



Dates for 2023-24
(subject to change)

Wednesday 13th September— Last day to complete the online Immunisation form

Monday 18th September –
Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 19th September—
Parent information sessions in classes 9:00-9:30

Monday 9th October-
School Photos

Wednesday 27th September—
PTA AGM 6:30pm

Wootton Community Primary School

8th September 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a great summer break, despite the lack of summer weather; it has been a fantastic but very hot first week back! Thank you for ensuring that your children look smart in their correct uniform, it really does make a difference to their learning attitude.

In the newsletter next week we will endeavour to share important dates for the year with you but in the meantime please note your child's **PE day**. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will need to bring their PE kit to school, all items named in a named bag, whereas children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) will need to wear their PE kits to school:

Monday - Reception and Year 6

Tuesday - Year 5

Wednesday - Year 2 and Year 4

Thursday - Year 3 and Year 1

Please ensure that children remove their earrings for PE and a gentle reminder that only ONE PAIR of stud earrings are allowed to be worn to school and no other jewellery, other than a watch, should be worn. Toys are not allowed to be brought into school unless requested by staff for a specific event and please ensure ALL clothing is labelled.

We are very mindful of the current financial climate and the cost of clothing and want to reassure you that school uniform does not need to have the school logo on, however, please ensure PE tops are plain white with plain black shorts/joggers and that clothing does not have brand names on them. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you are experiencing difficulties with purchasing school uniform as we do have second hand uniform available to purchase.

On **Tuesday 19th September** you are invited to meet with your child's teacher from 9-9.30am to hear all about what the children will be learning over the year. If you are unable to attend we will publish the information on the school website.

You may have noticed that Mrs Deakin's bump has grown over the summer holidays and she will therefore be going off on maternity leave next Friday. Miss Kathy Ball will be joining us to teach the class. She has been working closely with Mrs Deakin to ensure there is a smooth transition for the children.

You will shortly be receiving a message to ask you to **log onto our SIMS portal** to check your child's data information (children in Years 1 to 6 only). It is vital that you check these so that we have correct emergency contact information for your child. Thank you for returning the permission slips too, please ensure these are back on MONDAY if you have not done so already. It is also VITAL that you inform your child's teacher or the office if your child is going home with another parent or someone else. We cannot release your child if we have not had this information from you, thank you.

I am sorry that we are only able to offer a limited number of clubs this half-term. As a school we have always been very proud of the after school extra curricular opportunities that we provide, however this is very dependant on staffing and budget. We are hoping to be able to offer more as the year moves on. Please remind your child that clubs are an addition to school and their behaviour and attendance must be the same as we expect during the school day, thank you.

We would like to invite you to attend the PTA AGM on Wednesday 27th September 6.30 in school. The PTA are a small group of committed parents who have given much of their time to run fund raising events in school. We need to ensure that we have a team to share the roles and sadly, if we do not have enough parents who are happy to take on these roles then we will not be able to have a PTA. Please come along to the AGM to hear about what each role involves to see if you are able to give your time to support the school. The more parents involved, the less each person will need to do!

Thank you to the parents who returned the questionnaire at the end of last term. We are always grateful to receive these to celebrate the successes but also to read any suggestions that you may have to improve the school further. With any responses like this there will be a mixture of thoughts with some parents agreeing with some things that other parents disagree with as it is a personal opinion! One varied response was regarding communication. Some parents feel we use too many forums to communicate with you whereas other parents felt our communication is a real strength. Each method serves a different role, for example the text service is limited due to the number of letters we can use so is good for quick reminders whereas emails and the website share topic plans and other information. The website also has pictures of staff if you are unsure of the staff team or who the newsletter is referring to. We are in the process of moving all forms and permissions online—watch this space!

Talking of the website, please use this as a source of information. Wherever possible we place all letters, arrangements etc. on here and this is usually the best place to find answers to any questions you may have! Unfortunately during the holiday Mrs Sinclair made the decision not to return to us and we are fortunate that Miss Sasha Elvin has filled the gap to help us whilst we go through the process to recruit a new administrator. Our School Business Manager, Mrs Pye, is currently undergoing treatment so is working from home whenever she is able to. Therefore, please bear with us whilst we get to grips with all the admin jobs that need to be completed at the start of a new school year!

In assembly today we presented our Year 6 children with their various council responsibilities and we presented the School Council with their badges. School Council are selected at random whereas the other groups are chosen for different reasons such as sportsmanship or leadership, so well done to everyone.

