



Wootton Community Primary School

3rd February 2023

Dates for 2023 (subject to change):

- 12th January—23rd March—Year 3 Swimming
- 6th February—Year 3 visit to Brading Roman Villa

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

- 2nd March—World Book Day
- 2nd March—NEU Strike Day
- 15th and 16th March—NEU

Strike Day
• Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th March—Parents Evening

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

- Monday 8th May—Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May—KS2 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 cannot believe we are almost at the end of another half-term. Please remember that the children break up on Thursday next week for half-term as staff have training on Friday. Celebration Assembly will therefore take place on Thursday.

Thank you again for your support with the partial closure this week as a result of the industrial action. I know for many of you this involved a day off from work but as I wrote in last week's newsletter, staff did not make this decision lightly and would have thought long and hard about doing so. We are hopeful that the action will bring a positive result so that school budgets are increased. Thank you to all the wonderful work that has been sent in, it is wonderful to see that so many children engaged with their home learning project, well done everyone! You will know that there are several more potential dates planned, I will endeavour to give you as much as notice as I can should we need to close any classes again.

Next week the children will be completing a range of assessments in school with our Year 6 children having a mock SATs week, including breakfast. We know that for some children the concept of assessment is challenging, but we are keen to provide children with the skills they need to be able to complete assessment questions effectively. This is a vital skill they need fully in place as they move through the education system and we are eager to ensure that they are fully equipped with these skills. Please support your children with this process by ensuring that they get a good night sleep each night so that they are refreshed and ready to engage with their learning each day, thank you.

It was another lovely celebration assembly today hearing about the range of different hobbies children have out of school. We congratulated Queenie in Year 2 who passed her level entry exam in dancing with a High Merit and from Dylan in Year 3 who was awarded player of the match last week with his football team. Caleb from Year 3 has gained the next belt in Martial Arts and showed us a routine from his grading and lastly, we heard from Sadie who has passed her Level 3 in Acro Dance. Well done to everyone.

Mr Billington shared the great news about our girls U9 football match last Friday when they beat St Blasius 1-0, which means they are through to the next round. They will play Holy Cross again next week to get their position of either 1st or 2nd place.

Yesterday two children from Year 4 and two children from Year 5 represented Wootton at a Maths challenge event at Ryde Private school, competing against many different schools; 33 schools in the Year 4 tournament and 39 schools in the Year 5 tournament. This involved a range of mental warm ups, completing quick calculations to solve puzzles, lateral thinking questions and questions on a range of topics such as puzzles with tangrams or dominoes, logic problems etc. Alfie A and Evan from Year 4 took part in the morning with Rocco and Penny in Year 5 for the afternoon. Both teams worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them. Thank you to Mrs Menzies who supported the children at both events.

We congratulated our top TTRS and Numbot achievers this week. Our top five coin earning children for TTRS for this week are 1st place Ella in Year 6 , 2nd place Rocco, 3rd place Spencer, 4th place Oliver and 5th place Koby all from Year 5. Our top 5 children whom have played the most time over the week on Numbots are Zach in Year 2 with 1st place, 2nd place Amira in Year 1, 3rd place Patryk also in Year 1, 4th place Evie in Year 4 and 5th place Poppy in Year 1- each earning 5 House Points. Well done everyone!

Good luck to our U11 girls football team playing at Niton on Monday and our U9 girls team playing at home on Wednesday. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next PTA meeting which is on Wednesday at 7pm in school.

In the meantime have a lovely weekend.

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

For further information or to book a place on any /all of these sessions please contact:
info@thecrossley.co.uk or phone 01983 861164

90 Minutes to Family Calm Series

Join our **FREE** (fully funded) online classes! – Join one or join them all....

	BRAIN TRAINING FOR CALM	– 20th February
	TAMING THE EMOTIONS MONSTER	– 27th February
	SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR SENSES	– 6th March
		* no session 13th March
	BUCKET FILLING FOR SELF-ESTEEM	– 20th March
	RELAXING OUR KIDS	– 27th March

February—March 2023
Monday mornings
9:30-11:00

Booking & enrolment required to secure a place on any or all these sessions.
 *enrolment required **just once** (for any number of sessions) per academic year



new carnival

IOW DARK SKIES FESTIVAL

FRI 17TH FEB

CLEAR SKIES TENT

4.00- 4.20pm Richard Grogan AONB, Welcome
 4.35-5.15pm 'Tale of Three Sisters' Play by Tide Nor Time Players
 5.30-6.15pm Zen Stretch & Starry Stories Workshop
 6.30-7.15pm Vectis Astronomers 'Space and us' Presentation
 7.15-8.00pm IW Planetarium, 'Stargazing for Starters' Paul England

