



Wootton Community Primary School

30th September 2022

Dates for 2022-2023 (subject to change):

- **4th October**—Harvest Service at St Marks Church (Children only)
- **4th October**—PTA AGM @6:45pm
- **7th October**—Go Yellow Day—more details to follow
- **14th October**—Year 4 Educational Visit (see letter)

Half-term Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October, return Monday 31st October

- **1st November**—Parents Evening (more details to follow)
- **1st November**—Flu Immunisations (more details to follow)
- **2nd November**—School Photos
- **2nd November**—Parents Evening (more details to follow)
- **4th November**—Vision and Hearing checks for Reception class
- **15th and 17th November**—Open Day for 2023 New Entrants
- **6th December**—Christmas Performance 1:30pm and 6pm (more details to follow)
- **8th December**—Christmas Performance 1:30pm and 6pm (more details to follow)
- **9th December**—Christmas Jumper Day (details to follow)
- **14th December**—Christmas Dinner (more details to follow)
- **15th December**—Christmas Parties (more details to follow)
- **16th December**—Christingle Service (children only)

Break up for Christmas Friday 16th December, return Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Break up for half-term Thursday 9th February, (Friday 10th February Staff Development Day, school closed to pupils), return Monday 20th February 2023

Break up for Easter Friday 31st March 2023, return Tuesday 17th April 2023 (Monday 17th April Staff Development Day, school closed to pupils)

- **15th to 18th May 2023**—End of Key Stage 2 SATs

Break up for half-term Friday 26th May 2023, return Monday 5th June 2023

- **4th and 5th July 2023**—Transition Days
- **12th July 2023**—KS1 Sports afternoon (tbc)
- **13th July 2023**—KS2 Sports afternoon (tbc)
- **14th July 2023**—End of Year reports home
- **19th July 2023**—Parents Open Evening 3:15-5pm
- **19th July 2023**—5:30-7pm Year 6 Leavers Treat (tbc)
- **20th July 2023**—Year 6 Leavers Presentation @11am and Whole School Family Picnic with class performances at 12pm, school finishes at 1:30pm
- **21st July 2023**—School closed to children, staff development day.

Dear Parents,

This half term seems to be zooming by and some exciting school events have come round much quicker than we thought! The first of these is our Harvest Service next Tuesday for children in Year 1 to 6. School Council have asked for donations of toys and books as well as tinned and packaged foods if you are able to support at all. Please send these items into school on **MONDAY**, thank you. We are also looking for some parent volunteers to walk with the children to and back from the church giving you the chance to be part of the service too. If you are able to help from 9am until 10.30pm at the latest, please contact the school office, please note we are unable to accommodate younger siblings.

Also next week, School Council will be running their fundraising activities which they have been planning with me, to raise funds for Earl Mountbatten's 'Go Yellow Day' on Friday 7th October. Today your child should bring home a picture of a Minion! Children can either colour this in, draw their own or even make their own Minion sculpture/model to enter into a competition. Children will need to bring their entries in on Friday along with a £1 donation with a chance to win a prize. Also, for 50p children can guess the number of yellow sweets in a jar. Alternatively children can wear something yellow WITH their school uniform in exchange for a donation. Children can enter whichever activities they like as we hope to raise as much money as we can for the hospice - thank you for your support with this.

On Thursday next week we have our census day where we have to collate a range of information for the DfE including the number of children accessing a school dinner. This is such a crucial day for the school and the budget as much of our funding is based on this number, we therefore would like to encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner next Thursday. Please see the attached leaflet and posters on the classroom doors with the menu on and extra treat! We really do encourage all children to have a try at a school dinner, so please feel free to send your child in with some spare snacks should they not like it, but the menu choice is our most popular and is delicious so why not give it a try?!

We hope you enjoyed your child's Cauliflower Cards artwork this year. If you are planning on ordering cards or any of the products please do so over the weekend as we need your child's original artwork back in school on Monday. We are unable to make the order for you so please follow the instructions on the sheet provided and return this so we can have them ready for collection by the company, thank you.

During the week I received an exciting email inviting Henry, in Year 2, to a presentation following his flag entry back in the summer which was selected as one of the top 10 flags from schools across the Island, well done Henry. Please see details below for the chance to see Henry's super artwork at a New Carnival Company event:

'As you will know, the Tour of Britain race was cancelled because of the death of the Queen, and we were sadly unable to share the work of many children on the island that created flags, banners, trophies, costumes, and performance work. To acknowledge this

work we, the New Carnival Company, Ryde Town Council and Ross - Active Travel Officer for the Isle of Wight Council, will be showcasing the artwork created as part of Appley Day in Ryde on **Saturday 8th October**. **The mini exhibition of work will be between 11:00 and 3:00 at the Rowing Club in Ryde.** *This exhibition is open to the public, and there are a range of activities as part of Appley Day itself.*

In assembly today we congratulated Alfie A in Year 4 who has been awarded a swimming certificate, Sophie in Year 2 who has passed her grade 5 with Wight flyers trampoline club and we heard from Amelia in Year 5 who showed her certificate for her involvement with Fun Factory Live! Willow in Year 3 also shared with us some work she has completed at home in her special writing book, well done all.

