



# Wootton Community Primary School

4th November 2022

**Dates for 2022-2023 (subject to change):**

- **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,

I hope you had a fantastic half-term and managed to enjoy the warm days we were lucky to have. It has been a busy week already and I know this half term will zoom by with lots of different activities planned, with Christmas being the end point. I am hopeful our school attendance will improve this half-term as children become resilient to the many bugs around. Please remind children to keep up their hand washing regime and to continue to 'cough like batman!' Please ensure children have a coat in school now which is named and that they have a jumper/cardigan too. Whilst the classrooms are warm we do like to take learning outside as much as we can, so it is vital a coat is in school every day, thank you.

It has been wonderful to see so many families attend parents evenings over this week and I hope you got chance to rummage through the lost property table. It amazes me how much this seems to grow EVERY day and sadly this could be reduced if clothing was named; so please can you check labels for names so that we can return lost items to their owners, thank you!

We had great fun at the Halloween disco before we finished for half-term, thank you again to Layla Sinnick and her team for organising all the sweets and supporting the event which raised £390.98. We are hoping that the next PTA event will be the Christmas fayre on Friday 2nd December after school. This event needs support with parents signing up to help. This help can be in organising the purchase of goods required or wrapping items up prior to the event, as well as setting up and running stalls during the event. We will need to have a sufficient number of helpers committed prior to the event or it will not be able to go ahead. There is a planning meeting on Wednesday 9th November 6pm at the Woodmans Arms. Please do come along to see how you can help to ensure this can go ahead this year. If you are unable to attend the meeting but can offer time leading up to the event or on the day, please let Layla know (Callum in Year 3's mum) so that your name can be added to the list, many thanks.

The week commencing the 14th November sees schools across the country exploring anti-bullying. The theme this year is 'Reach Out' and we will introduce this week on Monday 14th with an 'odd socks' day when children will be encouraged to wear odd socks to school to celebrate that we are all different.

We had yet another busy assembly today as we heard from several different children who shared their achievements outside of school. Sophie and Frankie in Year 2 are spending much of their time at home making their own books and writing stories which is lovely to see. Florence in Year 1 and her sister Emilyrose in Year 3 completed a gymnastic and trampoline day during half-term and Emilyrose has achieved a grade 1 in bar work. Patryk in Year 1 gained a swimming certificate as did Layla in Year 4. Well done to Max in Year 4 who won 4 skateboard awards, and finally Sadie in Year 5 who showed her beautiful trophy and medal that she was presented with gaining 3rd place in a street dance competition. Well done to all of the children for their great commitments outside of school.

It was so uplifting to hear from the staff as to why their Star Pupils were the stars of the week and we had the opportunity to see some of their work.

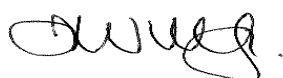
We also congratulated our Numbots highest coin achievers this week - first place Tyler D in Year 5, second place Harry in Year 1, third place Patryk also in Year 1, fourth place Daisy in Year 3 and fifth place Freddie in Year 5 and our TTRS top 5 coin earners this week are Koby in Year 5, second place Sebby in Year 3, third place Rocco in Year 5, fourth place Oliver also in Year 5 and fifth place Lorenzo in Year 3 - 5 House Points to each child, well done! Congratulations also to Faye and Elodie in Year 4 who continued to access the Nussy program at home during half-term - well done girls! Mr Scurr set Years 5 and 6 a TTRS competition over half-term with the results of 15,117 points for Year 5 and 10,687 for Year 6. Koby won overall with Rocco, Oliver, Spencer and Amelia being at the top for Year 5 and Theo L, Ella, Eli, Kayden and Tommie the top five for Year 6, great work everyone. Also during half-term two of our Sports Ambassadors, Summer and Theo R, planned a lovely activity for Years 1 and 2 to complete at lunchtime. Summer made some Halloween characters to hide in the school grounds for children to find and complete an activity card - great work!

We are looking forward to sharing Remembrance Day with the children next Friday when our Year 6 will lead a special assembly. We are waiting to hear if we will receive the usual poppy tray and items to sell next week and will let you know if these arrive.

It was wonderful to see so many parents support their children at the Reception Diwali afternoon this week with Mrs Cowell and also the Year 2 parents, who just before half-term joined their children to conclude their work based on the Light House Keeper. We so enjoy having parents into school for the children to be able to share their learning and we plan to provide many more opportunities for this as the year goes on.

In the meantime I hope you have a lovely weekend, stay safe if you are celebrating Bonfire night!

Jane Wilford  
Headteacher



## Interested in cricket? In School Years 2, 3 or 4?



**FREE** Junior Coaching Every Friday (term time only)  
at Ryde Private School Sports Hall  
Booking is **ESSENTIAL** as places are limited.