BLACKOUT TENT

3.30-4.30pm 'Painting With Light' Photography Workshop
 4.30-5.00pm 'Benefits of Sleep' Presentation by Barnados
 5.00-5.20pm 'Waiting' Ghost Story by Sandra Singleton
 5.30-6.15pm 'Measuring the Universe' Stokey, Presentation
 6.30-7.15pm 'Astrophotography Workshop' Jamie Russell
 7.15-8.00pm 'Isle of Wight Ghosts' IW Ghost Experience

CANVAS TENT

3.30-4.30pm Cosmic Creative Writing Workshop
 4.30-5.30pm Make a Pinwheel Workshop
 5.30-7.15pm Make an Asteroid, Clay Workshop
 7.15- 8.00pm Phases of the Moon Craft Workshop





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IOW DARK SKIES FESTIVAL

SAT 18TH FEB

CLEAR SKIES TENT

3.20-4.00pm Zen Stretch and Starry Stories
 4.00-5.00pm 'Robert Hook IW Scientist' Presentation by Arnold Taylor
 5.15-5.45pm 'Nocturnal Activity of Beavers' Presentation HIWWT
 6.00-6.45pm 'Tale of Three Sisters' Play by Tide Nor Time Players
 7.00-8.00pm 'Measuring the Universe' Stokey, Presentation

BLACKOUT TENT

3.00-4.00pm 'Painting with Light' Photography Workshop
 4.00-4.45pm 'Isle of Wight Ghosts' IW Ghost Experience
 5.00-6.00pm Selected Dark Skies Short Films with Paul Windridge
 6.00-6.20pm 'Waiting' Ghost Story by Sandra Singleton
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CANVAS TENT

3.30-4.15pm Ipad Soundscape Workshop
 4.45-5.30pm Ipad Soundscape Workshop
 6.00-7.00pm Ipad Soundscape Workshop





OUTSIDE: 6-7pm Fire and Light show with StixguyKai

FRIDAY & SATURDAY- FEATURING THROUGHOUT...

AONB, Vectis Astronomers, The Butterfly Conservation Society, Robert Hook Society, Hampshire IW Wildlife Trust, Brading Roman Villa, Chad Powell Photography, Island Visions Photography.

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WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have been focusing on 1 more and 1 less. We used a number line to help us if we needed it and we used other resources such as gems so that we could see the actual amount. We realised that we need to do a bit more work on '1 less' as this is more difficult for us. In our writing work some of us have been writing some simple sentences from our Little Wandle phonics program so that we can get used to writing 4 or 5 words and then we had a go at reading the sentence back to the adult. This week our new trapeze bar arrived after our other one broke so we have been exploring this and trying to use 'swing' movements to make it go higher!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in English we described the wolf from our new story and we wrote questions for him to help us decide if he is innocent or not. We wrote a postcard to a friend telling them our thoughts about the wolf. In Maths we practised counting to 100 and reading numbers to 50. We used beadstring, dienes and place value cards to represent numbers to 50. We also counted objects and pictures and then found the number card to match. In Geography we compared Wootton to Southsea. We looked at maps to see which human and physical features there are in both places, then wrote the similarities and differences. In Science we grouped materials by their properties such as waterproof, transparent, smooth and shiny. We sorted objects into venn diagrams based on these properties. In Music we sang In the Groove and we practised clapping in time to the music.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have been so busy this week practicing their multiplication skills. They have learned how to represent multiplication in different ways, including part, part, whole models, arrays and in number sentences. In English we have been considering how the different texts we have studied this half-term relate to each other, plus thinking about using powerful descriptive language and commas in a list. Science saw us investigating whether the oldest child always has the biggest feet, and how to care for different animal species, in Art we have continued to develop our sketching and shading skills, and in History we talked about how the Titanic disaster helped to change safety rules and regulations on board ships. Another great week of learning, well done everyone!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

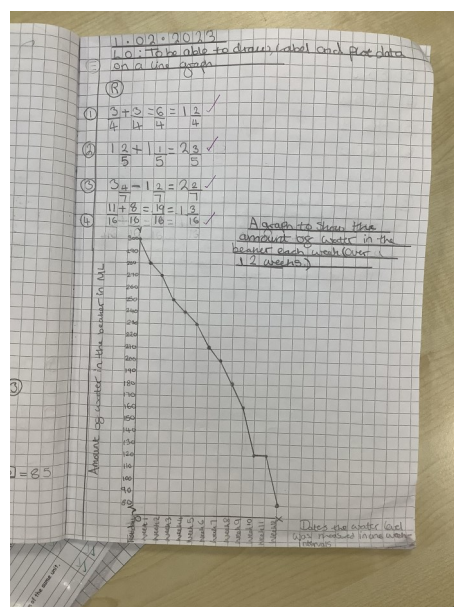
Year 3 have had a brilliant week. In DT, the class followed a Roman bread recipe and each created their own little bread roll. The children followed the instructions and their previous designs really well and all really enjoyed getting their hands dirty to make the dough. In English the class finished their non-fiction leaflets. The children have worked incredibly hard on these, trying to include all the aspects of writing we've looked at throughout the half term. Once completed, we looked back at our initial success criteria and the children evaluated their leaflet, making any corrections they could spot and also suggesting ways in which the leaflets could be further improved. In Math, the children have continued to look at addition and subtraction. We have been really impressed with how their ability to apply number bonds and facts have been used to quickly solve parts of each problem. The children used number lines and all worked really hard on what were some very tricky number problems. The class once again were great ambassadors for the school during our swimming lessons. It's great to see each child's confidence growing each week.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

