



Wootton Community Primary School

24th June 2022

Dates for your diary:

Thurs 30th June - Year 5 & 6 to Noel Turner Science Festival

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

Sat 9th July—Mardi Gras

Tues 12th & Weds 13th July 2022 - Transition days and parent sessions 9 –9:30

Thurs 14th July -Rec & KS1 sports afternoon (more details to follow)

Fri 15th July - KS2 sports afternoon & family picnic fayre @3pm

Mon 18th July -Rec visit to Dinosaur Isle

Mon 18th July—Year 2 visit to IOW Zoo

Weds 20th July—Year 1 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium

Weds 20th July - Celebration assembly

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 R start

Dear Parents,

I have had the pleasure of working with the School Council children over the last few weeks to change the names of the classes for September. In discussion with the teachers we felt that it would be really beneficial to change the class names to support the key focus of development within the school. You will no doubt have heard how reading is being highlighted across the country as a significant driver to improve children's outcomes. This has been an area we have been developing across the school this year and we are keen to continue this work. I often remind the children how reading is the 'key' that unlocks all their learning. Competent readers usually lead to competent writers and we need to ensure children are exposed to high quality texts to support this. We have therefore selected a range of children authors for the theme for the class names for September. We are still in the process of sorting where the support staff will be deployed and will let you know once this has been finalised. Please see below the class name and teacher for each class:

Reception: Donaldson Class with Mrs Cowell

Year 1: Murphy Class with Mrs Deakin

Year 2: Gravett Class with Miss Paterson

Year 3: Hughes Class with Mrs Ball

Year 4: Pullman Class with Mrs Barker

Year 5: Horowitz Class with Mr Scurr

Year 6: Blackman Class with Mrs Digweed

The children will have the opportunity to explore their author over the year with some work starting when they join their new teacher on the transition days.

You may have noticed a few key people missing from the list. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Austin and Mrs Lounds at the end of the year. Miss Austin joined us for the year to cover Mrs Ball's maternity leave and now Mrs Ball is back with us, Miss Austin will be off to continue her teaching at Holy Cross Primary. Mrs Lounds has decided to make a change in her career and will be joining the NHS. We also have two members of the support staff team moving on; after successfully completing her apprenticeship, Miss Clifford is off to the Bay School to complete a teaching qualification and Mrs Daniels has made the decision to return to her previous occupation with the police. I am sure you will agree that both teachers and support staff will be missed by us all and we wish them all much luck and happiness in their new ventures.

Thank you for your support with the 'Sight for Wight' fundraiser on Tuesday. We have been able to send a donation of £124.35 to the charity. It was great to see so many children involved.

A concerned parent has been in touch with us regarding the number of dogs that are either waiting, or are off their leads, right next to the school gate by the park. We have a number of children in school who have a genuine fear of dogs and with several dogs being right by the gate, they are upset when coming into school. Please can I ask that you are mindful of this if you are a dog owner, thank you.

In our celebration assembly today we congratulated Isaac in Year 2 for his swimming badge and certificate. Mr Billington gave us an update on the sport news — the school is going from strength to strength with sport and we are so proud of all the children. On Monday we have a mix of children from Years 3, 4 and 5 representing the school at the PEACH Games. Good luck to everyone and thank you to all the staff who will be going to support this.

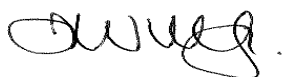
Our Star Pupils were congratulated today for a range of reasons, from an excellent attitude, to learning to tackle challenges in English - well done everyone.

We also congratulated our Numbots winners for this week - 1st place Daisy in Year 2, 2nd place Teddy in Year 1, 3rd place Sebby in Year 2, 4th place Cassie in Year 1 and 5th place Daisy 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 Gabrielle in Year 6, 2nd place Alfie A in Year 3, 3rd place Evie also in Year 3, 4th place Koby in Year 4 and 5th place Braeden in Year 3 - great work, keep it up!

You will have hopefully seen the wonderful new playground markings we have had installed. Please can I remind you that children should not be using the adventure play trail when you leave school as the insurance would not cover any injuries outside of school time, thank you.

