



Wootton Community Primary School

3rd March 2023

Dates for 2023 (subject to change):

- 12th January—23rd March—Year 3 Swimming
- 15th and 16th March—NEU Strike Day
- 15th March—Year 6 Residential Information Session at 3pm
- Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th March—Parents Evening
- Break up for Easter Friday 31st March 2023, return Tuesday 18th April 2023 (Monday 17th April Staff Development Day, school closed to pupils)
- Monday 1st May—Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May—Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May—KS2 SATS
- Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th May—Year 6 Residential

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,

Wow - what an amazing World Book Day we have had! Thank you so much for all of your efforts to support your children. The character potatoes and extreme reading photographs have also been incredible and we were so impressed with the costumes this year - some incredible homemade outfits. Look out for the photographs on our Facebook page and hopefully in the County Press too! Miss Paterson had such a difficult job of judging the potatoes and photographs that she called on Mrs Pye to help! The winners for the potatoes are Aiden in Reception, Logan in Year 1, Arya in Year 2, Sebby in Year 3, Sidney in Year 4, Thea in Year 5 and Lexi in Year 6. The winners for the photographs are Patryk in Year 1, Oliver in Year 2, Harry in Year 3, Millie in Year 4, Sadie in Year 5 and Henry in Year 6. It was such a hard decision as all the entries were FANTASTIC, so a really big well done to everyone that contributed.

We had a fantastic assembly this morning with the whole school so that we could see each other's costumes and listen to the start of the book which has been the 'hook' for our World Book Day. Miss Paterson shared the first few pages of 'Leon and the Place Between' and the children continued their learning in class. During the afternoon they completed some great work around their own favourite book character which will be displayed some of the work in the library.

The other exciting element of the day has been the arrival of our playground reading shed! The PTA have paid for the shed and we will be furnishing this over the next few weeks so that children can sit quietly at breaktimes to read away from the busy playground - thank you for all the support that you give to PTA events to enable us to put this in place.

Next Friday we will be sending home the fund raising information to support Sebby in Reception's parents with the fundraising event for the charity TAPS. If you would like to view the video regarding this charity please follow the link: <https://youtu.be/YGOcLIameNY>

In assembly yesterday we congratulated Elliott in Year 5 who has been invested in to Scouts, heard from Max in Year 4 who has taken part in another skateboarding competition, from Sophie in Year 2 who has gained a new level in trampolining and gymnastics and Lucia in Year 1 who has passed a swimming level, well done everyone!

I also had the privilege of sharing some really exciting news for Jessica in Year 5. Before Christmas Year 5 entered a competition set up by Cowes Town Council who asked schools to provide a new logo and strapline for Cowes Council. Jess was joint winner, winning £125 with her entry (see attached). The judges particularly liked her strapline 'Eat, sleep, sail, repeat' - many congratulations!

We also heard from Mr Billington who shared the latest football match news. The U11 girls played in a friendly match against Arreton last week which they won 4-0. The U9 boys played Arreton's U9 boys team, which was a tough physical game! The boys sadly lost 3-1, but played incredibly hard with some first time

representatives for the school. Mr Billington was incredibly proud of their game, especially as the other team presented us with some challenges! Finally our big sports news of the week is that on Monday our more experienced U9 boys team beat Newchurch 4-0 which takes them through to the semi finals. Well done to every one involved and a really big thank you to Mr Redford who gives much of his time to support and coach one of the boys' teams; we are very grateful indeed.

This week we congratulated the top five coin holders so far this year in TTRS. Well done to our top earners in the school: Koby in Year 5 followed by Ella In Year 6, third place Alfie A in Year 4, fourth place Spencer in Year 5 and fifth place Rocco also in Year 5; great work everyone!

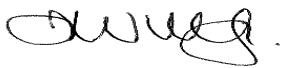
Our Numbots 5 highest correct answers achievers this week are: first place Cassie in Year 2, second place Zach also in Year 2, third place Freddie in Year 5, fourth place Patryk in Year 1 and fifth place Elodie in Year 4. Super work!