The highlight for Year 4 this week has to be our visit from the Vikings on Monday. It was a fantastic day with lots of artefacts to look at and handle. The fight between the Viking warriors at the end was a lovely way to end a brilliant experience. Besides this we have been looking at using our grid method and known facts to multiply 3 digits in Maths whilst in English we have concentrated on writing instructions on how to wash our dragon. Pupils have also made Viking woven bracelets, they have used switches in circuits and have begun to read musical notes.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Another busy week in year 5! The children have been using their recently acquired knowledge of alliteration, similes and personification to write wonderful acrostic poems based on our class novel - Holes. In Maths, they have explored adding and subtracting negative numbers as well as being able to interpret data from line graphs and even have a go at drawing one. In Science the children applied their understanding of levers and pulleys to design and build a crane and a catapult; it was great fun testing which groups catapult would fire the furthest. However, the highlight of the week was observing how well the children have settled into their new seating plan and table groupings for English and Maths. I am so proud of the development in maturity and independence over the last few weeks. Keep it up year 5!



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six, the children have returned to focus on the role of dialogue in narrative. Not only do they need to punctuate speech correctly, but they also need to make sure their dialogue is purposeful - contributing to characterisation or plot. In Maths, we have mainly worked on understanding the concept of ratio and how to approach ratio problems. Towards the end of the week we have touched on negative number. We have experimented with three different art styles of art this term, and next week the children will choose which of these styles they wish to use for their final piece. In Geography, we continue to compare the physical and human geography of the Isle of Wight with that of Copacabana in Brazil.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Macaroni Cheese, or Vegetarian Sausage, and Mash, with Ice Cream for pudding.

TUESDAY— Chicken Pie, or Cheese and Tomato Pizza, with Crumble for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Turkey, or Vegan Sausage Casserole, with an Oat Cookie for pudding.

THURSDAY - Fish Fingers and Chips, or Quorn Dippers, with Shortbread 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.

Star Pupils

Murphy Year 1	Eddie	Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates at 9am.
Gravett Year 2	Shaantanu	
Hughes Year 3	Brooke	
Pullman Year 4	Caleb	
Horowitz Year 5	Oscar R	Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.
Blackman Year 6	Tommie	

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	87.7	90.8
Murphy	96.6	92.8
Gravett	99.6	93.3
Hughes	93.9	92.4
Pullman	95.9	94.2
Horowitz	95.9	92.8
Blackman	94.8	91.8
Whole School	94.8	92.6

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Gravett

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	0	16
Murphy	0	24
Gravett	2	42
Hughes	3	41
Pullman	0	31
Horowitz	1	25
Blackman	2	30
Whole School	8	201
Total Minutes	210	3658

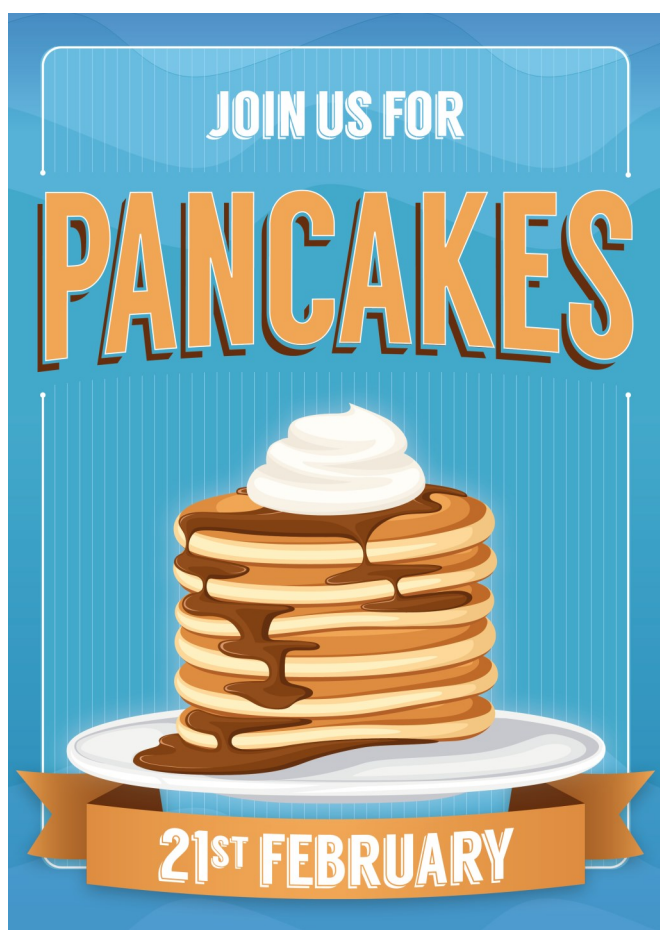
Our school target is 96.5%.

