



Dates for 2023-24
(subject to change)

Friday 1st
September -
INSET DAY

Monday 4th
September – First day
of term Years 1-6

Wednesday 6th
September -
First day of term for
New Reception Starters.

Monday 18th
September –
Flu Immunisations

Monday 9th October-
School Photos

Wootton Community Primary School

20th July 2023

Dear parents,

When I set all the dates at the start of the academic year, the end of the year always seems so far away, yet here we are again, the last day of term and yet it feels like we haven't even done many of the things we planned (yet we have)! It really has been yet another incredible year with so many highs and celebrations and I am so proud of each and every child at Wootton for all that they have achieved. It must be noted that all of this would not be possible without your support and also the fantastic staff team I am so proud to lead. Thank you for sending back your end of year questionnaires, of which I know the staff have enjoyed reading and will continue to develop areas suggested to improve. Please be assured that we do take on board your thoughts and wherever possible, we will act on these so thank you for all of your support. Please remember that the end of year is not your only time to share any concerns you may have with your child's teacher. All classes have an email address that teachers will aim to respond to within 24 hours. In the event of an emergency, please do phone the office and leave a message and your child's teacher will call you at their earliest convenience. We continue to strive to have our 'open door' policy so that any concerns can be addressed at the point of time.

Thank you so much to all those involved with the Summer Fayre, the hard work that took place leading up to the event as well all the help on the day. Despite the weather and us needing to cancel a few of the events, we made a profit of £914. Thank you also for all the wonderful donations for the raffle which was a great success too! The Friday ice-cream sales were also a great success and made a profit of £200. All your incredible support will enable us to purchase more Chromebooks than we thought, as well as the PTA supporting the Year 6 end of year party, thank you everyone!

We had a fantastic final Celebration Assembly of the school year! Sadie was finally presented with her T-shirt following her win with the Chartwells 'Save a Bee' poster. We congratulate Zachary in Reception and Lexi in Year 1 for their swimming certificates; Florence in Year 1 for her Rainbow badges; Adiella in Year 1 for her trophy from Theatretrain for being the acting student of the year; Ella in Year 6 for coming second place in a trampoline competition and Summer for coming fifth place in a horse jumping competition. Well done to everyone!

We also presented four children with a certificate and pencil for their 100% attendance throughout the year. Whilst we recognise that children cannot always prevent being ill or attend appointments, it should be recognised that we have several children who have been able to come in every day and we are very proud of them! Many congratulations to Lucas in Year 2, Ewan in Year 4, Ollie also in Year 4 and Freddie in Year 5. We also presented the House Cup to Asher-Smith House (red) who have achieved the most House Points this year with a total of 3685 points. Second place was Stokes House (blue) with 3605, third place was Jones House (green) with 3410 points and fourth place was Farrell House (yellow) with 3350 points.

As it is the end of the school year we presented the top five children on the school leader board for all our homework activities on TTRS, Numbots, Spelling and Maths Shed. Many congratulations to: **TTRS** - first place Koby, second place Spencer both in Year 5, third place Kayden in Year 6, fourth place Braedon in Year 4 and fifth place Alfie A also in Year 4.

Numbots - first place Patryk in Year 1, second place Cassie in Year 2, third place Harry in Year 1, fourth place Freddie in Year 5 and fifth place Zach in Year 2.

Maths Shed - first place Alfie A in Year 4, second place Matthew also in Year 4, third place Phoenix C in Year 5, fourth place Eneah in Year 4 and fifth place Eddie in Year 1.

Spelling Shed - first place Matthew in Year 4, second place Piper also in Year 4, third place Penny in Year 5, fourth place Evan in Year 4 and fifth place Koby in Year 5.

Year 6 performed with such confidence at their final leavers service this morning which was very emotional and wonderful to hear all their memories of their time here at Wootton. We had a super evening last night which would not have been possible without the support from Ms White, Mrs Fish, Mrs Melvin, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Grimes and Mr Wilford, thank you all. Talking of Year 6 we are so incredibly proud of their SATs results, the highest Wootton have produced for many, many years. Schools are judged on their combined score which is a combination of reading, writing and maths of which we are above the outcomes across the Isle of Wight as well as the country! All of our results have increased this year with every assessment point being significantly higher compared to the Isle of Wight and National outcomes. All staff have played a part in this progress and along with the support from all families we are so delighted to end the year with such a high! On Tuesday Wootton Primary School was selected to take part in the South West Railway funded project 'Railway by the Sea' which is focused on bringing Samba drumming and Carnival crafts to the community.