**WHEN:** First session Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**TIME:** 5.30pm-6.30pm

**COST:** FREE



To book and more information please contact Andrew Jasper at [admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk](mailto:admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk)

The coaching will be delivered by the Isle of Wight County coaches who are qualified, and DBS checked



**CHANCE TO SHINE**  
Spreading the power of cricket

### WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we got into our 'key person' groups and did a circle time about our half term holidays where the expectation was that everyone said something about their holiday. This worked really well and everyone took part. We had a brilliant afternoon on Wednesday celebrating Diwali. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate this with our families and we had lots of fun doing lots of art activities and the children looked amazing in their costumes.

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### WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we started reading our new book Whatever Next. We made predictions about the story and wrote questions for the characters. We also shared our opinions and our favourite part of the book. In Maths we practised counting in twos to 20. We used lots of different objects to help us such as numicon and 2p coins. We also learned about odd and even numbers. In History we learned about Neil Armstrong. We watched the moon landing and talked about why this is so special. We thought of lots of questions to help us find out more about Armstrong. In Art we practised our painting skills and also practised mixing primary colours to create new colours. Well done for a great first week back Year 1!

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### WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have shown amazing independence and have enthusiastically dived back in to learning this week following half-term. We have started a new book called 'Wolves' by our class author Emily Gravett and have enjoyed exploring new vocabulary and ways in which non-fiction information can be presented. The writer has hidden lots of little jokes and plays on words inside which we all enjoyed spotting! In Maths we have continued to apply our understanding of number bonds to solve problems, and have done a great job of explaining this using different practical resources. In Music we have been thinking about keeping a steady pulse, and layering rhythms over the top of this, and in Computing we experimented with different drawing techniques and tools to create story boards for our wolf stories. Well done for a super first week back!

## WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year 3 has started a new topic all about the Stone Age. We introduced our new book for the half term, Stone Age Boy, and looked at the vocabulary within the story. We also started to work on building more in depth comprehension skills, and finding and retrieving answers from within the text. The children have really enjoyed the book so far. In Maths, the class has been working their socks off, securing their knowledge of times tables. We have used a combination of arrays and number lines to really understand multiplication and learn quick methods of solving a multiplication problem if we don't know the answer yet. This half term we will be doing history, and started to look at when the stone age period was in comparison to other prehistoric eras. The children were flabbergasted to see just how long ago this period of time occurred. We've had a great first week back and it has been lovely to catch up with most parents.

## WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week in Year 4 we have started our rainforest unit. In English we have used our senses to describe a rainforest considering the things we would see, hear or smell. We then considered shades of meaning and how the choice of vocabulary can alter a persons mental image. We then used this to write our own piece about the rainforest before editing it. In Maths we have started work on multiplication. We have looked at using number lines and arrays to demonstrate our understanding. We have focused in on the 6 and 7 times tables ensuring fluency with the facts before applying our understanding to unknown number problems. In Science, we demonstrated what we already know about digestion and healthy foods. In DT, we sketched rainforest animals discussing shape and size whilst in geography we found out where rainforests can be found in the world.

## WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year Five have settled well after their half term break. This week, we finished reading Kensuke's Kingdom and began to read our new class novel, Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning. In Maths, we have learned how to multiply a four digit number by a two digit number and have started to explore equivalent fractions. In Geography, we explained and labelled the features of a river and in music continued to learn how to play the ukulele. The highlight of the week was our science lesson, where the children learned all about our solar system and the planets within. It was a pleasure to see everyone really engage in the topic.



## WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year 6 have been looking at WWI poetry in English lessons. We analysed the figurative language and structure of some famous WWI poems and then gathered some high quality language for our own. Now we are writing our own poems on the theme of WWI, in preparation for Remembrance Day. In Maths, we have been developing our multiplication skills with long multiplication and further problem solving and reasoning. We have started to learn about the ancient Mayans in History, and we began our science topic of Electricity by thinking about how life has changed since the introduction of electrical appliances.

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## DINNER MENU

**MONDAY**— Cheese and Tomato Pizza, or Chinese Vegetarian Noodles, with Jam Sponge for pudding.

**TUESDAY**— Sausage and Mash, or Veggie Sausage and Mash, with Orange Shortbread for pudding.

**WEDNESDAY**— Roast Gammon, or Vegetable Pie, with Ice Cream for pudding.

**THURSDAY** - Cottage Pie, or Vegetable Lasagne, with Crumble for pudding.

**FRIDAY** - Fish Fingers and Chips, or Quorn Dippers, with Frozen Yoghurt for pudding.

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## Star Pupils

**Murphy Year 1**

Amira

**Gravett Year 2**

Lucas

**Hughes Year 3**

Charlie

**Pullman Year 4**

Millie

**Horowitz Year 5**

Jacob

**Blackman Year 6**

Theo R

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](mailto:office@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk)

Website: [www.woottonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://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.*



### PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Do you qualify for any of the following benefits? If so, you may be eligible for additional school funding and free school meals that continue through Key Stage 2. Please ask for an application form from the office, or download one from our website if you do.