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

Celebrate International Women's Day with Adult Community Learning (adults 19+), and bring a child over the age of 10yrs with you to our workshop morning, on Sunday 5 March 10am-12pm.

Choose between weaving your own beautiful unique piece of wall art, using mixed media and personal items, or create a colourful keyring (heart, flower etc) and hopefully you'll never lose your keys again!

Workshops take place at The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde and cost £10/£5 concession per person (child pays £5). Booking is essential, to book an adult and child place please call 817280, or adults 19+ only can book via our website www.iow.gov.uk/ACLCourses.



After School Clay Club

Mondays 4pm until 5:30pm
Sessions start 27th February
at Tregear Pottery, Niton

£90 for 5 weeks

An exciting and unique opportunity for your child to learn a variety of making techniques in our working pottery studio. Over a 5 week period, we will explore wheel throwing, sculpting and modelling and follow the pottery processes through to completion, finishing with a range of glazed and fired pieces to take home.

Spaces are limited so please contact us as soon as possible to secure your spot, email us at: isleofwightpottery@gmail.com



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)



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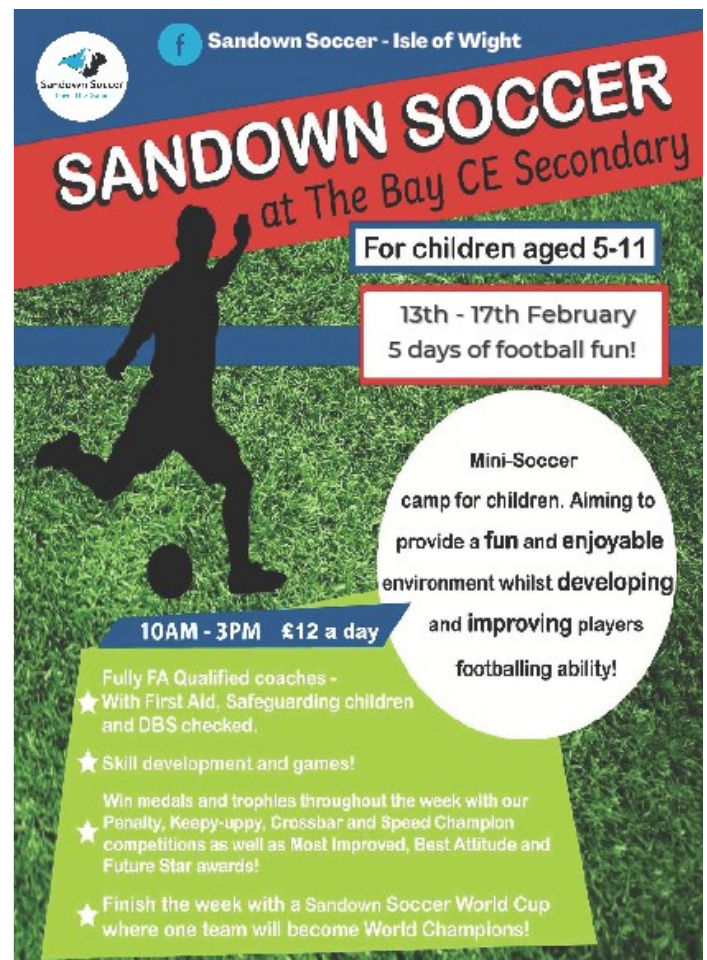
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07594 389531
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Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

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For children aged 5-11

13th - 17th February
5 days of football fun!

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM £12 a day

- Fully FA Qualified coaches -
- ★ With First Aid, Safeguarding children and DBS checked.
- ★ Skill development and games!
- Win medals and trophies throughout the week with our
- ★ Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar and Speed Champion competitions as well as Most Improved, Best Attitude and Future Star awards!
- ★ Finish the week with a Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will become World Champions!