



Wootton Community Primary School

22nd September 2023

Dates for 2023-24
(subject to change)

Wednesday 27th September—
PTA AGM 6:30pm

Monday 9th October—
School Photos

Monday 16th October—
Year 4 Butser Farm visit

October Half Term—
23rd October—3rd November

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November—
Parents evening (more details to follow)

Thursday 9th November— Year R and Year 1
Performance visit at Haylands School

Tuesday 14th November — 2024 new Reception tour 10AM and 1:30PM

Thursday 16th November — 2024 new Reception tour 10AM and 1:30PM

Friday 15th December—
Christingle and Christmas party

Development Days

Monday 18th December

Tuesday 19th December

Thursday 28th March 2024

Friday 26th July 2024

Dear Parents,

We had a lovely Harvest service yesterday; thank you for all your contributions which we will be taking to the food bank. We had to make the decision to stay in school, however once we had done so we had several parent helper offers but had already cancelled the church! For our next event I will ensure I give a deadline for offers of help several days before so that we can hopefully go ahead! Despite being in school the children all performed well and it was wonderful to see and hear such enthusiasm and high energy throughout the service.

Talking of help, I hope to see as many of you as possible at our PTA AGM on Wednesday. Please come along to hear the different ideas we have for events for the children this year. These events will only be possible if we have a team to help so please come along and hear how you may be able to help.

We had a super assembly today where I was able to show the certificate I received from the New Carnival Company for our on-going contributions to the Mardi Gras. Well done to all children who have been involved with this over the last few years. We also heard from Harry in Year 4 who shared his medals that he gained during the summer at his football camps. We also congratulated Lucia in Year 2 and Roxy in Year 3 for their swimming certificates and badges Lucia also shared her recent ballet exam success along with Poppy in Year 2, well done everyone! We also celebrated our top homework achievers for this week:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1 st	Daisy (Year 4)	Oscar R (Year 6)	Ella (Year 4)	Patryk (year 2)
2 nd	Alfie A (Year 5)	Sienna (Year 5)	Koby (year 6)	Eddie (Year 2)
3 rd	Elodie (Year 5)	Phoenix R (Year 6)	Isaiah (Year 4)	Logan (Year 2)
4 th	Sebby (Year 4)	Alfie S (Year 5)	Louis (Year 5)	Grace (Year 4)
5 th	Jessica (Year 2)	Matthew (Year 5)	Cohen (Year 4)	Amira (Year 2)
Top Class for the week	Year 6	Year 6	Year 6	Year 2

If you are a Facebook user and have us in your account you will have seen that we are hoping to gain more funding from the Tesco Blue token scheme. We were really fortunate several years ago to have gained funding from this to create our sensory garden. This time we are hoping to win the most tokens to receive funding to enhance our outdoor area. We would like a permanent table tennis table and additional apparatus so we are calling on you for help. The scheme will run from the first week of October through to January 2024. The more tokens that are put into our section, the higher chance we have of winning, so please ensure when you shop in Tesco Express and Tesco Ryde you get your blue tokens and put them in our section, thank you!

In assembly on Monday we shared some footage that had been sent to us from the Rotary Club regarding the shoebox appeal. We are hoping many more boxes will be made this year. The Rotary Club will be dropping the packs off early next week for you to make, we will send a text out when we have received these and we will then have the date for when the boxes need to be in.

If you would like to have a family photograph taken on Monday 9th October please call the office to secure a place. You will then be sent a text with a time. These will be before and after school. It is essential that you attend at this time. Siblings within school will automatically have their photograph taken together during the day. Your child should have brought home their cauliflower card design today. These designs can be used to make Christmas cards, placed on wrapping paper, tags, mugs etc. You will need to order the items you require using the instructions on the design sheet and you **MUST** then return your child's design to school by Monday 9th October at the very latest.

Thank you for your patience whilst we try to get to grips with some of the office jobs new to us! Unfortunately Mrs Pye will be off for a while but we are delighted that Miss Sasha Elvin has joined the team following her successful interview. We have found several errors with our data collection system and hope that our data support team have rectified these and we will be able to get everything updated next week.

On Thursday 5th October schools across the country complete a census which the DfE use to collect different parts of data to inform school budgets. To encourage as many children as possible to take a school dinner that day, the menu will be changed to fish and chips with a chance to win a prize!

Thank you for coming along to the 'meet the teacher' session on Tuesday, we hope you found this useful. All the PowerPoints shared at these meetings can be found on our school website on each class page.