This week are top 5 Numbots achievers are 1st place Ella in Year 3, 2nd place Frankie in Year 2, 3rd place Arya also in Year 2, 4th place Jessica in Year 5 and 5th place Faye in Year 4. Our TTRS top 5 coin earners this week are 1st place Kayden in Year 6, 2nd place Koby in Year 5, 3rd place Braeden in Year 4, 4th place Eneah also in Year 4 and 5th place Lorenzo in Year 3 - 5 House Points to each child, well done!

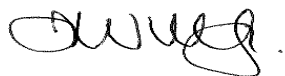
Also this morning our Year 6 class completed their CPR training with two staff members from the Island Ambulance Service, NHS Trust. The trainers were incredibly impressed with the children's behaviour and engagement and fed back to me that they are an absolute credit to the school. Well done to everyone in Blackman Class.

I look forward to seeing lots of faces at the PTA AGM next Tuesday at 6.45pm, please use the side gate to come into school as we will hold this meeting in the Year 5 classroom. Please do not feel that by attending you will be required to fulfil one of the committee roles, however please note the current committee will be stepping down so we will need some willing parents to take these on. We are excited to hear new ideas for fund raising events during the year, but these will only take place if we have enough support to plan, prepare and deliver them.

I am sorry to end with a moan but I need to share my concern regarding the whole school attendance figure. We are currently on 93.9%. We seem to be receiving a larger amount of absence request forms for holidays than usual, of which you are aware cannot be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to support these applications. May I suggest that before booking holidays in the future it may be worth waiting for the school holiday dates to be published to so that holidays coincide with set school holidays? We really do appreciate that children will often pick up coughs, colds etc. but unless they are really unwell with a significant high temperature or they have had sickness or diarrhoea, it is important that they attend school. We would much prefer children to attend with mild symptoms such as a runny nose and we would always contact you if their illness worsens in the day. Medical evidence supports that children's immunity strengthens when they are exposed to a range of 'bugs' so please do not worry at all about sending your child to school. Wherever possible medical appointments should be made outside of school hours and documentation will be required if this is not possible to do. Whilst we know the logistics with childcare can be a challenge please can you avoid taking other siblings out of school if a family member has an appointment during the school day, thank you. Following direction from the Children's Commissioner for England, the Local Authority are investing a lot of time to support families where children have poor attendance and we are keen as a school to support this to ensure all children can access school everyday and not miss learning. We are so aware of the negative impact school absences has on a child both academically and emotionally. For example at a meeting last week the LA shared that in 2019 Key Stage 2 pupils who did not meet the expected standard in reading, writing and Maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7%, compared to 3.5% among those meeting the expected standard. If you have concerns regarding your child's attendance please do not hesitate to have a conversation with your child's teacher in the first instance, many thanks for your support with this.

In the meantime have a lovely weekend,

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have continued carrying out our Baseline assessment which continues to go well. We have had lots of practice writing the 's' sound for 'Supertato' and have also drawn portraits of ourselves to go up on our display board. We did a carpet time related to patterns and were asked to carry on the repeating pattern, we then progressed on to creating our own patterns and carrying these patterns on. This we did using resources inside and outside. We did really well!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Maths this week we practised finding one more and one less than a number. We also ordered consecutive numbers to 20 then random numbers to 20. We continued to practise counting in ones to 50 and in tens to 100. In English we started reading a new book called Beegu. We made predictions about the story then we sequenced the main events in the book. We continued to practise using finger spaces when writing sentences. In DT we created a plan for a finger puppet, thinking carefully about the colours and materials we will use. In Computing we practised logging on to Purple Mash.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What an independent week of learning Year 2 have had! I have been so impressed to see all the children taking more ownership of their learning and trying so hard to work independently during a range of lessons. Well done, everyone :) We have enjoyed created WANTED posters for some of our Traction Man villains this week, using powerful adjectives and expanded noun phrases to describe in detail - watch out for Professor Spade in the sensory garden... In Maths we have been thinking about 1 and 10 more and less than numbers to 100, and in Science we have continued to think about good material choices for every day objects. We rounded off the week with an excellent Computing lesson, once again showing our independence in logging on and then accessing a variety of Purple Mash tools. Have a great weekend :)

