local concert bands or orchestras but would still like to play with others. Though, of course, anyone that wants to meet and play for fun is welcome.

7pm – 18+ Social Session

Weekly social gathering for musicians. Instruments encouraged but not essential... Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. (These sessions are free but donations are welcome.)

All playing groups will have regular opportunities to perform at a variety of venues and events throughout the year.

All sessions, unless otherwise stated, are £5 per week.

For more information and to sign up, please visit our tuition website.

www.musiccraft.mymusicstaff.com