Please ensure that all educational visits, lunches and clubs etc. are paid for. It has been brought to my attention that we still have some outstanding payments for clubs used last term. We need club payments to be made to enable us to buy resources, pay staff etc. so it is vital all outstanding payments have been made. Next half term children will not be able to attend clubs if their previous ones have not been paid for. Don't forget if you are in receipt of benefits or on a low income your child may be eligible for funding which gives them access to clubs, visits etc. at a reduced price.

It has been brought to my attention that there has been some negative press on some social media platforms such as TikTok giving false information regarding Primary School Sex Education. Please be assured our teaching is all age appropriate and based on the Science curriculum and not extreme in any way at all. Please see our RSE policy on the school website which will give you details of what we teach the children. I am hopeful that this will reassure you.

On Friday afternoons we had resumed our BIG Think sessions. Years 1 and 2 will complete the weekly activity in their classes whereas Years 3 to 6 will work together in their Houses. Each week children will explore a thought provoking question or debate around a piece of art work or music. This week the children were given the following question to discuss 'Why did the Olympic Games start originally in Ancient Greece? Do you think it would have been different if it started in a different country?' I wonder what you think?

Please see below our school holiday dates for this academic year, Development Days were shared in last week's newsletter.

Autumn Term

Break up Friday 20th October, return Monday 6th November

Break up Friday 15th December, return Tuesday January 2nd 2024

Spring Term

Break up Friday 9th February, return Monday 19th February

Break up Wednesday 27th March, return Monday 15th April

Summer Term

Break up Friday 24th May, return Monday 3rd June

Break up Thursday 25th July.

We have already seen quite a number of absences across the classes. Our Attendance Support officer has asked me to remind you that children can still attend school with mild illnesses such as coughs and colds. We therefore strongly encourage you to send your child in even if they are feeling 'under the weather' and be assured that we will always contact you if your child becomes unwell during the day. Absences no longer need to be supported with a letter **but you must ensure you notify us by phone or email each day they are absent.**

In the meantime I wish you a great weekend,

 Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have enjoyed making ramps for the cars outside and some of the children have been making dens. It was interesting to watch the dens develop over the course of the week with the children carrying some of the large logs to secure the tarpaulin from blowing away! The rest of our week has been given over to starting our phonics program which the children have responded well to. I have also worked on a 1:1 basis with the children carrying out their Baseline assessment and Miss Shephard has been busy creating the Cauliflower cards ready to order for Christmas.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have been super busy this week writing their own class book - Peace at School. They have been on a listening walk around school and identified loud, quiet, high and low sounds which they could hear. They then imagined that Mrs Wilford was looking for a quiet place to work but kept getting distracted - just like Mr Bear in our book Peace at Last. Everyone has written and drawn a page for the class book with the sound heard and what Mrs Wilford might say - e.g. "Oh no, it is too loud here!". We will be making this into a laminated book for our class library so everyone can enjoy our writing. Well done to all the wonderful Year 1 authors! Our Science work this week linked to our listening walk as we started to think about the 5 senses and what they are used for.

In Geography we continued to explore our school and are looking forward to watching the drone camera fly over school so that we can view the different human and natural features from a bird's eye view! Thank you to Mrs Dew and her daughter for helping us with this :) We rounded off the week with our DT designs for finger puppets and enjoyed creating our (not very seasonal!) cards ready for December. These will come home today - please check your child's bookbag.

We look forward to another great week!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a busy week in Year 2!

The children started the week by designing their own toy, like the ones seen in Traction Man. We had a huge variety of ideas, from roaring dinosaurs to bacon flavoured cats. The children then planned, created and edited an advertising poster for their new toy. They had to apply their new knowledge of proper nouns and using adjectives to describe. The children did a great job!

In Maths, we finished looking at counting up and back in 10s and then moved onto revisiting our number facts to 20. The children used a variety of resources to find these facts, and we finished the week with a big practice of using number lines, ready for our next week's learning.

In Music this week, we looked at an African song. We learnt about the heritage of the singer and all about the culture of 'clicking' in some African areas. The children all had the opportunity to use some instruments and played along to the song, while the rest of the class maintained a steady beat with percussion.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 3 have been busy learning about instruction writing in English and the key features needed when writing their own set of instructions then they put this to good use in computing this week when writing about online safety. In maths the children have continued to learn about how mental maths can help to solve addition and subtraction problems that involve number bonds, as well as being able to order 3-digit numbers from smallest to largest and flexibly partition numbers with the support of Dienes. In geography, we learnt more about London and the difference between urban and rural land use. In science we learnt about reflection and shone torches onto mirrors to see what happened to the light. In French we also learnt about how to greet people at different times of the day and impressed our French puppet Florence with our pronunciation. Well done Year 3, keep up all of your good work