As part of Year 5's learning they have had two guest speakers this week sharing how they manage their local businesses including economics and trading. Thank you so much to Ian Menzies who runs Brothers Fish and Chip shop in Brading and also to Mrs Scurr who runs Buttercup Barn Retreats in Wootton who has very kindly offered Wootton parents a discount (see attached information).

Your child should have brought home a letter regarding the next PTA event: PJs and Popcorn on Friday 31st March. Please note that tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance.

In the meantime have a great weekend!

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class I have been busy assessing our children on a 1:1 basis regarding their phonic knowledge. It was a lot trickier this time round and the children had to remember the phonemes/digraphs we have covered so far, plus we had to do some sound talking and blending as well as reading some 'tricky words'. The children all worked so hard and really did try their best, which is all we can ask. The children have also been drawing story maps related to 'The 3 Little Pigs' and have been doing some work on subitising in Maths.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we wrote information about different toys to create a class toy museum. After this, we imagined what the toys do at night time and we wrote sentences explaining which games the toys play. We practised using capital letters at the start of our sentences and for the days of the week. In Maths we continued finding 10 more than a number and then used numicon to find number bonds to ten and wrote addition and subtraction sentences. In History we learnt about toys in the past 70 years. We sorted toys into past and present. In Science we investigated which materials are most absorbent. We put materials into water and then measured how much water was left after 20 minutes. We talked about how to make it a fair test. In DT we looked at wind up toys. After this, we designed our own toy which we will create in our next DT lesson.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have enjoyed exploring more of their new topic in Science this week - considering whether the elements that a plant needs to stay healthy are the same as the elements seeds need to begin to grow. We have set up some different experiments to try and answer this question and look forward to seeing which of our seeds begin to germinate over the next week. In English we have discovered what the Night Gardener has been creating around Grimloch Lane, and in Maths we have continued our excellent work on multiplication and division. Our work in Art continues with a focus on creating different shades of the same colour, and in Geography we have begun to explore the UK and its topography. Great work, everyone!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had another great week in Year 3. This week we continued to look at Escape from Pompeii. Leading on from our diary writing, we looked at using inverted commas for speech and the rules that we need to follow. The children did a fantastic job of picking these skills up and were able to apply them when writing a conversation between the two main characters, Tranio and Livia. Linked to our book in English, we started learning about a volcano located in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We looked at some photographs and video footage of an eruption that took place in 2021 and discussed the possible impact it could have had on the people, the economy and the environment there. In Art we looked at using ben day dots. This is what Roy Liechtenstein used when creating his pop art. We had a go at layering the four colours used to make different colour effects and also using different spacing. The children practiced this skill to make a volcano picture. Although we only had time for a quick practice of this skill, the children all did a great job and the volcanos looked fantastic.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

We have had a busy week in Year 4 and it finished with a flourish today with World Book Day. What fantastic costumes! In our English this week, we had the chance to read through our text entitled Rhythm of the Rain. The book is all about the water cycle, something that links in well with our Geography unit on rivers and mountains. From the text, we discussed settings and planned and wrote our own setting description about a location in the book. We also learnt about present perfect tense and after some practice applied it to parts of our story. In Maths, we have been looking at the relationship between fractions and decimals. Within it we have used place value grids, division and multiplication. Alongside this, we have played disco music in our brass lessons and conducted a sound walk.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This has been an incredible and very busy week in Year 5. We have learned how to apply our newly learned knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages (FDP) to solve multi step problems that include addition, subtraction and multiplication as well as converting between FDP. It has been a joy to watch the children's knowledge and confidence in this unit flourish! In English, we have applied our learning of sentence structures by writing an information leaflet to promote and inform prospective students what life is like at Wootton. In Computing, we have explored databases in more detail. Also, on Tuesday we hosted the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service, who delivered a fascinating workshop on how to stay safe in an emergency situation. However, the highlight of the week was our two Geography lessons. As part of our topic question – How does our local area make money? - Mrs Scurr (Megan) and Mr Menzies (Ian) volunteered to come to school and discuss how their respective industries (Tourism and food and drink) make money and contribute to the local and national economy. It was amazing to see the class so interested in this fascinating topic, thank you again to our wonderful industry experts! Finally all of Year 5, including myself, thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day- exploring a new novel together, sharing our favourite books and characters and reading several stories as a class.