Years 4 and 5 took part in samba sessions on the field, learning all about samba, it's origins, the musical instruments in the band, the layers of rhythm with all of the different instruments resulting in a fantastic performance at the end. Years 2 and 3 created their own carnival head dresses. The creativity was flowing and all children walked out proudly wearing their head dresses, all fit for a carnival.

The staff from the New Carnival Company shared that all the children were engaged and great fun during the sessions, their rhythm and creativity made it a wonderful day all round. This project will be running free events throughout the next 6 months, so families are invited to go along and join in the fun with them again. Keep an eye out on <https://www.facebook.com/TheNewCarnivalCompany> for their latest events. I don't want to wish the summer holiday away but want to share next year's term dates with you. The first day back is a staff training day and we will also have four additional days during the year. As soon as I have applied to the Local Authority and they have been approved, I will let you know. Children in Years 1—6 return Monday 4th September, with our new Reception class starting on Wednesday, 6th September (term starts 1st - staff development day)

Half-term break Monday 23rd October to Friday 3rd November, children return Monday 6th November

Break up for Christmas Tuesday 19th December, return Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Half-term Monday 12th to Friday 16th February, return Monday 19th February 2024

Break up for Easter Thursday 28th March, return Monday 15th April 2024

Half-term Monday 27th to Friday 31st May, return Monday 3rd June 2024

Break up for the summer Friday 26th July 2024

In the meantime, on behalf of all the staff, thank you for all our cards and gifts - we really do not expect these and always feel very humbled by your kindness and generosity. Personally, I feel I have the best job in the world!

I hope you have a fantastic summer break and get the chance for some quality family time. I look forward to seeing you all back in September and welcoming our new children. Good luck Year 6!



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We had a fantastic day on Tuesday when we went on our trip to Dinosaur Isle. The children were very excited by the coach ride and for many children they had not been on one before so therefore it was extra exciting. We spent the first part of the morning on the beach and despite the tide being slightly higher the children enjoyed building sandcastles, looking for fossils and digging big holes to sit in! We had lunch at the museum and then had a talk about the different dinosaurs you find on the Isle of Wight and had time to handle some fossils including dinosaur poo! We then explored the museum in small groups and had lots of fun. All in all a great day and the children were a pleasure to take out on their first school trip.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we focused on rhyming poems. We started by gathering lots of rhyming vocabulary linked to the beach and then we wrote our own rhyming poems. We thought carefully about the layout of our poems and tried out some different layouts. In Maths, we practised telling the time, focusing on o'clock and half past. We played lots of games involving telling the time. In Science, we created a fact file to show everything we have learnt about plants and trees. In History, we wrote two postcards. One postcard was about a day at the beach in the past and the other postcard was about a day at the beach in the present. A huge well done to all of Year 1 for working so hard this year, have an amazing summer!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow, what a wonderful year we have had together in Year 2! I am so proud of each and every one of you and can't wait to see what you achieve as you move into Year 3. Thank you to your parents and carers for all their support; we have enjoyed working with you too :) Wishing everyone a fantastic Summer break and can't wait to hear all about it in September - stay safe and keep smiling!
With very best wishes from the Year 2 team, Miss Paterson, Mrs Bailey and Miss Scriver.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Our last week together!

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all of the children and families for such an amazing year! I am so proud of how hard the entire class has worked throughout year 3. They have each made brilliant progress and are more than ready to fly the Year 3 nest and move onto Year 4.

This week we finished our English topic by completing a book review. The class have all really enjoyed *The Wreck of the Zanzibar* (as have the staff). They thought about who else would enjoy this book and why. We discussed our favourite parts of the story and how it made us feel when reading it. We've looked at many books this year, but this was definitely the most popular, with the children eager to know how the story would end and if Billy would ever return.

In Maths, the children completed our measurement unit by taking part in a maths challenge. The children worked in teams and had to work out the perimeter of the classroom in metres, centimetres and millimetres. They worked really well together, discussing the most efficient method of solving the problem and each taking on designated roles.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

Year 4 have had a fabulous last week which began at the start of the week finishing off some English and Maths work for Mr Scurr. We then moved on to a STEM project where the children had to design their own model of a 'perfect park'. We went and observed our local park and how the apparatus there work and compared these to our own adventure trail. Following this the children then created their own plan to produce a model which are all fantastic! During the week we also had a chance to learn to play in a Samba band as well as organising all our work from the whole year!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What an amazing final week in year 5! The children have worked extremely hard to finish their DT project – which is without doubt my highlight of the week. The children used glue and water to create a paper paste, and then used the paste to create a face for their mask. They designed, cut and applied a headdress to their creations and then painted them once dry. It has been a privilege to have taught year 5 and I am so proud of the progress each and every one of them made this year. I wish you all a happy holiday and the best of luck for the future!



