



Dates for 2023
(subject to change)

Break up for half-term Friday 26th May 2023, return Monday 5th June 2023

W/C 5th June after-school clubs re-start.

- **Tuesday 6th June** –
Y5 Class trip
- **Thursday 8th June**—Y2 class trip
- **Tuesday 27th June**— Y1 class trip
- **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
- **Monday 17th July** —
YR class trip
- **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.

Wootton Community Primary School

26th May 2023

Dear parents,

We have had another busy and sunny week at school but have been missing our Year 6 class and Mrs Wilford whilst they are away on their residential visit. It sounds as though they have been having a wonderful time taking part in lots of different activities and we look forward to welcoming them home today!

We had a really busy assembly today with many different certificates and trophies being shown. Last week Piper in Year 4 showed her Blue Peter Badge that she was sent following some great litter picking that she had completed. After all the business of last week, Piper was missed from the newsletter so we have included her today! We also heard from: Kenny, Sebby, Cohen and Harry from Year 3 with various football trophies and medals including most improved player, supporters' player and most goals scored; Florence, Adiella and Amira from Year 1 and EmilyRose and Daisy from Year 3 who have all earned gymnastics awards this week; Violet in Year 3 and Mabel in Reception for their swimming awards; Daisy in Year 3 with her recent Brownie badges; Shaantanu in Year 2 for his success in the Speech and Drama festival where he earned a distinction; and Casey in Year 1 and Iommi in Year 4 who completed the Newchurch Nine run together. Iommi also showed us her crochet skills which she has been practising at home. Well done everyone, what fantastic achievements over the last few weeks!

We also congratulated our Numbots stars this week. Our top five children over the last seven days with the most correct answers are: Killian in Year 5, Daisy in Year 3, Freddie in Year 5, Darrell in Year 5 and Adiella in Year 1— super work!

We congratulated the five children on Times Table Rock Stars with the most correct answers over the last 7 days. These are: Ella in Year 6, Koby in Year 5, Spencer in Year 5, Tommie in Year 6 and Millie in Year 4. Well done :)

We also congratulated the top 5 children for their work earning points on spelling shed and maths shed. For spelling shed these are: Alfie A in Year 4, Eneah in Year 4, Koby in Year 5, Jay in Year 4 and Iommi in Year 4. Our top 5 for maths shed are: Jay in Year 4, Alfie A in Year 4, Evan in Year 4, Koby in Year 5 and Matthew in Year 4. Year 4 have been very busy this week! Each child has gained an extra 5 House Points.

We concluded assembly with the House Point results for this half-term. It is still very close with Asher-Smith House (red) in first place with 575 points, second place Jones House (green) with 525 points, third place Farrell House (yellow) with 425 points and fourth place Stokes House (blue) with 400 points. Our over-all leading House is Asher-Smith (red) with 2985 points. With just one last half term to go we are challenging the children to try and earn even more House Points!

Please may we remind parents, particularly in KS2 that reusable water bottles with secure lids should be sent into school rather than single use plastic bottles with screw or pop caps. These have unfortunately been causing a few problems recently so please ensure that your child has the correct type after half-term.

As the weather heats up please also ensure that your child has a sunhat and reusable water bottle in school, and has long-wear sun cream applied in the morning.

You may have seen today's email including a letter and link from the Local Authority regarding future school place planning. Please be reassured that at this stage there is no indication that Wootton Primary will be impacted by any of the proposals for potential school closures on the Island. For further information, please refer to the letter and link in the email.

School resumes on Monday 5th June; we wish you all a wonderful half-term break and hope that the sun shines for you!

Best wishes,

Emily Paterson

Senior Leader



Little Herons Maintenance Person

Wanted maintenance person on an ad hoc basis to help with repairs, painting of fences etc. These jobs could be carried out in the lighter evenings or at a weekend. If interested please pop in and see Becky at Little Herons or call on 884801