I am really looking forward to working with many of you at the Mardi Gras workshops next Friday and Saturday morning. If you have some sharp scissors at home you may want to bring these along to help you, and please come prepared to get messy!

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend.



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

You may have seen the recent press release regarding the launch of the latest project from the connect4communities scheme, providing food vouchers to eligible households in receipt of Local Council Tax Support. Vouchers are being offered to households in receipt of the benefit that also meet one of the following criteria:

- In receipt of Pension Credit Guaranteed Credit
- In receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals / EYPP
- Have no children or pensioners living in the house

To apply for a voucher, residents would need to complete a short form which will then be processed by a small council team.

Please let us know if you require a copy of this form, electronically or printed.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had another busy week in Year 1! In English we have continued with our book, 'George's Marvellous Medicine', and the children have been sequencing the story and writing setting descriptions of George's farm. In Maths, we have moved onto looking at rows and columns and making arrays practically using cubes. Some of us also had a go at drawing some ourselves and challenging our friends. We progressed with our 'Seaside' topic this week and described what we can see at the beach and we then sorted some activities into whether people can do them at the beach now or would they have done them in the past. We also enjoyed our Music lesson this week, where we listened to a variety of genres of music and drew how it made us feel and what it made us think of.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year 2 we have been writing a newspaper report all about The Great Fire of London and how it started. We have talked a lot about which tense we are working in and been able to change our pronoun when writing from the point of view of a witness. In spelling, we have focussed on doubling the final letter before adding a suffix ending. In Maths, we have finished off our work on time and then moved our attention to money. We have looked at problem solving and understanding that there is more than one way to make given amounts. Alongside all of this learning, we have also looked at firefighting in the past and have had the opportunity to see artefacts from the period, we have shown independence by completing a bar chart on Purple Mash and we have written up our work on choice chambers.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English we have been working on persuasive writing. We looked at some examples of writing and thought carefully about persuasive techniques then made a plan for our own persuasive letter. In Maths we continued working on addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers and problem solving. We started a new topic in Geography about Newchurch. We looked at different maps of Newchurch and identified the human and physical features. In Art we made clay models, using Gaudi's work as our inspiration.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week the children in Year Four have been inspired by Podkin's 'Starclaw' dagger to invent and describe their own magical item such as an enchanted goblet or a magic ring. They prepared and then wrote a passage describing the object and explaining its history, its powers and its limitations. In Maths, we enjoyed a multiplication investigation and some problem solving. We used the laptops in Geography to research the location of our class name: Newtown!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in English, Year 5 have continued to read The London Eye Mystery. We have learnt more about the main character, Ted, and the fact that he has Asperger Syndrome. The children have explored idioms, and understand that while most people know their meanings, a person with Asperger Syndrome might take them quite literally. They had a go writing as Ted and explaining how he misunderstood an idiom and took it literally. In Maths we have been learning about plotting points in the first quadrant of the coordinate grid, translations, and reflections! Lastly, in Art, the children tried their hand at graffiti art, first drawing a brick wall, and then 'tagging' it by writing their names in graffiti-style lettering.

This was a lot of fun!



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year 6, we have been taking on independent writing with full steam! Every person in the class decided on four different themes they wished to write about and four different text types to produce (one text type for each theme) and it has been superb to see what has been produced so far, from stories in Norse Mythology to letters about Japanese Culture!

In Maths, Year 6 have finished their learning on ratio and we are now going to start investigative work in the form of projects - we tried this week the idea of having the same answer for many different questions that included many different operations and ways of working mathematically!

Elsewhere, the children designed their own balloon powered cars of which we will be hoping to make next week in time for the Noel Turner Science Festival and they also had a go at writing in Ancient Greek, writing their names and cryptic messages, as well as asking your everyday questions.

Another fantastic week from Year 6, really well done everybody :)

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we continued to write about the orange dinosaur egg we found last week and have been learning some simple facts about dinosaurs. We looked at the skull of a dinosaur and using information books we tried to work out which dinosaur the skull could belong to. We have also made dinosaurs using our junk modelling resources and picked our first lot of vegetables from our raised bed. On Wednesday we were lucky enough to enjoy our courgettes with our roast dinner and had the carrots as part of our snack. We also welcomed some of our new children who came in during the school day for a visit whilst some of the children went to Year 1 for a little visit.



DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Flapjack for pudding.

TUESDAY— Sausage and Mash with Orange shortbread for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Turkey with Raspberry yoghurt cake for pudding.

THURSDAY — Beef Lasagne with Fruit chocolate brownie for pudding.

FRIDAY — Fish and Chips with vanilla ice cream for pudding.

Star Pupils

Yaverland

Louis and Harry

Carisbrooke

Bernice

Bembridge

Violet

Newchurch

Harley

Newtown

Tyler D

Freshwater

Henry

Appley

Franky

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.

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>.



Play Junior Rugby
New players welcome from
September
Boys and Girls

Returning every Sunday from September 2022.
Sessions are all delivered by experienced coaches with first aid qualifications and DBS Checks.
Register your interest for September 2022 at www.vectisrugby.co.uk or email:
vectisrfccoaching@gmail.com



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	96.3	93.8
Carisbrooke	94.4	93.3
Bembridge	95.9	95.1
Newchurch	96.1	95
Newtown	95.4	96.4
Freshwater	94.8	93
Appley	95.7	95
Whole School	94.6	94.7

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Yaverland

	Lates This Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	2	31
Carisbrooke	2	55
Bembridge	3	75
Newchurch	0	26
Newtown	1	21
Freshwater	1	32
Appley	2	16
Whole School	11	158
Total Minutes	135	3871

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

U11 Cowes Cluster Cross Country-

On Tuesday Wootton entered the Cowes Cluster Cross Country competition held at Lanesend Primary School in Cowes. I was really pleased when I asked who would like to participate, to have more children volunteer than I had spaces. I think this really shows that our children are eager and proud to represent their school.

The event consisted of three long distance relays; a boys event, girls event and a mixed event. Our boys' team, consisting of Eli L, Owen D, Jimi L and Ethan B, raced first. A very fast opening leg meant Eli had to do well to keep in touch with the leaders. Ethan and Owen then did well to stay in touch during their legs of the race. With one lap to go Jimi found himself slightly off the back of the race and did incredibly well to finish as close to the other teams as we did. Wootton finished 7th overall. The teams entering the boys competition were very talented, with some representing the island at county level, so to finish as they did is a big achievement. Well done boys!

Next race up was the girls relay. Our U11 girls have been incredibly successful this year, and this race would prove no different. The team consisted of Amelie C, Violet S, Lily-Mae T and Katie A. Katie started the team off and kept a very even pace for her entire lap, placing her well amongst the other teams. Lily-Mae and Amelie then did really well to push that position up to 3rd overall. Violet took up the baton last and managed to catch the two runners in front, who were spurred on by being involved in a very close race. Wootton finished on the podium in a very respectable 3rd place.

Our final event was the mixed relay. Our team consisted of Charlotte B, Theo L, Amelie C and Owen D. A huge thank you to Owen and Amelie who ran two races, making up for absent teammates. Some very even running throughout the race meant Wootton hovered around 3rd to 5th. A special mention to Charlotte who impressed us all by running the opening leg and beating some of the boys. Also, Amelie who ended up holding off some stiff competition to ensure Wootton finished 4th.

The afternoon was fantastic fun and all the children said, despite the heat and the distance, that they enjoyed it and would like to compete again.

Well done to all who took part and I think the photo below shows what great team spirit we have here at Wootton.



Parents Group

The aim of the SOS service is to provide specialist advice and support to mainstream schools to complement existing inclusive practice, increase knowledge and build confidence and competence in providing provision whilst meeting children's individual needs.

This group is open to all parents/carers who have a child/children that attend a school using our service.

Next coffee meet:

When: 12th July 2022

Time: 12.30-2.30 drop in session

Where: Medina Help Hut, Green Street, Newport, PO30 2AN

*The focus of this coffee meeting will be **the holidays and beyond**.*

In our group we will be looking at activities, planning and structure for the holidays and the return to school. This will give us a time to discuss any worries or questions we may have and to look at what's available to families and children on the island

If you could let us know you will be coming so we can cater for enough people that would be great but please just come along if you would prefer.