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

DINNER MENU

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

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

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

THURSDAY - Beef Bolognese, or Vegetarian Bolognese, with Apple Crumble for pudding.

FRIDAY— Fish Fingers and Chips, or Quorn Dippers, with Shortbread for pudding.

In addition to the menu above, children can order pasta with tomato sauce or a jacket potato or baguette with a choice of fillings

Star Pupils

Murphy Year 1	Bella	Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates at 9am.
Gravett Year 2	Zach	
Hughes Year 3	Willow	
Pullman Year 4	Ollie	
Horowitz Year 5	Amelia	Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.
Blackman Year 6	Finn	

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	96.7	91.4
Murphy	93.3	92.9
Gravett	97.9	93.3
Hughes	99.7	93.1
Pullman	98.7	94.6
Horowitz	99.3	93.5
Blackman	98.1	92.5
Whole School	97.7	93

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Hughes

	Lates This Week	
Donaldson	1	19
Murphy	2	31
Gravett	2	45
Hughes	2	47
Pullman	2	34
Horowitz	1	26
Blackman	3	36
Whole School	13	210
Total Minutes	142	4154

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

Welcome to Zones of regulation!

In school, we have revisited with the staff Zones of Regulation Training and felt it would be really helpful for parents to know about it too so you can understand the language that your children may start to use at home, and also to use the same language at home with them too. Every few weeks we will provide you with some information about Zones so please keep an eye out in the newsletter and in the SEND section of the website! But first things first...

What is *The Zones of Regulation*?

The Zones of Regulation is a curriculum full of a range of activities to help your child develop skills in the area of self-regulation. Self-regulation can go by many names, such as self-control, self-management and impulse control. It is defined as the best state of alertness of both the body and emotions for the specific situation. For example, when your child plays in a basketball game, it is beneficial to have a higher state of alertness. However, that same state would not be appropriate in the library.

Some of the aims of *The Zones of Regulation*:

- ☐ To help children recognise when they are in the different Zones and how to change or stay in the Zone they are in.
- ☐ To gain an increased vocabulary of emotional terms so that they can explain how they are feeling.
- ☐ To gain insight into events that might make them move into the different Zones eg. disagreement with a friend, a certain subject being taught or a fire drill.
- ☐ To help children understand that emotions, sensory experiences, physiological needs (eg. hunger/lack of sleep) and environments can influence which Zone they are in.
- ☐ To develop problem-solving skills.
- ☐ To identify a range of different calming and alerting strategies/tools that support them. Tools identified may be personalised sensory supports (eg. use of putty at key times), calming techniques or thinking strategies.

"Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it" Charles Sindoll



The Way Forward Programme
presents

Annie

and

Oliver

The Adventure

FRIDAY 2nd JUNE 2023

6:45pm

Medina Theatre, Newport

www.wayforwardprogramme.org.uk

25 Dalish Way, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5XJ

Registered Charity Number: 1007947





**IS YOUR CHILD TOO YOUNG
TO JOIN A TEAM?**

**DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO BUILD THEIR
CONFIDENCE IN A SPORTING ENVIRONMENT?**

**DOES YOUR CHILD WANT
TO PLAY FOOTBALL
BUT NOT IN A TEAM YET?**

**IF YOU'VE ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS, WE'VE GOT
THE PERFECT SOLUTION!**

**WE PROVIDE A SAFE, ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT WHERE
CHILDREN CAN HAVE FUN WHILST IMPROVING THEIR FOOTBALL SKILLS.**

OURS AIMS ARE:

- **TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO HAVE FUN THROUGH FOOTBALL**
- **TO IMPROVE CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS.**
- **TO LEARN AND IMPROVE BASIC FOOTBALL SKILLS: CONTROL, PASSING, DRIBBLING.**
- **TO DEVELOP AGILITY, BALANCE, CO-ORDINATION, SPEED (ABC'S).**

Our fully FA qualified coaches have up to date First Aid training and are DBS checked. Each session will be packed full of fun games played in teams, and as individuals, to help children build friendships as well as independence.