Stokes House Sports Ambassadors: Sadie and Oliver, House Captains: Maddison and Evie-May

Asher-Smith House Sports Ambassadors: Lexi and Tyler, House Captains: Phoenix C and Oscar R

Jones House Sports Ambassadors: Chloe and Jacob, House Captains: Ayra and Elliott

Farrell House Sports Ambassadors: Molly and Rocco, House Captains: Layla and Oscar B

School Council: from Year 1 Rebekah and Preston, from Year 2 Bella and Logan, from Year 3 Frankie and Alfie, from Year 4 Violet and Harry, from Year 5 Poppy and Evan and from Year 6 Spencer, Penny and Ellie-Mai with Freddie, Killian and Phoenix R taking over this role after February half-term.

We also celebrated some excellent achievements from the Summer Holiday. Well done to Sid in Year 5, Emily-rose in Year 4 and Florence in Year 2 for taking part in a full week football camp where Sid won 'most improved' player and the girls won 'best attitude' for their age groups. Florence Year 2, Emily-rose and Daisy in Year 4 received certificates from a gymnastics fun day. Patryk in Year 2 has achieved two swimming certificates, Phoenix E in Year 1 received a cricket certificate and Phoenix C in Year completed her lifeguard training, well done everyone! I was also able to share the exciting news that the New Carnival Company have awarded us a certificate for 'Outstanding teachers contribution' for our consistently fantastic entries over the year! Well done to all the staff and children that have been involved with Mardi Gras.

Sid in Year 5 is also attending the Child of Wight Award ceremony this evening with his family after being nominated the 'Young Conservationist' of the year for his incredible work with nature. We look forward to hearing how he got on and will share this with you next week, good luck Sid!

Thank you to all the children who remembered to bring their Reading Challenge certificate in today. Several children forgot this so as we are extending the celebration for all participants to NEXT FRIDAY so please ensure they have their medals and certificates in school by then, thank you (we have kept hold of the ones brought in today).

Next Saturday, 16th September, Brading Roman villa are hosting the 'Isle of Wight Day' with an entrance of only £1 - please see the leaflet attached.

Finally, we have been contacted by a local funeral director who asked us to advise you that will be a long procession along Church Road next Tuesday at 2.30pm so please be mindful of parking, thank you.

Apologies for the very lengthy newsletter this week!

In the meantime I hope you have a fabulous weekend in the sun!



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a short but brilliant week in Reception class. The children have settled in really well over the past three days and have picked up our routines really quickly. They have enjoyed exploring the inside and outside classrooms particularly playing in the garden creating mud puddles. They have also used our outside writing area a lot and have made some excellent attempts at writing their names. We listened to stories together and the children were so independent at lunchtime which was wonderful to see. Plus we have earned some marbles in our jar!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a fantastic week we have had settling in to our new classroom! Everyone has enjoyed seeing their friends again and getting stuck in to all our new learning :)

We have started reading our class text - *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy - and have labelled pictures and written a new opening sentence using our sounds. We have also revisited our phonic sounds and done some great reading - books will come home next week. In Maths we have been focusing on counting objects and writing numbers to 10, 20 and beyond - a great start everyone! We have also begun to explore the different body parts in Science, and loved learning a new song in music.

We are so proud of how everybody has settled in and are looking forward to another fun-filled week :)

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome Back Year 2!

The class has really hit the ground running this week, jumping straight back into school life. The class have worked incredibly hard all week, really stepping up to the Year 2 learning.

In English, we have started exploring our new book, *Traction Man*. We started by predicting what we thought the book might be about based on the front cover. We then moved onto exploring some of the new vocabulary from the text, discussing what the words meant and coming up with our own definitions. The class really enjoyed taking part in some drama activities, designed to help remember the sequence of events in the story and applied their knowledge really well when ordering images and re-telling the story through their own sentences.

In Math we have been looking at place value. The children showed me their amazing knowledge of numbers up to and across 100. We practiced counting up and down in 10s from any given number and then moved onto ordering numbers up to 100. To ensure the children had a good understanding, they placed numbers on a variety of number lines and had to explain their reasoning as to why it should go there.

In Topic, we have started our History unit on Grace Darling. We learnt a little bit about why Grace Darling is famous and then discussed why there are only paintings of her and not photographs. The children had to think carefully about where she would come on a timeline that included themselves, their parents, a teacher in school and Queen Elizabeth II. We are very excited to learn more about Grace Darling over the coming weeks.

This week has flown by in a flash and I can't wait to see the amazing work Year 2 produce next week!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 3 had a fantastic week and settled into the new year 3 routines quickly.

