



# Wootton Community Primary School

16th December 2022

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

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

- **10th January**—Rearranged Christmas Performance

**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,

Well this has not quite been the end of term that I had planned with so much sickness within the whole school community, including myself! Thank you for all your support during the last few challenging weeks and I hope that after the break we will be back to feeling normal!

I was so disappointed to have missed the Christmas dinner this week but I have had great feedback from the children and staff. Thank you to Marie and her team for preparing and cooking such lovely food and to all the staff for ensuring the event ran so smoothly and it sounds like the children had great fun!

It was lovely to see the children all dressed in their party clothes yesterday and I know our visitor in red was a great success! Thank you so much to the PTA for ensuring all children received a gift from Father Christmas and to Mr and Mrs Sinnick for organising this all. We felt it was so important this year for EVERY child to have the chance to meet and talk with Santa and receive a gift. Talking of the PTA, I am so pleased to say that the Christmas events gave us a profit of £991.62. We are so pleased with this as we were unsure as to how the event would work, so thank you for all your support with this. I think it is important to remember that all PTA events are held for the children to enjoy and that any money raised is a bonus so whilst this may not be as much as we have raised in previous years, it was lovely that the event went ahead and that the children seemed to have a great fun!

Last Friday we raised £142.60 for Save the Children Fund, thank you for all your very kind donations.

In our celebration assembly yesterday we congratulated several children for their various achievements outside of school. Florence in Year 1 has been awarded her Level 1 in trampoline skills and her sister Emilyrose in Year 3 has Level 4, and both Emilyrose and Sid in Year 4 have been presented a medal from their football club. Lexi in Year 4 showed us her wonderful trophy for her 2nd place at the trampoline competition a few weekends ago - well done everyone!

You may recall reading in the newsletter last week that Lucia in Year 1 came second in the Sight for Wight short story competition. She showed her certificate and I had the privilege of reading her wonderful story to the school, great work Lucia!

We also heard from our Star Pupils from both last week and this week and congratulated our winning TTRS and Numbots winners. This week we selected the top 5 Numbots for the most correct answers over the last 7 days. First place Owen in Year 2, second place Cassie in Year 2, third place Kurtis in Year 4,

fourth place Zach in Year 2 and fifth place Patryk in Year 1. Our top coin earners over the last 7 days in TTRS are first place Ella in Year 6, second place Koby in Year 5, third place Braedon in Year 4, fourth place Spencer in Year 5 and fifth place Isabelle in Year 4 - great work to all the children!

With it being the end of term we presented the winning House cup to the House with the most points for this term. Well done to all the children in Jones (Green) House who have a total now of 1160 points (675 this half-term). In second place is Stokes House (blue) with 1080 points (650 this half-term) and joint third place Asher-Smith (red) and Farrell (yellow) 1010 points (550 this half-term). Jones House will get an extra play after Christmas.

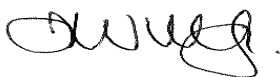
We had a wonderful time at the church this morning for our Christingle Service. Thank you so much for the helpers who joined us and to all the children for singing and performing so well.

This afternoon I presented the Christmas decoration winners with their little prizes - well done to all our winners. I also had the exciting job of sharing with Year 5 who won the Tesco Christmas colouring competition. Many congratulations to the whole class who received a small gift and to the top three winners - Thea, Penny and Spencer.

You may recall in previous years that Evie in Year 5 has made Christmas cards for the elderly and she has done so again this year. She has worked with a different care home this year who asked, rather than individual cards, she make one large one for all the residents to enjoy. Again, what a thoughtful thing to do, well done Evie.

Many congratulations to Mrs Shaw who has passed the first stage of the BSL Level 2 accreditation. We all enjoy being taught a new sign each week in assembly, well done Mrs Shaw!

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



Jane Wilford  
Headteacher



### WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have fully got into the Christmas spirit and have enjoyed completing our Christmas cards and calendars which the children will take home. On Tuesday we did some RE work and learnt about the Christmas story and the significance of baby Jesus being born. We really enjoyed our first Christmas lunch and party on Thursday but the children have worked so hard during their first term at school they are in need of a lovely break and we are excited to return in January for more new learning!