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have really enjoyed the fantastic weather and our outside area. The children are very engaged in their own learning but we have focused lots of our learning in the garden. Last week we planted our vegetables and the children have been surprised by how much they have grown already. This week we transferred our sunflower plants into larger pots and we hope they will grow up against our fence line. The children have been completing their Phase 3 phonics assessments this week and have worked incredibly hard to identify the digraphs and trigraphs and have used the sound buttons to help them read words.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we wrote setting descriptions about Antarctica and the desert. We started by gathering lots of adjectives then we wrote detailed descriptions using the five senses to help us. Well done to all of Year One for amazing writing this week! In Maths we have been working on place value of numbers to 100. We practised reading, writing and ordering numbers then we used dienes and numicon to represent numbers. We also found one more and one less than numbers to 100. In Geography we measured the temperature in different places across the school then created a map to show the hot and cold places at school. We then thought about everything we have learnt this term and created an information page about hot and cold places in the world. We used the instruments in music this week. We composed a song in groups then performed it to the rest of the class. In PSHE we learnt about perseverance. We thought about times when we found something difficult but didn't give up. Year One have had another fantastic term and worked really hard! Have a lovely week off!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have been thinking all about the Great Fire of London again this week! We have experimented with different techniques to create effective fire landscapes using both paint and pastels. The class have thought very carefully about how to mix a range of tints and tones, and how to blend these together seamlessly. They have also considered how directional brush strokes and application techniques change the texture and feeling of a piece. We are now working on our silhouettes to apply on top of our backgrounds to create our final pieces - we can't wait to show everyone! In Science this week we have been turning our minibeast surveys into bar graphs, applying our mathematical learning about different scales to show amounts in increments of 2, 5 and 10 as appropriate. We have also been working on finding fractions of numbers, using bar models to help us visualise this tricky concept. We wish you all a very happy half-term and hope the sun shines for us all! :)

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a fantastic week! Year 3 have had a brilliant week and made all the staff so proud. On Tuesday we went on our visit to the County Show Ground. The class had a brilliant time seeing all the animals and had lots of interesting questions to ask. They were a real credit to the school and displayed perfect behaviour all day.

The children have also been completing some assessment booklets this week. The children did a brilliant job of showing off all that they've learnt so far this year. In computing this week, the children continued to work on their typing skills. They carried on typing up their reports, applying their knowledge of opening and saving word documents from the previous unit of work.

In music, we showcased all the tunes we have learnt so far on the recorder. The children remembered the notes really well and could all play multiple different songs independently.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week our focus has been demonstrating our growing knowledge by completing assessments. The year 4 team are delighted with how hard pupils have worked and the discipline they have shown. Well done! Alongside this, we have been pushing hard to secure our times table knowledge ready for our Year 4 check. Pupils have also been busy working on their knowledge of rationing. In pairs, pupils were challenged to consider the costs involved for a wartime family of 4 before designing 3 meals they could have in a day. The activity provided children with some deep level thinking as they had to consider the impact using foods on one day would have on other days in the week. As well as this, they have studied the stories of real life evacuees and matched them to information they have already learned.

Pupils have also built zen gardens to understand the importance the Buddhist religion place on rocks and stones and they have identified different trees within the school grounds by studying their leaves.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week year 5 have worked incredibly hard on their final round of summative assessments. All of the children displayed confidence, determination and desire to achieve. I am so proud of all them and I look forward to sharing their results with them soon. This week we have also finished our learning journey in English by utilising the skills learned this year to write a wonderful alternate ending to our class novel 'The boy at the back of the class'. We also enjoyed reading the ending as a class to draw our study of that wonderful novel to a close. All of the children have worked incredibly hard this half term and have earned their half term break!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Most of Year 6 are currently away on their residential trip. We look forward to hearing about their experiences there when they return. Some Year 6 children were involved in a project this week to design, build and market a theme park. They had some super ideas, which they combined to produce a really well thought-out park. The designs were then built using a combination of paper and lego, paying attention to the facilities required, as well as the rides. The children then used their IT skills to produce brochures and adverts.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Tomato Pasta with Ice Cream for Pudding.

TUESDAY– Pork Sausages or Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese with Jelly and Fruit for pudding

WEDNESDAY– Roast Turkey or Roasted Vegetable Butterbean Crumble with Hot Chocolate Sponge with Custard for pudding.

THURSDAY - Beef Bolognese or Vegetarian Bolognese with Lemon Slice and Fruit for pudding.

FRIDAY– Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetarian Dippers and Chips with Crispy Crackle Bar 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

Donaldson Year R Lilah-Mae & Zachary

Murphy Year 1 Jake

Gravett Year 2 Freddie J

Hughes Year 3 Kenny

Pullman Year 4 Braeden

Horowitz Year 5 Chloe

Blackman Year 6 Tommie

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.



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	90.3	91.7
Murphy	92.9	93.5
Gravett	91.8	93.4
Hughes	91.4	93.5
Pullman	93.3	94.9
Horowitz	91.2	93.2
Blackman	90.6	93.6
Whole School	91.6	93.3

The class with the best attendance this week is:
PULLMAN

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	0	22
Murphy	1	32
Gravett	1	43
Hughes	2	55
Pullman	0	38
Horowitz	0	31
Blackman	0	38
Whole School	4	37
Total Minutes	113	4737

Our school target is 96.5%.

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



FREE ENTRY

Isle of Wight Festival of Running Junior Fun Run

Sunday 11th June
11am

West Wight Sports and Community Centre, Freshwater



Overdue Payments

Please ensure all outstanding payments on SchoolMoney are paid by **Monday, 29th May.**

**TAPNELL**
FARM PARK

ALL WEATHER FUN!