Storytime at Ryde Castle

Every second Tuesday between 4-5pm - Free Entry

Storytime at Ryde Castle

March 7th- Wednesday

March 21st- Elsa

April 4th- Harley Quinn

April 18th- Ariel

Every second Tuesday between 4-5pm - Free Entry

PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY

Vectis Rugby club have spaces open in our
Under 8s (Year 3) and Under 12s (Year 7).
Every Sunday at IWRFC in Wootton at 10am.

First two session are free
Email for more information

Email: vectisrfccoaching@gmail.com
www.vectisrugby.co.uk



Sessions are all delivered by experienced coaches with first aid qualifications and DBS Checks.



Easter Holiday Pottery Classes

Clay Club

Mondays and Fridays 10 - 12 and 2 - 4
£25 per person

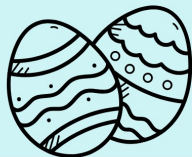
Family Pottery Workshop

Various dates and times available
£100 (up to 4 people)

- Throwing pots on the wheel
- Clay sculpting
- Easter themed decorating

To book email us at:
isleofwightpottery@gmail.com

www.isleofwightpottery.com





EASTER CAMP

ISLE OF WIGHT

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5TH

HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL
MILLFIELD AVENUE
EAST COWES
PO326AS

@ABCKacademy





ISLE OF WIGHT MUSIC HUB PRESENTS



MONDAY STRING ENSEMBLE



MONDAYS IN TERM TIME

4.30 - 6.00 pm

The Island Free School, Upper Ventnor PO38 1BC

For more information email h.foster@iwmt.org.uk

Apply here: [String group form](#)

All school aged violin/viola/cello/double bass players are very welcome



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ISLE OF WIGHT MUSIC HUB PRESENTS



Saturday Morning Music Centre

Ensemble opportunities for players of woodwind, brass, percussion and bowed string players



Saturday mornings during term time

10.00am - 12.00pm

At Osborne House

York Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6JT
Annual membership £105

The Hub also supports additional music making opportunities and ensembles during the week.
For further information please contact us using the details below

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Getting Ready for School Nurturing Young Brains Workshop



Info sheet

20–31 March 2023

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.



The 2023 challenge

It's more important now than ever to travel actively. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing too.

This year the challenge will run from 20–31 March 2023. It is free and easy to take part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. You can register your school for the challenge from January 2023 at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk



How it works

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school.

A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel certificate.



Prizes

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of your school takes part on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help your school travel actively.

In 2022,
2,984kg
of nitrogen oxide
avoided as a result
of the 10-day
challenge*

In 2022,
**1,335
tonnes**
of CO₂ avoided as a
result of the 10-day
challenge*

In 2022, pupils at
1,519
schools made
2,096,336
journeys to school by
foot, wheelchair,
scooter and cycle

*Based on the assumption the journeys
logged in the challenge would otherwise
have been made by car.



Ready
Child

Ready
Family

Ready
School

**Monday
27th March
10-12:00pm**

Book a free place now on Eventbrite:
<https://iowfamilycentres.eventbrite.co.uk>

**A recent survey shows that 71% of parents
feel anxious about their child starting school.
It is quite natural to feel this way**

**During this workshop we'll look at
Brain development; Learning at home; Play;
Early independence; Routines and more**

How to get in touch and find out more

Find us on Facebook: Isle of Wight Family Centres

Email us: iowfamilycentres@barnardos.org.uk

Call us: 01983 529208 / 617617 / 408718

<https://families.barnardos.org.uk/>

Barnardo's
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Buttercup Barn Retreats



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Our luxury yurts come equipped with a private hot tub, king size bed and beautiful country views 

For a limited time only, we are pleased to offer friends and family of Wootton Community Primary School a discount code to book a 3 night stay with us until the end of April 2023!

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We look forward to welcoming you Buttercup Barn Retreats 

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