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### WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in English we practised using finger spaces and full stops when writing a letter to Santa. We also practised writing high frequency words. In phonics we learnt a new digraph 'ay' and practised reading and writing words containing this digraph. In Maths we continued to work on addition and subtraction, using pictorial representations to help us. We also worked on our number recognition and practised reading and writing numbers. In RE we read the Christmas story and thought about how Christians celebrate Christmas. In Science we learnt about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. After this we sorted different animals into a venn diagram to show what they eat. Well done to all of Year One for another amazing term, I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas!

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### WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have had a great week with different days focused on different subjects. In Geography we have rounded off our topic on the different continents of the world and their climates, choosing a place we would like to visit and researching the human and physical features we might find there. In Science the class experimented with how to make paper waterproof, and designed their own raincoats, and in RE we looked at how candlelight is used as a symbol in different religions. We rounded off the week working on our clay models of different animal heads. We have had another wonderful half-term and wish you all a very happy Christmas :)

## WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

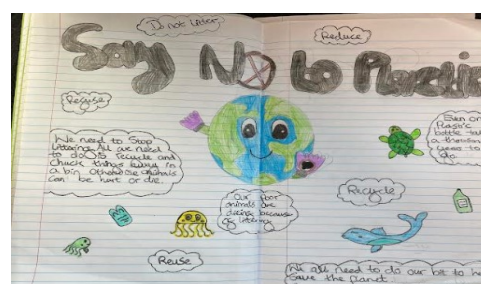
This week Year 3 continued to look at time. The children looked at both reading and writing analogue and digital time. They all did a really good job and really got the hang of it by the end of the topic. In English, the children planned, wrote and then edited their own Christmas story. They used the story structure of the Stone age boy to help them and produced the most amazing stories. In History this week, the children worked in groups to complete their Stone age houses. The children worked really well collaboratively and the end products were fantastic. In DT, the children used all the skills we've learnt this half term to design and make a Christmas card with a moving component. The children had great fun doing this and created some lovely plans. Hopefully the cards will be completed in time for Christmas.

## WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Although it is the last week, Year 4 have still been super busy finishing off all of their learning for this half term. In English, we have finished our unit by writing a character description for our own robot. We used features we had previously learnt about including openers and description. In Maths, pupils have been learning to read coordinates for the first quadrant. They have listed coordinates for given points and even wrote their names using coordinates. Across the afternoons, we have looked at symbols in other religions and we have argued our point in geography with our final question: Should rainforests be saved?

## WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week year five have been working really hard to finish their projects across all subjects. In English they have created wonderful Non Chronological reports on a planet of their choice. In Maths they have learned how to multiply a four digit number by a two digit number and divide a four digit number by a one digit number. In Music they have performed the songs they have learned during the ukulele lessons. However, the highlight of the week was the creation of pollution posters to highlight the damage plastic has on our environment. I am so proud of how year five have grown in both maturity and confidence this term and I hope they all have a wonderful Christmas break!



## WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have been focusing on geometry in Maths, learning about how nets of 3D shapes work and revising coordinates in all 4 quadrants. The children have written some super adventure narratives in English, inspired by the rainforest adventures in our Explorer text. They have included a variety of complex sentence structures and worked on improving the "flow" of their stories with cohesive devices such as adverbials and repetition. We challenged them to include a semicolon in their writing too! The end of the week is bringing Christmassy activities such as the Christingle and end of term party. We hope everyone has a lovely break and wish you all a very Merry Christmas from the Year Six team!

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## DINNER MENU

**MONDAY**— Cheese and Tomato Pizza, or Chinese Vegetarian Noodles, with Chocolate Crispy Bar for pudding.

**TUESDAY**— Pork Sausages, or Veggie Sausages, with Shortbread for pudding.

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

**THURSDAY** - Hot Chicken Sandwich, or Vegetable Lasagne, with Crumble for pudding.

**FRIDAY**— Fish Fingers and Chips, or Quorn Nuggets and Chips, with Frozen Yogurt for pudding.

*If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and therefore entitled to UIFSM, we are more than happy for them to order a school dinner to try and bring in a packed lunch as well, in case they do not like it.*