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year Six have been enjoying their final week of primary school! We had a lot of fun during our water fight, getting completely soaked and letting off some steam. Our day trip to the UKSA was a fantastic opportunity for the children to get introduced to some sailing terminology and get out on the water. I'm sure they told you the biggest challenge of the day was getting in and out of wetsuits! Our Leavers BBQ last night was a lovely chance to relax and have fun together. We have spent the rest of the week preparing our Leavers assembly and enjoying time together. These children have worked so hard all year, they have kept us smiling (despite the hard work!) and they have been an absolute delight. We will miss them terribly, but know that they are ready to take this next step in their lives. Goodbye Year Six and Good Luck!

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Pastry Roll with Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit for pudding.

TUESDAY– Chinese Chicken and Vegetable Rice or Macaroni Cheese with Jelly for pudding.

WEDNESDAY– Roast Gammon or Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Chocolate and Banana Marble Cake for pudding.

THURSDAY - Beef Lasagne or Vegetable Lasagne with Flapjack and Fruit for Pudding.

FRIDAY– Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetarian Dippers and Chips with Ice Cream 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

Murphy Year 1

Gravett Year 2

Hughes Year 3

Pullman Year 4

Horowitz Year 5

Blackman Year 6

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	95.4	92.4
Murphy	96.9	94.0
Gravett	95.2	93.8
Hughes	97.1	93.8
Pullman	97.0	95.2
Horowitz	95.5	93.8
Blackman	95.9	93.3
Whole School	96.0	95.9

The class with the best attendance this week is:
HUGHES

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	0	24
Murphy	0	38
Gravett	1	52
Hughes	0	67
Pullman	0	40
Horowitz	0	37
Blackman	0	39
Whole School	1	63
Total Minutes	46	5485

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

**16th September
10am - 4pm**

Bouncy Castles, Activities & Show Arena

Isle of Wight Day

Be A Roman For The Day
Entry to Brading Roman Villa £1.00 for Island residents only plus all the Isle of Wight Day Activities.

Join our Roman Parade

Volunteer Fair

Overdue Payments on Schoolmoney...

**Please can all overdue payments be made
by Friday 21st July.**

Isle of Wight Day 16th September 2023 – Be a Roman for the Day!

Isle of Wight Day is excited to announce that we will be holding our annual celebration event at Brading Roman Villa on Saturday 16th September, and we would love school children from across the Island to attend.

The event will be an inclusive fun and discovery day for all the family, with a special price of only £1 per person to enter Brading Roman Villa's historic site and museum and join in with the numerous activities available on the day. These will include Roman soldier school, battle re-enactments, Roman crafts, bouncy castles, a vintage fun fair, displays, music and a chance to discover the services of local community organisations at our Voluntary Fayre.

There will also be a Roman parade on the day where children can march around the grounds of the villa showcasing Roman shields and swords made by themselves.

Get Involved – Catapult Competition!



In the run up to the event we are inviting all children to take part in our catapult competition, to build a catapult over the summer holidays and bring it to the event on 16th September for judging.

We have prepared a video which we would be delighted if you could show in your school assembly, which has Nipper, the Isle of Wight Day mascot, demonstrating how to make a catapult using pencils, elastic bands and a plastic spoon.

The video link is here: <https://youtu.be/pMAjOZIMUq8>

Promoting the Event

In addition to showing the video we would be delighted if you could incorporate the attached promotional leaflet in your newsletter, giving full details about the event.

Roman Crafts

If you are able to make Roman shields or swords in school for the children to bring on the day for the parade that would be great, otherwise encouraging children to make them at home would also be fantastic. Any materials are great – cereal boxes, loo rolls, or any other recycled materials.

We thank you for your support for this special day for Islanders and if you have any questions or would like any additional information please do contact us. Otherwise we look forward to seeing you all on the day, armed with Roman catapults, shields and swords!

The Isle of Wight Day Team

Becky Daley (becky@isleofwightday.org)

Catherine Cousins (catherine@isleofwightday.org)



Hello everyone,

Hope you are all well and looking forward to the Summer holidays!

I have just been compiling a list of activities/services available over the break, suitable for young people of Primary School age.

Most of these have spaces available for no/discounted cost, for those eligible for Free School Meals.