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Hughes class has been looking at poetry. We started to create some acrostic poems, around the theme of the BFG. We then listened to an audio recording taken from the BFG movie. We used this to plan and then write our own poems using onomatopoeia. The class had lots of fun coming up with noise words that described and sounded like the noises heard in Giant country. In Math this week we have been adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers and ones. We started crossing over 10s, which we found a little tricky but persevered and really got the hang of it by the end of the week. We also looked at how we can use knowledge of number bonds and facts to help solve calculations quicker than counting up in 1s. In Art and Science we looked at shadows. We went outside and experimented on when we can see shadows and when we can't, whether they change shape or direction and whether all objects create a shadow. In art we created small sculptures out of cardboard and used torches to create a shadow on the table. We then used charcoal to draw this shadow in our art books.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week in English Year 4 have been focussing on the scene between Grendel and Beowulf. Using what they have learnt, they have written sentences of varying length looking at how this creates impact in their writing. The children have also planned and written their own monster story based on the book. In Maths, pupils have looked at money using mental strategies and known facts to find change of amounts. They have budgeted for a pizza night and solved multistep problems. During the afternoons, pupils have learnt all about the water cycle. They have become detectives to understand how archaeologists use clues to find out about the past in History and they have practiced the printing process ready for creating their own illuminated letter in Art.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had another fantastic week in year 5. This week the children completed their desert island story and began to learn about modal verbs for our persuasive letter writing. In Maths we have spent some time focusing on mathematical vocabulary and how to answer multi step addition and subtraction word problems. In History we explored inventions that were created during Victorian Britain, The highlight of the week was our Art lesson where the children practised their sketching technique to re-create Hokusai's Wave.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year 6 have been looking at how to take notes effectively from texts, using skim and scan techniques. We used the notes to write an information text about the various roles of animals in wars. There were some surprising uses of animals and it sparked debate as to whether humans should use animals at all. In Maths we have been looking at mental methods to speed up calculating addition and subtraction. Our classroom was turned into a series of dens on Thursday afternoon as children needed darkness to perform an experiment with torches! We were investigating how the length of shadows change when the distance from a light source is increased.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY - Cheese and Tomato Pizza, or Veggie Burrito, with a Sponge Cake for pudding.

TUESDAY – BBQ Chicken burger, or Macaroni cheese, with Brownie for pudding.

WEDNESDAY – Roast Gammon, or Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast, with Shortbread for pudding.

THURSDAY - Fish Fingers and Chips, or Quorn Nuggets, with Ice Cream and a Milkshake for pudding.

FRIDAY - Beef Bolognese, or Butternut Squash Bake, with Chocolate and Raspberry Swirl for pudding.

Star Pupils

Murphy Year 1

Enya

Gravett Year 2

Freddie J

Hughes Year 3

Isaac

Pullman Year 4

Piper

Horowitz Year 5

Ayra

Blackman Year 6

Henry

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.



Wootton Community Primary School Open Days for September 2023 Admission

Church Road, Wootton Bridge, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 4PT

Tel: 01983 882505

Email: office@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk

Website: www.woottonprimaryschool.co.uk

Tuesday 15th and
Thursday 17th
November 2022

Sessions at
10:30am and
1:30pm.

No need to book,
just turn up to a
session.

COME AND SEE US IN ACTION!

*Also an opportunity to speak to the
Headteacher and House Captains, and
ask any questions you may have.*



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Year 7 Open Evening

Thursday 6th October 2022, 5.00-8.00pm

Presentation at 5.00pm and 6.00pm followed by tours of the Secondary School

Open Morning: Tuesday 11th October, 9.00-11.00am, please call to book an appointment.



Contact us for more information: Telephone: 01983 403284

Email: office@bayceschool.org

Website: bayceschool.org

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 / EYFP
- 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.

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 (%)
Donaldson	85	91.5
Murphy	91.9	95.1
Gravett	81.4	92.3
Hughes	95.7	97.2
Pullman	93.1	94.8
Horowitz	88.6	94.6
Blackman	90	96.2
Whole School	89	93.9

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Hughes

	Lates This Week	Lates since Sept
Donaldson	2	3
Murphy	1	1
Gravett	3	11
Hughes	3	6
Pullman	0	3
Horowitz	1	5
Blackman	1	3
Whole School	11	32
Total Minutes	225	444