To register your interest or
if you have any questions please email:

Outreach@medinahouse.iow.sch.uk

Or phone: 522917

Cake, coffee and a smile welcome you all



June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Transition Taster Days – Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th July 2022

The time is fast approaching for your child to get ready for their next step in education, when they join Ryde Academy in September 2022.

We think it is important for students to start thinking about transition early so that they are ready for school in September. As part of this we are inviting all Year 6 students who will be joining us in September 2022 to our school for two days in July.

This is a great opportunity for the students to familiarise themselves with the building and meet our staff and students. They will be together for the first time in their new tutor group, where they will spend the two days doing activities together. We will be in touch closer to the transition days to let you know who will be your child's tutor.

Outline of the days

- Students should arrive via the Pellhurst Road entrance (by the Zebra Crossing) by 8:45am. Students will then make their way to the courts. Their tutor for next year will be there to meet and greet the students and direct them where to go.
- They should wear their primary school PE kit, with their primary school jumper over the top.
- Students will have a 30 minute morning break and a 40-minute lunch break.
- At 2:50pm they will be dismissed from the Pellhurst Road gate.

Please provide students with a suitable snack and a drink (preferably a water bottle they can refill) for morning break, and either a packed lunch or money to buy food in the canteen at lunch time. If they are in receipt of free school meals, we will provide the students with a meal at lunch time.

On Wednesday 13th July at 3:00pm we would like to invite parents and carers with their child to meet the tutors. This will be an opportunity for you to meet face to face with your child's tutor and for you to ask any questions. Should you not be able to attend this session, please get in touch and we will arrange an alternative for you.

Don't forget to visit the transition page on our website to find all our latest news. You can also find our weekly Newsletter there.

We are very much looking forward to meeting your child and hope that they enjoy this taster day.

Yours faithfully



Lee Merrett
Vice Principal



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Want to help us raise funds for the school?

Donate your used printer ink cartridges without packaging, as well as any new unopened out of date ink cartridges within packaging.

We cannot accept laser/toner cartridges.

Box can be found in the main office.

School Money

As we approach the end of term, please can we ask that you stay on top of your SchoolMoney payments. This is particularly important for those children who are leaving us at the end of the school year.

Thank you.

SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL
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Family Employment Advice Service.

Are you a parent, aged 18 years+ and are considering your options of securing paid or unpaid work but don't know where to start?

We have a friendly and supportive Employment Advisor ready to support you in this journey, every step of the way!

Offering free childcare for the duration of your appointments, we look at every aspect of your journey seeking employment including help in increasing your confidence, advice and guidance, signposting to any other services, as well as practical support with CV's and job applications etc.

If this sounds like the type of support you would like to receive, you can contact us directly by calling Tina on 07896 342 860 or email feas@oseliow.org.uk

We look forward to working with you!

Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Dear Parents and Carers

The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that pupils develop the habit of reading widely and often for both pleasure and information.

Organised by charity The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the **Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11.

The Summer Reading Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and young volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

How the Challenge works

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a Gadgeteers collector poster.
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and/or a medal.
- The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

How do schools benefit?

- The Summer Reading Challenge is intrinsically inclusive and can contribute to the achievement of **ALL** your pupils including those with special educational needs, disadvantaged pupils and the most able.
- It enhances and supports your school's reading policy and your mission for all children to read more widely and for pleasure.
- It encourages parental engagement and family involvement in reading and helps your school make links with the library and the wider community.
- It allows children to become more independent in their reading when choosing books and encourages using imagination and empathy to explore a text beyond the page.
- It takes place at your local library and is a brilliant opportunity for extra-curricular activity
- It keeps your pupils reading over the summer, ready for their return to school in the autumn, and supports the successful transition between year groups and key stages.

You can find additional information and free resources to support children's reading for pleasure in the Summer Reading Challenge School Zone: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src

By championing the Summer Reading Challenge in your school, you will be continuing to support your pupils' learning during the holidays, ensuring they return ready for a great start to the new academic year.

It's FUN! It's FREE! It's LOCAL!