



# Wootton Community Primary School

10th 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,

You may recall reading in the newsletter a few weeks ago that Miss Holmes is leaving us. I am so incredibly proud of her and the progress that she has made since joining us four years ago as an apprentice. She has grown in confidence and developed the role so much so that we are worried about how much she knows and does for us all! Mrs Kerrie Sinclair will be joining us and has had a brief handover from Miss Holmes, so please be patient whilst Mrs Sinclair learns all the many different elements of the admin role! I am sure you join me in thanking Miss Holmes for all her hard work and that we all wish her the very best of luck in her new job and hope that she will stay in touch with us!

Your child should have come home with their Twins competition form to help raise funds the Twins Trust charity supporting TAPS. The children will be getting the chance to meet Sebby's twin brothers on Monday but please do have a look at the video regarding the charity: <https://youtu.be/YGOcLIameNY> Please return entries and donations on Monday, thank you for your support. If you would like to donate online please use this link <https://www.charityextra.com/twinstrust/niki-luther>

Talking of support, we are so grateful to our local Premier store who have donated so many Easter eggs for our PJs and popcorn event on March 31st. Some of these will be used for prizes for the colouring competition but also children can have the chance to win an egg by bringing in a decorated egg or Easter hat on the 31st too. Please ensure these are named and with your child's class too - can't wait to see them all!

As you are aware, there are two more planned industrial action days for teachers fighting for school budgets, next Wednesday and Thursday. The school will be partially open on these two days and we will be able to offer places to children whose parents are working in the **CRITICAL FIELD ONLY**. Currently I am aware that Years 1 and 3 will be closed and we will provide home learning for the classes affected, as we did before. If I am aware of anyone else supporting their Union I will let you know as soon as I am able to, however it is possible that talks with the Government may mean that the action may not go ahead. Please keep an eye out for text messages and emails regarding this next week, thank you.

In assembly today we congratulated Florence in Year 1 and her sister Emilyrose in Year 3 for achieving the yellow award at their Little Rockets Gym Fit class and to Amira in Year 1 for gaining a badge in Rainbows and Faye in Year 4 showed her snow ski medal and certificate too, well done girls!

We also heard from Mr Billington who shared the exciting news that our girls U9 team are through to the semi-finals after beating Brighstone last week.

This week we congratulated the top five coin holders for the last 7 days in TTRS. Well done to Koby in Year 5 for first place, followed by Ella in Year 6, third place Spencer in Year 5, fourth place Millie in Year 4 and fifth place Lexi in Year 6. Great work everyone!

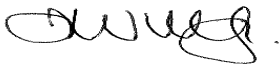
We are really pleased that some of the older children are also accessing Numbots for practice, but the top 5 are taken from children who are still working on their first set of tables. Well done to Alfie S in Year 5 for doing extra work. Our Numbots top achievers this week are for children that have played the most games over the last 7 days. First place Zach in Year 2, second place Patryk in Year 1, third place Elodie in Year 4, fourth place Evie in Year 4 and fifth place Faye also in Year 4 — super work!

Our Year 5 class had an exciting day yesterday at the Ryde Academy taster day. Whilst not all children will choose this for their secondary school, the experience enables them to get a 'taste' of the different activities and opportunities that secondary school brings. Mr Scurr was very proud of the excellent behaviour of the class, in particular as they asked some really thought provoking questions. Congratulations to the class for winning the sport competition and thank you to the staff team for supporting the children.

In our teacher meeting this week we discussed our thoughts for the King's Coronation. We really enjoyed our 'street party' style lunch back in June for the Queen's Jubilee, so we are planning to do the same to celebrate the Coronation. Each class will be given a decade of the King's life so far and perform a dance routine to a song from their given decade. The children can wear red, white and blue clothes or King and Queen outfits if they wish. The PTA are keen to hold another family disco which we are planning to do on Friday 5th May. Weather permitting this will be held on the school playground from 5pm to 6.30pm and open to the whole family, however if the weather is wet we will still run the disco, but this will be for children only. More details of this will come soon. Please also put Friday 14th July in your diary for the school summer fayre along with the afternoon of Wednesday 12th July for Key Stage 1 sports events and Thursday 13th July Key Stage 2, lets hope we get a beautiful summer again!