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## Star Pupils

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| <b>Murphy Year 1</b>   | Jake    | Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates at 9am. |
| <b>Gravett Year 2</b>  | Queenie |                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Hughes Year 3</b>   | Brody   |                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Pullman Year 4</b>  | Iommie  |                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Horowitz Year 5</b> | Darrell | Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.                                                           |
| <b>Blackman Year 6</b> | Eli     |                                                                                                                                   |



**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           | 74                       | 89.6                              |
| Murphy              | 67.4                     | 91.3                              |
| Gravett             | 76.4                     | 91.2                              |
| Hughes              | 80                       | 91.1                              |
| Pullman             | 80.3                     | 93.3                              |
| Horowitz            | 72.5                     | 90.9                              |
| Blackman            | 69                       | 89.1                              |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <b>74.6</b>              | <b>91</b>                         |

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

|                      | Lates This Week | Lates since September |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Donaldson            | 2               | 8                     |
| Murphy               | 2               | 13                    |
| Gravett              | 5               | 31                    |
| Hughes               | 1               | 24                    |
| Pullman              | 6               | 15                    |
| Horowitz             | 2               | 14                    |
| Blackman             | 6               | 16                    |
| <b>Whole School</b>  | <b>24</b>       | <b>121</b>            |
| <b>Total Minutes</b> | <b>362</b>      | <b>2069</b>           |

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

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

New Carnival Presents

# RYDE Merry and Bright

Friday 16th December  
Join us... 5-8pm  
Celebrations in the Town

**\* Lantern Parade (5.30pm)**  
Start from top of Dover Street, to Star St, High St, Cross St, and ending in Vernon Square

**\* Illuminations (The Neon Garden in St Thomas Rest, the Land and the Sea in Vernon Square)**

**\* Music & Entertainment**

**\* Food Stalls**

Join in-  
**Lantern Making Workshops:**  
**Family Workshop-** Sat 26th Nov  
11-2pm Ryde Methodist Church

**Lantern Leaders Course-**  
Weds 23rd Nov 5-7.30pm The Coaching House, Union Rd, Ryde

To book contact:  
Gemma@thenewcarnivalcompany.com  
01983 716095



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL RBA WIGHTLINK ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND new: carnival

RYDE Merry and Bright

Friday 16th December  
Join us... 5-8pm  
FREE EVENT

**Vernon Square**  
The Land and the Sea & Christmas Games  
Double Take 6.30-6.50pm  
Monkton Merman Story 6.55-7.05pm  
Neon Dancers 7.10-7.20pm  
Monkton Merman Story 7.35-7.35pm

**Minghella Square**  
Santa's Sleigh & FREE Facepainting  
Hannah the Vintage Songbird 5.15-5.40pm  
Neon Dancers 6.45-6.55pm

**St Thomas's**  
Lucy Baker 5-6.15pm  
Vectis Brass Band 6.30-7pm  
Isobel Russell 7-7.30pm  
FOOD MARKET 'Neon Garden'

**Victoria Arcade**  
Double Take 6.30-6.55pm  
'Scrooge' 6.20pm  
Hannah the Vintage Songbird 6.20-7pm  
Em Johnson & Moths 7-7.30pm

**Christmas Arena Town Square**  
In the Square:  
5.4pm The Grinch  
5.7pm Christmas Crowns Activity  
5.8pm DJ Kaf-Tan  
On the Stage:  
5.00-5.30pm Huxley Magic  
5.30-5.45pm 'Scrooge'  
5.45-6.15pm Em Johnson Acoustic Set  
6.15-6.40pm Milla Lake, Vocalist  
6.40-7.00pm Raw Samba  
7.00-7.30pm DJ Kaf-Tan  
7.30-7.55pm Jaydene Aerial

**Symbol Key:**  
Lantern parade route  
Lantern start @ Dover Park school  
Illuminated gardens  
Performance & entertainment areas

Roaming PyroLight Grinch Theatre Trala Moths 'Scrooge'

SCAN ABOVE FOR FULL PROGRAMME INFO

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# All Islanders CAN GET SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING

[iow.gov.uk/costofliving](http://iow.gov.uk/costofliving)

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HM Government NHS

## UNBOOSTED

COVID-19 and flu can cause serious illness.