- A) Income Support (IS)
- B) Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- C) Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- D) Guaranteed Pension Credit
- E) Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- F) Universal Credit (with an annual net earned income of no more than £7400)
- G) Child Tax Credit, provided the parent is NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, which does not exceed £16,190
- H) Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone received for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

**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           | 97.3                     | 91.4                              |
| Murphy              | 95.4                     | 93.1                              |
| Gravett             | 97.5                     | 93.2                              |
| Hughes              | 93                       | 94.1                              |
| Pullman             | 100                      | 95.1                              |
| Horowitz            | 97.5                     | 93.7                              |
| Blackman            | 97.1                     | 94.7                              |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <b>96.9</b>              | <b>93.3</b>                       |

***The class with the best attendance this week is:***  
***Pullman***

|                      | Lates This Week | Lates since September |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Donaldson            | 1               | 5                     |
| Murphy               | 1               | 4                     |
| Gravett              | 3               | 21                    |
| Hughes               | 4               | 18                    |
| Pullman              | 0               | 6                     |
| Horowitz             | 0               | 6                     |
| Blackman             | 1               | 9                     |
| <b>Whole School</b>  | <b>10</b>       | <b>69</b>             |
| <b>Total Minutes</b> | <b>88</b>       | <b>943</b>            |

***Our school target is 96.5%.***

***We are currently ABOVE target and aim for our children to be in school 100% of the time!***



# BEAVERS

1<sup>st</sup> Wootton Scout Group are recruiting

If your child is ages 6 - 8 years and free on  
Monday's between 6.15pm and 7.30pm  
Bring them along to beavers



We have fun,  
play games,  
do badge work and  
go on trips.



If you are interested please call Adele on 07507 532394, or  
Rachael on 07593 700985 or email [rabrett234@gmail.com](mailto:rabrett234@gmail.com)

For parents/carers of children in Early Years or Primary age

To help improve current and future childcare services for parents/carers and their children on the Isle of Wight we would like to receive the views and experiences of parents and carers. As part of this we want to understand how attitudes have changed towards childcare services because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We would like as many parents/carers as possible to take part, so please could you share the link below with your staff members and parents.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/95RZGCM>

All responses will be anonymous, you will only be asked to provide the first five characters of your postcode.

Many thanks  
Kind regards  
Early Years Advisory Team

**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](mailto:sendiass@iow.gov.uk)**

**More information about the service is available on our website:**

**[www.lowsendiass.co.uk](http://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



**01983 825548**  
**[www.lowsendiass.co.uk](http://www.lowsendiass.co.uk)**

**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](http://www.lowsendiass.co.uk)**

# Multiply

From baking to  
bills, brush up  
your everyday  
numeracy skills  
with Multiply



**Multiply is a free maths skills programme for adults that includes courses, workshops and support**

### **Community Workshop Timetable**

|                                                   |                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Newport – Lord Louis Library:</b>              | Every Thursday from 1330 – 1530 up until Christmas (venue change mid-November tbc).          |
| <b>Ryde Library:</b>                              | Every Friday from 1000 – 1200 up until Christmas                                             |
| <b>East Cowes Library:</b>                        | Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> November and Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> December from 1000 – 1200               |
| <b>Ventnor Library:</b>                           | Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> November and Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> November from 1000 – 1200              |
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| <b>Oakfield Family Hub / Pantry:</b>              | Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December from 1515 – 1630 |
| <b>Pan Together at Downside Community Centre:</b> | Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December from 1000 – 1200 |

To find out more visit [www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses](http://www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses)  
email [multiply@iow.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@iow.gov.uk) or phone (01983) 817280

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## Multiply free maths courses

Multiply is a new government-funded programme to help adults improve their maths skills with free courses.

You will be able to take part if:

- You are over 19
- You do not have maths GCSE at grade C (or equivalent)
- You live on the Isle of Wight

Good maths skills can help you find more job opportunities and lead to higher wages. They can also help in everyday life, such as helping children with homework and budgeting money.