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

Open evenings

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	27/09/2022	Y6 open evening 5-8pm
Christ the King College	21/09/2022	Y6 open evening at 3.30pm
	02/11/2022	6 th Form open evening 4pm
Cowes Enterprise College	Week commencing 17/10/2022	No specific dates, parents make appointments
Island Free School	8/10/2022	Timings and further details to be confirmed in September
Medina College	20/09/2022	Y6 open evening 5-8pm
Ryde Academy	05/10/2022	Y6 open evening 4-7pm
	10/11/2022	6 th Form open evening 4-7pm
Ryde School	08/10/2022 & 04/02/2023	10-12.30pm Parents are requested to register via website https://www.rydeschool.org.uk/admissions/open-days-visits or by emailing admissions@rydeschool.net
	24/11/2022	6F open evening 6.30-9pm
St George's School	n/a	Specifically arranged visits
The Bay CE School	06/10/2022	Y6 open evening – time tbc
The Island VI Form	03/11/2022	6 th Form open evening 5-8pm
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk



THE ISLAND FREE SCHOOL

Year 6 Open Day

Saturday 8th October 10am to 2pm

Headmaster's Talks at 11am, 12pm & 1pm – booking now open

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bring your
grown-ups.

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10am-4pm**

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Isle of Wight
at the Riverside

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We aim to provide information and support to parents, children and young people to participate fully and make informed decisions about the outcomes they wish to achieve.

We aim to ensure the views, wishes and feelings of the child or young person and their parents are heard and valued by all.

We aim to enhance and develop positive partnerships between parents, young people, schools, colleges, the local authority and voluntary organisations to achieve positive outcomes.

The SEND IASS team are:

Emma Morris
Heather Drudge
Catherine Hall
Jason Thomas

Phone us on

01983 825548

An answering machine is in operation when we're not in the office, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Email us at:

sendiass@iow.gov.uk

More information about the service is available on our website:

www.lowsendiass.co.uk

SEND Information Advice and Support Service

11 Orchard Street,
Newport,
Isle of Wight
PO30 1JZ

If you have difficulty understanding this document, please contact us on 01983 825548 and we will do our best to help you.

SEND IASS
Special Educational Needs
and Disability Information,
Advice and Support Service



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What is SEND IASS?

If you're a parent/carer of a child or young person with special educational needs (SEN) and/or a disability, or a child or young person with SEN and/or a disability we can help you.

We provide **free, confidential and impartial** advice, information and support on all matters relating to SEN and disabilities including social care and health issues.



We listen to your concerns and work with you to identify a planned way forward by providing you with impartial information and advice to enable you to make informed decisions about your child.

We often work with parents, but we are also able to provide a direct and separate service to young people aged 16 to 25.

Many children and young people will access advice, information and support via their parents but some children, especially older children, may want to access it separately. Under these circumstances we will work individually and impartially with the young person.

Please see our separate leaflets specifically aimed at young people.

Our services

We provide:

- a confidential telephone helpline – 01983 825548;
- direct support by telephone, email or face-to-face;
- written information, also available online;
- help to understand your or your child's rights and responsibilities around education;
- information sessions for parents/carers;
- training and workshops;
- access to an independent supporter;
- information about other agencies and organisations who may be able to help you.

How we can help parents and carers, children and young people

- By listening to your worries and concerns and working with you to explore your options.
- Helping you to understand complicated letters, reports and processes.
- Preparing, supporting and attending meetings.
- Helping you to understand what can be offered to a child or young person without an education health care plan in place.
- Support through the statutory education healthcare needs assessment process.
- Providing advice and support in relation to appeals to the SEN and disability tribunal.
- Help if things go wrong, including advice on complaints and support in resolving disagreements.
- Providing support to manage mediation.



For further detailed information please visit our website:
www.lowsendiass.co.uk

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Chair: Emily Dodds
Treasurer: Toni Streets
Secretary: Lucy Benton

16th September 2022

Dear Members,
Wootton Community Primary School PTA
Annual General Meeting (EGM)

I would like to invite you to our AGM, which will be held on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 6.45pm at the School.

The AGM is your chance to hear how the funds we have raised have been used for the benefit of the children at our school. It is also an opportunity for you to elect the committee to represent the association for the 2022-2023 academic year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM. Nominations can be made by emailing the PTA on woottonprimarypta@gmail.com.

The current committee are unable to stand for re-election, so we are keen to hear from anybody who would be interested in the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. These roles could be split between more than one member, and there could also be a Vice Chair if required.

The Chair is responsible for leading the meeting and steering the committee towards its aims. The treasurer is responsible for keeping funds in line and producing floats for events. The Secretary will use their skills to record minutes, keep records and produce information for events.

If you would like any further information about what is involved in being a committee member, please use the email above to get in touch.

Straight after the AGM, we will hold a more informal open meeting where we can discuss our plans for the next year. You do not have to stay for both meetings.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th October at 6.45pm.

Kind regards,

Emily Dodds
Chair



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Thursday 6th
October 2022

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Chips, with Ice
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