## BOOSTED

Vaccines are your best protection.



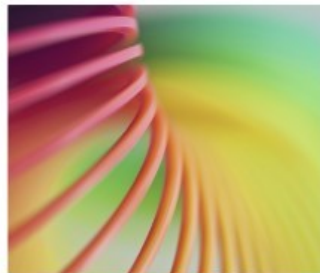
# Overdue Payments

Please ensure **all** outstanding payments on SchoolMoney are paid off by Friday 16th December.

Barnardos Family Centres will be open (other than bank holidays) if families wish to contact or please direct to our website and they can get in touch via the contact us link

[Welcome To Isle Of Wight Family Centres : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

## FREE STAY AND PLAY



### SEN PEER SUPPORT

If you are a parent carer of a child with an SEN or disability you are welcome to come along to our FREE stay and play session. There will be FREE refreshments and a chance to chat with other families.

**28th December 2022 – 10am to 2pm**

**Victoria Pavillion, Recreation Ground Road, Newport,  
PO30 5DS**

Email: [parentsvoice@peoplesmatteriw.org](mailto:parentsvoice@peoplesmatteriw.org)

Text: 07746 302898



You must accompany your children at all times. We have some toys that we will bring along. If you would like to bring your own you are more than welcome to, but these will be your responsibility. This is a DROP-IN session. Please feel free to attend for the time that suits you.



**DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL  
DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!  
Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February**

Plus, new for this year, Thursday 16th for the over-12s

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



Have you got your tickets yet?

Tickets are now on sale for the IW Story Festival at Quay Arts in Newport during February half term from [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)

It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like **Simon Farnaby** (from Paddington 2, Horrible Histories and Ghosts) who will be talking about his **Wizard in My Shed** series of books.

Former CBeebies star, **Carrie Burnell**, will also be there with her exciting adventure story about being different, **Wilder than Midnight**.



CARRIE BURNELL

For younger children we have a world-exclusive. Author and illustrator Nicholas Allan will be revealing for the first time **The King's Pants** (some of you may already know and love one of his most famous books, **The Queen's Knickers**.)

There will be lots of other authors and illustrators for you to meet, some of them you may have heard of, some of them you may not. But all of them are worth seeing. Why not check some of them out before you come along: **Laura Ellen Anderson, Neal Layton, Jamie Littler, Gareth Peter, Kieran Larwood, Jules Harriner, Felicity Fair Thompson and Peta Rainford**

### FAQs

**Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?**

**A:** It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast! Get them from [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)

**Q: How much are tickets?**

**A:** Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6

**Q: Is it just for people who like reading?**

**NO!** The IW Story Festival isn't just about books! We've got lots of hands-on activities for you to get involved with – from making puppets to making rockets, illustrating comics to sewing a story. There will be storytellers and theatre performances too!

**More information from: [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com)**

Registered charity number: 1198024

Enriching experiences and a nutritious lunch are available throughout the Christmas holidays for the children and young people of families receiving income-related free school meals.

Funded by the Department for Education, the Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme enables local authorities to coordinate free holiday scheme access locally.

The programme will be delivered on the Island by eight approved holiday scheme providers and is co-ordinated by the Isle of Wight Council.

Full details of the free activities on offer can be found here: [Events \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk/events)

All participating holiday schemes will offer a nutritious meal and a variety of fun, enriching experiences such as sports, games, cooking and play opportunities. Councillor Debbie Andre, Cabinet member for children's services, said: "I wish to say a huge thank you to all of the providers who have worked with us to support families by arranging fun and exciting activities for children and young people and also providing them with a nutritious meal.

"It is great to see both the continued support of our existing providers as well as several new providers who are joining the programme for the first time.

"The HAF programme continues to be a real success in providing a range of quality activities for children and young people who might not otherwise have had the chance to attend a holiday club or an activity day."

The aim of the scheme is to make free places available to eligible children for the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for six weeks a year.

For more information about the Holiday Activity Fund, please [click here](#). [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

A film produced during the summer HAF is also available to view on the council's YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/Tg7rivKhJRQ>

## **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) 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)