In the meantime have a great weekend!

Jane Wilford  
Headteacher



Is this your child's coat? Please claim it from the office if it is.



## WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had lots of fun in Reception class this week and have made bird feeders using yoghurt pots, lard, bird seed, raisins and nuts. We had to put them in the fridge once finished so that they could set. We also made 'piggy biscuits' and decorated them using icing, marshmallows, chocolate drops, and rice crispy bars. In English we have been writing some simple sentences to go with the pictures from the story of 'The 3 Pigs'. Some of us were able to read our writing back to the grown ups and tried really hard to add a full stop as well. In Maths we have been doing more work on number bonds and have used resources if we needed to, but also some of us have been able to recall some of the bonds from memory. The children have really been using the junk modelling materials this week and have been encouraged to write labels to go with their models.

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## WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we planned and wrote a story, based on the book Lost in the Toy Museum. We focused on using capital letters, full stops and adding lots of detail to our stories. In Maths we worked on addition. We practised adding numbers to 20 using resources and drawings to help us. We also answered some addition word problems. We really enjoyed our workshop about toys. We learnt about Victorian toys and compared them to the toys we play with now. We then had the chance to play with some of the Victorian toys. In Computing we used the direction keys to complete a variety of challenges on Purple Mash. In RE we read the bible story of Palm Sunday and then acted out the story. We thought about how people made Jesus feel welcome.

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## WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have been beavering away writing a series of diary entries in role as the main character from our book - The Night Gardener. They have impressed us with their use of ambitious words to describe emotions - deflated, flabbergasted and dismal among them - and their increasing stamina for writing. They are all very proud of their work from this week, well done everyone! In Science we were surprised to see that some of our seeds with no soil, or no sun have begun to grow! We are now investigating why seeds need different conditions to germinate than plants need to grow and stay healthy - I wonder if we will find the answer next week...? Art has continued with some amazing watercolour paintings based on the work of Georgia O'Keeffe, Geography has seen us investigating the weather, and in Maths we are working on find fractions of shapes and of numbers. Keep up the great work, Year 2!

## WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week, Year 3 started to create their own newspaper article about the disaster in Pompeii. We started the week by looking at the features of a newspaper. We recapped our learning from last week on inverted commas and looked at how these are used in newspaper articles to provide quotes from those people involved or witnesses. We then started to plan out our article, ready to complete it next week. In Maths we have been using our multiplication and division knowledge to problem solve. We looked at word problems and how we need to read them carefully to extract the correct information and work out what calculation it is actually asking us to complete. The children were fantastic at this. It was a job that we found tricky to begin with, but the whole class persisted with their learning and by the end of the week were all confidently completing on their own. In Science, we looked at pollination. At first the class said they didn't know anything about pollination. However, after exploring the word a bit more closely, we discovered that actually we already knew a lot of information about it. We then drew a sequence to show the pollination process.

## WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It's been a busy week in Year 4. In English, pupils started the week by writing a narrative piece imagining they were a raindrop going through the water cycle. We edited this piece to ensure we had include some key grammatical features. The children have also looked at a good example of an explanation text and rehearsed sentences using when, if and although. In Maths, pupils started the week comparing decimals to fractions before we moved to writing firstly fractions on a number line and then decimals. Alongside this, pupils have continued their brass lessons refining their note playing and music reading skills. They have learnt all about the water cycle and created their own water cycle in a bag (look out for them stuck to our classroom windows!) Pupils have also talked about freedom and what it means to them, they have understood how sound is made and looked at blending colour in Art.

## WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had another busy week in year 5. In English we have begun exploring the features of persuasive speeches and have gathered information on refugees in order to write our own TED TALKS. In Maths, we have learned how to use pictorial diagrams to solve problems involving FDP. In computing, we created a database to demonstrate how information can be stored and altered. However, the highlight of the week was our class trip to Ryde Academy. During the trip we took part in several lessons including Science, STEM and PE. In Science, we created an indicator to test if a liquid was an acid, alkaline or water. In STEM, we used Lego to create a vehicle that moved using forces and in PE we competed in several activities against other schools. I am so proud of the way our students conducted themselves during this trip. Their behaviour was exemplary. Not to mention the fact we won the sports competition!



## WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week, the children have been bringing together a huge range of skills to write their non-fiction texts: research, note-taking, using bullet points, organising related content into paragraphs, formal language and cohesive devices. Well done everybody on your hard work. In Art, everybody blew us away with their fantastic clay sculptures of mythological creatures. The children were able to use such great techniques and created really effective 3D artwork. During Maths, we have been recapping the ordering, comparing, adding and subtracting of fractions and applying this growing fluency to problems and reasoning tasks. The increasing accuracy of everyone's work is wonderful to see. In French, the children learned more vocabulary around the family and in PSHE we have been discussing the fact that what we see on social media is not always as it seems.

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### DINNER MENU

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

**TUESDAY**— Pork 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**— Hot Chicken Sandwich, or Vegetable Lasagne, with Crumble for pudding.

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

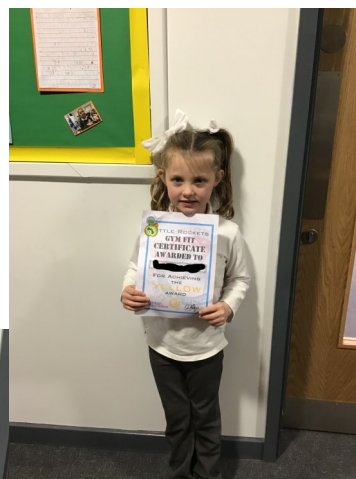
*In addition to the menu above, children can order pasta with tomato sauce or a jacket potato or baguette with a choice of fillings*

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### Star Pupils

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| <b>Murphy Year 1</b>   | Adiella    | 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>  | Lucy       |                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Hughes Year 3</b>   | Emily-Rose |                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Pullman Year 4</b>  | Evie       |                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Horowitz Year 5</b> | Spencer    | Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.                                                           |
| <b>Blackman Year 6</b> | Archie     |                                                                                                                                   |

**Please ensure you email an absence note within 2 weeks of your child being absent, otherwise it will be marked down as unauthorised.**



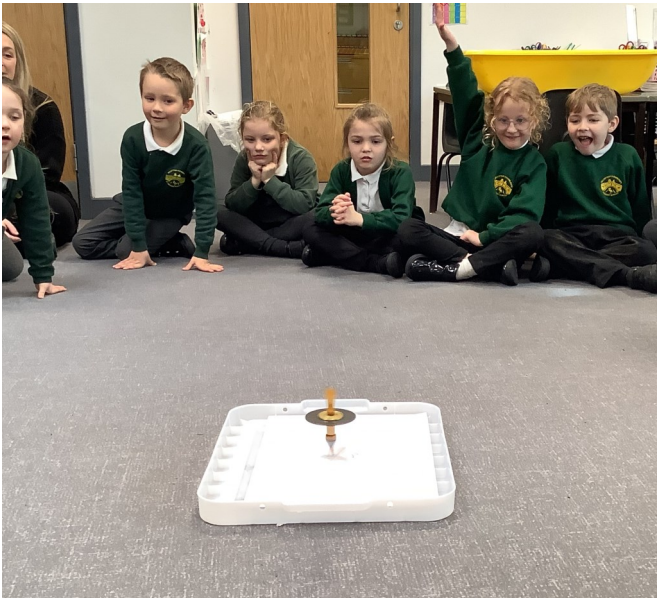
|                     | Attendance This Week (%) | Rolling Attendance since Sept (%) |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Donaldson           | 94.2                     | 91.6                              |
| Murphy              | 98.1                     | 93.1                              |
| Gravett             | 94.6                     | 93.4                              |
| Hughes              | 98.3                     | 93.3                              |
| Pullman             | 100                      | 94.7                              |
| Horowitz            | 98.2                     | 93.5                              |
| Blackman            | 95.2                     | 92.6                              |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <b>97.1</b>              | <b>93.2</b>                       |