Please see below for your information and for circulation-

Aspire Ryde

[IVV Family Information Hub | Aspire Ryde \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[Aspire Ryde](#)

Aspire run various sessions and activities.

Brading Community Partnership

[IVV Family Information Hub | Brading Community Partnership \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

Contact email for more information is gin.jane.b@gmail.com – range of activities are put on Tuesday-Friday on several weeks throughout the Summer holidays.

CM Sports

[IVV Family Information Hub | CM Sports UK \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

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To qualify/book the young person must be eligible for free school meals – links above are to different locations where it is running

[HAF | CM Sports \(cm-sports.co.uk\)](#)

Football Fun Factory

[IVV Family Information Hub | The Football Fun Factory \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[Toddler and Kids Football Training and Parties \(thefootballfunfactory.co.uk\)](#)

Globe Fit

[IW Family Information Hub | Globe Fit \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[Globe Fit Kids Holiday Clubs - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

Free for children eligible for FSM

Island Riding Centre

[IW Family Information Hub | Island Riding Centre \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[Holiday Club – Island Riding Centre](#)

This is listed under HAF but I cannot seem to find on their website any discounts/access to free sessions.

JG Tennis Coaching

[IW Family Information Hub | JG Tennis Coaching \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[JG Tennis / Coaching / Holiday camps / Detail \(lta.org.uk\)](#)

Free camps available for those eligible for FSM

John Cattle's Skate Club-

[IW Family Information Hub | John Cattle's Skate Club \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[HAF SUMMER HOLIDAY SKATE SESSIONS 8-16yrs COWES WEEK 1 - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

There is a free programme again for children eligible for FSM.

Starlight Academy

[IW Family Information Hub | The Starlight Academy \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

Theatre Educational

[IW Family Information Hub | Theatre Educational \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[HAF - Theatre Educational](#)

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Most of the above is provided through the HAF scheme (Holiday Activities and Food). Website can be found here - [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#) .

Just a reminder of the IOW Family Centres website -

[Welcome To Isle Of Wight Family Centres : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#) , and the various Family Centre locations in Newport, Ryde and Sandown, where families can drop into over the holidays should further support be required.

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General help and support

Citizens Advice IW can give free help with money issues and much more.

0800 144 88 48 or Textphone on **18001 0800 144 8884**

citizensadviceiw.org.uk

Buying food

iow.gov.uk/costofliving and tap on 'food' for more information.

Join a community pantry and for £5 a week, receive over £15 worth of food.

01983 296592 East Cowes Community Pantry

07961 959003 Ventnor Community Pantry

01983 563732 Ryde Community Pantry

07300 329610 The Pyle Street Pantry, Newport

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Connect4communities

Support including food vouchers and more.

✉ connect4communities@iow.gov.uk

📍 connect4communities.org

School uniform basics

Worried about affording school uniform basics? Contact your child's school; funding may be available.

Benefits

Check whether you are getting all the benefits you can.

Citizens Advice Help to Claim line.

☎ 0800 144 8444

📍 gov.uk/benefits-calculators

Energy bills

The Footprint Trust give guidance on energy bills, efficiency and grants.

☎ 01983 822282

✉ info@footprint-trust.co.uk

📍 footprint-trust.co.uk

Find friendly support

The Living Well and Early Help Partnership works on the Island to connect people.

☎ 01983 240732

✉ reception@lweh.org.uk

📍 lweh.org.uk

In a crisis

If you have no money for food, gas and electricity you may be able to get emergency help.

☎ 01983 823859

📍 iow.gov.uk/HelpThroughCrisis

Mental Health

Isle of Wight Community Mental Health and NHS 111 online.

📍 iwmentalhealth.co.uk

📍 111.nhs.uk

Useful links

Short Breaks Programme

Fun activities for young people with additional needs.

📌 [iow.gov.uk/shortbreaks](https://www.iow.gov.uk/shortbreaks)

The Family Information Hub

Local information for families.

📌 familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk

1Leisure

All the family can have fun, get fit and stay fit – together!

📌 1leisure.co.uk

Newport Roman Villa and Museum of Island History

Discover the Island's past.

📌 [iow.gov.uk/museums](https://www.iow.gov.uk/museums)

Dinosaur Isle

Discover the Island's dinosaur history.

📌 [dinosaurisle.com](https://www.dinosaurisle.com)

Isle of Wight Libraries

Free fun for families in the school holidays. Library members get free access to ebooks, audiobooks and more.

📌 [iow.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.iow.gov.uk/libraries)

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