In English this week we made predictions about our new book BFG. After this, we practised using conjunctions when writing sentences and looked at examples of character descriptions.

In Maths we learnt about the place value of 3 digit numbers. We used dienes to represent numbers, as well as place value grids, part whole models and bar models. Then we compared numbers to 1000 and used mathematical vocabulary to explain our answers.

In Geography, we started our new topic about London. We found London on maps of the UK and the world, then we wrote directions from school to London.

In Science, we started our new topic about light. We asked questions about light and thought about how light helps us to see.

Well done for a fantastic week Year 3!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

During the first week back at school, Year 4 have been superstars and have settled into their new class perfectly! Our Topic this term is The Anglo-Saxons and we have embarked on an exciting journey into the past, learning all about who they were and their culture which has sparked the class's curiosity. In Maths, we have been working on our place value skills, mastering our understanding of the significance of each digit. Additionally, we have been crafting some spectacular descriptive character writing in English with a focus on the fearsome Grendel from the epic poem Beowulf.

A wonderful start to the term – well done Richards class!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a wonderful first week! Year 5 have settled well into their new class routines and have coped well in the heat. In English, we have begun our study of Kensuke's Kingdom by exploring the main character (Michael) and have used their knowledge of him to write sentences that include a relative clause to great effect. This learning will form the basis of our first English unit- diary writing. In maths we have explored place value and numbers to one million; discovering the value of a given digit within a number. In the wider curriculum we have used digital maps to explore Oceania, have recapped the acronym SMART for online safety and discussed the concept of belonging in RE.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Our new Year Sixes have so impressed us this week with their resilience and determination. We have completed some practice tests as a starting point for the year, so that we can see what the children remember and what we may need to spend more time revising this term, as well as planning some groups for support and intervention. Despite the very warm weather, the children have applied themselves admirably and hopefully feel less intimidated by the idea of the tests we have coming up later in the year. We have made a start with our class text, War Horse, and spent some time in guided reading looking at the new vocabulary we are meeting. In science, we began our topic on 'Light' and in geography we have started finding out more about the geography of London. The children came across some chalk 'graffiti' art on the school wall in the style of Banksy, and then found out we will be using this anonymous artist as inspiration for our art this term. The Year Sixes are all very excited to meet the new Reception children next week and they await finding out their assigned buddies with great anticipation!

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Bolognese with Berry Flapjack with Fruit for pudding.

TUESDAY— Pork Sausages or Tomato Vegetable burger with Shortbread for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Pork or Cheesey Ploughman's Picnic Plate with Chocolate Brownie with Fruit for pudding.

THURSDAY - Cottage pie or Macaroni Cheese with Ice Cream for Pudding.

FRIDAY— Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetarian Dippers and Chips with Pineapple Upside Down Cake 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

Ava

Gravett Year 2

Everlyn

Hughes Year 3

Emire

Pullman Year 4

Kylan

Horowitz Year 5

Ewan

Blackman Year 6

Darrell

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 (%)
Palmer		
Armah		
Hussain-		
Shien Ng		
Richards		
Aderin-Pocock		
Islam		
Whole School		

The class with the best attendance this week is:

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Palmer		
Armah		
Hussain-Gamble		
Shien Ng		
Richards		
Aderin-Pocock		
Islam		
Whole School		
Total Minutes		

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)

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Christ the King College

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING



Wed 20th Sept 2023 5-7pm For more information visit: christthekingcollege.co.uk

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 £120

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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Creeping it in the Family



Hosted by the Addams Family'

Tuesday 31st October
2-3 and 3-4pm

The Stable Bar at The Castle Inn, Newport

Stories, games, music, activities, photo
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Suitable for 3yrs plus,

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Online sales only, no tickets available on
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- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Enjoyment
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AGES 7-11

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Adult Community Learning are pleased to launch their new Autumn programme. We have a wide range of workshops and courses on offer, if you are interested in any of the following: Functional Skills English and/or maths, Multiply maths, ICT, Art, Craft, Health and Wellbeing or FREE online short courses, please head over to our website www.iow.gov.uk/ACLCourses for more information and to book. If you would rather speak to a member of staff, call the office on 01983 817280 or pop into The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde and someone will be only too happy to help you.

If you are interested in developing your skills further, perhaps to retrain or return to work, why not book a careers appointment with our information, advice, and guidance professional? She will tailor the appointment to your needs and can offer you help with CV writing, covering letters, application forms or support you with career changes, redundancy, education and training.

We also have an ICT suite which is open every Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm (term time only) starting Friday 22 September, for anyone wishing to access online learning or get support from a tutor.

We look forward to seeing you.