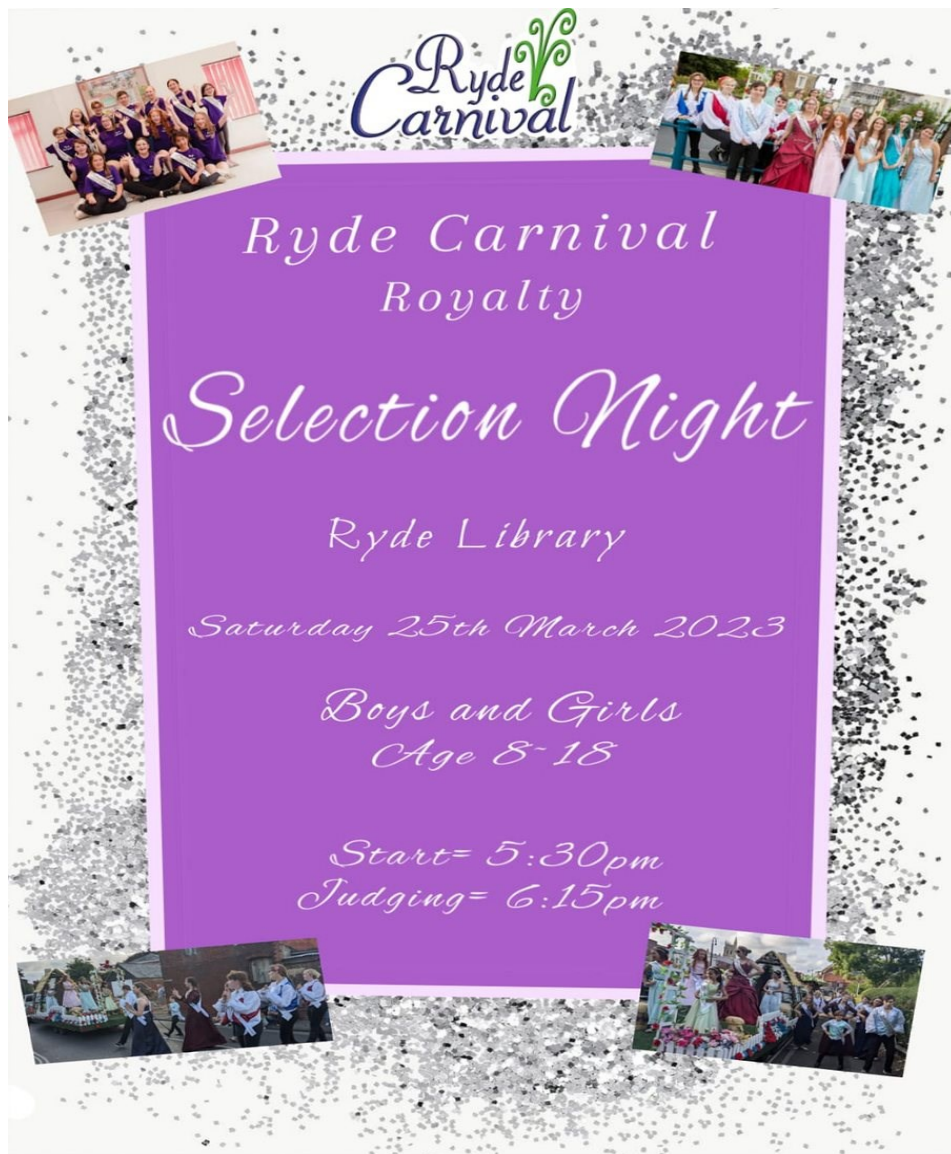
***The class with the best attendance this week is:***  
***Pullman***

|                      | Lates This Week | Lates since September |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Donaldson            | 0               | 19                    |
| Murphy               | 0               | 31                    |
| Gravett              | 1               | 46                    |
| Hughes               | 0               | 47                    |
| Pullman              | 0               | 34                    |
| Horowitz             | 0               | 26                    |
| Blackman             | 1               | 37                    |
| <b>Whole School</b>  | <b>2</b>        | <b>212</b>            |
| <b>Total Minutes</b> | <b>12</b>       | <b>4166</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!***





## Free Easter Holiday Fun Club

YR – Y6 children

Tuesday 4 April and Wednesday 12  
April 9.30 – 12noon

at St Mark's Church

Activities, games, art & craft, stories  
and songs

All leaders DBS checked

More details and to register email to  
[funclub.stmarks@gmail.com](mailto:funclub.stmarks@gmail.com)

Places limited so bookings on first come