Free maths programmes for adults will include courses, workshops and support: -

- Increase your confidence with numbers
- Flexible courses and workshops to fit around work and life
- Regular drop-in support from a maths tutor offered in towns across the Island
- Take the first step towards gaining maths qualifications:-
  - Maths Skills Units - building towards a City and Guilds certificate
  - Fast-track Functional Skills qualifications up to level 2
  - Online courses are available for all levels of Maths
- Brush up your skills to support the kids with their homework
- Monergy Plus workshops from the Footprint Trust to help you understand your energy bills and manage your usage
- Cooking on a budget
- Individualised assessments and support



# Multiply

## How to get involved

If you are interested in Multiply free maths courses on the Island, you can find more information on courses available on our website: [www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses](http://www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses) or contact Adult Community Learning on (01983) 817280 or email [multiply@iow.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@iow.gov.uk) or via Facebook [www.facebook.com/iwcac](https://www.facebook.com/iwcac)

## Library Workshop Timetable

Come and visit us at the Library/Pantry in order to find out more and start your Maths learning journey!

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## Information for employers

If you are an Island employer and you want to find out more about the Multiply programme and how it can help to design and deliver a bespoke programme for your workforce — at no cost to you, please contact Rob Brindley on (01983) 817280 or email [multiply@iow.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@iow.gov.uk)



**St. Marks Church,  
Station Road Wootton**

## Big Jumble Sale

**Saturday 12 November 2022**

at

**St Marks Church, Station Road Wootton**

**2.00pm – 3.00pm per person entry fee**

**Good as New Stall, Jumble, Books**  
*childrens clothing, Toys.*

**Stock on the day 9.30am – 11.00am**

**Helpers Needed from 9.00am**

**Call if you can help on 07866059422**

**Any offers of help to pack away at 3.15 gratefully  
received**

**All proceeds will go to church funds**

**St. Marks Church,  
Station Road Wootton**

## Big Cooked Breakfast is Back!!

and

## Seasonal Stalls

**Saturday 10 December 2022**

at

**St Marks Church, Station Road Wootton**

**9.30am until 12.30pm**

**Live Music, Seasonal Stalls, Crafts, Tombola &  
Save the Children Stall**

**Collection Box for RSPCA**

**Items wanted:- Food, Blankets & Towels**

**To Book A Table for £5 call  
07866059422**

## Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Family life can be a challenge. Could you be a home visiting volunteer and help a family with young children in your area?

**How much time do I need to give?** Most home visitors give a couple of hours each week.

**Where would it be?** At the family home

**What does it involve?** The role is varied as every family is different. A Home-Start volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Your time with the family could include:

- Talking and listening
- Having fun with children
- Supporting families to get out and about
- Practical help

**Do I need any special skills or experience?** Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, great organisational skills, practical, enthusiastic. Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided. Training is a combination of online and face to face sessions. All volunteers receive regular support from a named co-ordinator.

All home visiting volunteers are subject to an enhanced DBS check and references are required.

For more information or an application form please email [admin@homestarttow.org](mailto:admin@homestarttow.org) call 01983 533357, or visit our website [www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk](http://www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you

## Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Becoming a new parent can be a challenge and at Home-Start we know the value of supporting parents as early as possible. We are looking for Bumps & Babies home visiting volunteers in your area?

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- Talking and listening
- Helping parents feel more prepared for parenthood
- Practical help & emotional support before baby comes along
- Supporting parents to feel more confident
- Practical help & emotional support after baby is born
- Supporting parents to get out and about
- Cuddling a baby!

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## Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Family life can be a challenge. Home-Start runs Family Group sessions for parents and their young children. Could you volunteer in a group and help make their time together special?

**How much time do I need to give?** Group sessions are 2 hours each week during term time.

**Where would it be?** Groups take place in Newport, Ryde, East Cowes & Shanklin

**What does it involve?** A Home-Start Family Group volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Working alongside the Family Group staff you will:

- Provide a warm welcome to parents & children
- Support children to enjoy the fun activities on offer
- Help with setting up and packing away
- Offer a listening ear to parents who need time to talk
- Give practical help to parents with more than one child to give them the opportunity to spend 1:1 time with each of their children

**Do I need any special skills or experience?** Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, practical, enthusiastic, creative, an understanding of child development would be an advantage and most importantly a willingness to join in with the singing! Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided.

All Family Group volunteers are subject to an enhanced DBS check and references are required.

For more information or an application form please email [admin@homestarttow.org](mailto:admin@homestarttow.org) call 01983 533357, or visit our website [www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk](http://www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk)

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### 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.

**When:** 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Time:** 12.30-2.30 drop in session

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



*Come and join us for a coffee, a chat and some cake*

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:

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phone: 522917

*Cake, coffee and a smile welcome you all*