27th May - 3rd June

ONCE UPON A TIME AT TAPNELL...

FAIRYTALE WEEK

Daily
FALCONRY
Flying Displays

Family
Hobby Horse
JouSting

ArchERY
with
Robin Hood!

Animal
Activities with
The 3 Little Pigs
& Billy Goats
Gruff!

There's even
a fortune telling
cockroach!

Plus...Magic Shows, Workshops run by the Fairy Godmother, Joke Competition & more!

More details and book online at tapnellfarm.com/events



SUMMER

Season Passes



JUST £38 PER PERSON!

Valid from 25th March - 5th November 2023



ALL WEATHER FUN
Indoor and Outdoor Play

Unlimited **FREE** entry

**Transferable adult season pass when
accompanying a child season pass holder**

(*see website for full T&C's)



NEW FOR 2023!
Falconry Shows,
Maize Maze &
Outdoor
Zip Wires!



ALL WEATHER
FUN FOR JUST
OVER £5 PER
MONTH!



Children
under 2
are free!

Fun
monthly
events!



Full details & to buy online - www.tapnellfarm.com/play

Tired Of Swimming Lengths?

Underwater Hockey is a great way to stay fit and still enjoy the pool. No two games will ever be the same, so why not try something different? We promise you won't get bored!



Junior Underwater Hockey

There are many junior Underwater Hockey teams around the country. It's a great way for children to enjoy the game and get some exercise at the same time.

Underwater Hockey is a team sport so there is a great opportunity for children to make some friends along the way.

As long as you are a confident swimmer, you should be able to play Underwater Hockey.

**Many clubs have a free taster session!
Contact your local club to find out.**

How To Get Involved

There are over 100 teams across Great Britain so finding your local team shouldn't be too difficult! There are details below to show you your local team contact.

There are details on our website as well
gbuwh.co.uk

Or you can find us on social media, feel free to send us a message, and we can help you find a team.



**You can find details for
your local club here:**



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Underwater Hockey (Octopush)



Great Britain Underwater Hockey



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What Is Underwater Hockey?

Underwater Hockey is a team game played on the bottom of the swimming pool!

There are two teams competing to get a small weighted puck into their opponents' goal. The game is played exclusively on the bottom of the pool so players need to hold their breath whilst playing.

Team work is so important in Underwater Hockey, each team has 6 players and 4 rolling substitutes.

Players use a small stick to move the puck. This stick is the only way a player can move the puck.

What Equipment Do You Need?

Players wear a mask, snorkel, fins, water polo hat, and glove. Fins allow players to swim much faster meaning the game can move extremely quickly even underwater.

Don't worry though if you want to give Underwater Hockey a try, many clubs have equipment they can lend out to new players.

Who Can Play?

Underwater Hockey can be played by almost any age of player! Junior clubs tend to welcome players above the age of 8 years old. The only real requirement for Underwater Hockey is that you can swim!

Many clubs also offer free taster sessions.

Team GB Underwater Hockey

Underwater Hockey was founded in Great Britain, and the British teams have been to many World Championships over the years.

There are currently 4 different categories, which are then split again into male and female teams.

Under 19s, Under 24s, Elite, and Masters.

Great Britain has an amazing history representing their country around the world. With some players having multiple medals to their name.

Underwater Hockey is played around the world, with over 40 countries across 6 continents playing the sport.



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Can you Play Underwater Hockey?

Whatever your age, as long as you are a confident swimmer, you should be able to play Underwater Hockey. There is a junior Underwater Hockey team training at Waterside Pool in Ryde every Sunday evening, 6-7pm.



Click [here](#) for more information about Underwater Hockey or email the junior team coach at <mailto:marycockayne@gmail.com> to arrange a free trial session.

FAMILY FUN

CLAY DAYS

AT NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA



**Make a
face pot**



Half-term activity

- ♦ 10am to 2.30pm
- ♦ Wednesday 31 May
- ♦ Friday 2 June

- ♦ *£1 per person. Includes admission and all activities.
- ♦ COVID-19 precautions in place.
- ♦ If the activity room is full we will provide clay for you to create your masterpiece at home.
- ♦ Card payments limited; allow extra time if you wish to pay this way.



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Respect Protect Enjoy Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service

Ryde Mead Tennis Club OPEN AFTERNOON

SUNDAY 11th JUNE 2pm - 5pm

Play Tennis For Free



On Sunday 11th June, Ryde Mead Tennis Club will be celebrating its 115th year and its first as a not for profit charity

The club is opening its doors and offering free tennis for all

There will be music.



Courtside Café will offer a range of food and drinks!



Members of the community are invited to celebrate with the club.

There will be a programme of **free tennis** and coaching sessions for people of all ages and abilities throughout the afternoon.

All equipment provided. Just turn up!



There will be discounted membership packages to sign up to on the day along with trial membership offers