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

What a week it's been in Year 4! In English, we showcased our acting skills with some drama, bringing safety and fear scenarios to life. In Maths we have been focussing on mental math strategies. In science, we have been observing how temperature affects the rate of evaporation as part of our States of Matter topic. Meanwhile, in History, the class completely blew me away with everything we had been learning about the Anglo-Saxons, leaving me utterly impressed by their enthusiasm to learn. Finally, to top it all off, our talented young Year 4 stars did a fantastic job of belting out 'Conkers' during our Harvest Assembly. Well done Richards class!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a wonderful week in year 5! In English we have begun our poetry topic by exploring performance poetry. The children watched 'The Raven' by Edgar Alen Poe being performed by the late great Sir Christopher Lee as well as a Simpsons version and used their new found understanding of body language and tone to perform chosen poems to the class. Later in the week we learned how to use similes and personification to describe an ocean setting and have used this information to plan our own poems based on a tranquil ocean scene. In Maths we have continued to explore how to solve addition and subtraction problems that include at least one exchange and have learned a wider range of new mathematical vocabulary including: total, difference, sum and more than. In the wider curriculum, we have learned how to find reliable information in computing, the importance of belonging in Islam (RE) and researched Hokusai's 'The Great Wave' in art. However, my highlights of the week were our wonderful class performance during the harvest assembly on Thursday morning and our investigation into which everyday materials are soluble in science.



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in English, we have been learning about the role of horses in WWI. Our grammar focus has been using brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis, and we will be applying this to our persuasive writing next week. In maths, we have revised and refined our formal methods for addition and subtraction, applied these to problems and reasoning and included numbers with decimal points. We have researched, prepared and shared our presentations on an aspect of London's geography (for example, the Thames, trade, and airports). In PSHE we learned about the different roles people can play during an argument, and how even a passive bystander has an effect on the situation. In French, we began to learn some names of different countries, which involved some geography revision too!

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 Orange Jelly for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Gammon or Sweet potato and chickpea roast with Chocolate and Banana marble cake for pudding.

THURSDAY - Beef Lasagne or Vegetarian Lasagne with flapjack with Fruit for Pudding.

FRIDAY— Fish Fingers and Chips or Vegetarian Dippers and Chips with Strawberry 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

Murphy Year 1	Sophia
Gravett Year 2	Bella
Hughes Year 3	Sydney
Pullman Year 4	Ella
Horowitz Year 5	Poppy
Blackman Year 6	Freddie

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	95	92.1
Armah	98	98.8
Hussain-gambles	96.3	98.3
Shien Ng	98.3	97.8
Richards	96.3	97.4
Aderin-Pocock	97.5	97.6
Islam	93.8	95.6
Whole School	96.5	96.9

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Shien Ng

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Palmer	3	4
Armah	1	2
Hussain-Gamble	1	2
Shien Ng	2	4
Richards	1	4
Aderin-Pocock	0	0
Islam	0	3
Whole School	8	19
Total Minutes	70	157

Our school target is 96.5%.

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



Wootton Community Primary School Open Days for September 2024 Admission

Church Road, Wootton Bridge, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 4PT

Tel: 01983 882505

Email: office@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk

Website: www.woottonprimaryschool.co.uk

Tuesday 14th and
Thursday 16th
November 2023

Tours at 10:00am
and 1:30pm.

No need to book,
just turn up to a
session.

COME AND SEE US IN ACTION!

*Also an opportunity to speak to the
Headteacher and House Captains, and
ask any questions you may have.*



If you wish to try orienteering or would like to find out more about the sport, then please encourage your family and friends to join our **Autumn Events for 2023** – Registration opens at 10am. Starts from 10.30-12.00

Sunday 29th October at Firestone Copse, Havenstreet
(parking at main car park)

**Sunday 17th December - a fun Christmas themed event
will be organized at Borthwood Copse, Apse Heath.**

Cost for adult non- members £5, family groups £6.00 and juniors just £1.00

Courses for all abilities with advice and training offered if required to new members. See website for parking details: www.wighto.org.uk

Permanent Orienteering courses are available in Firestone Copse, Brighstone Forest and Parkhurst Forest for practise at any time. Free maps and score cards are available from Brian Bailey; TEL: 07773 852548

We also have a Facebook page: Wight Orienteers

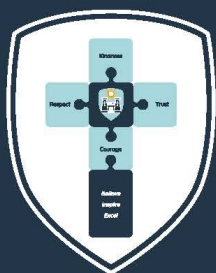


Christ the King College

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING



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



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Year 7 Open Evening

Thursday 5th October 2023, 5.00-7.30pm

Presentation at 5.00pm and 6.00pm followed by tours of the Secondary School
Open Morning: Tuesday 10th October, 9.00-11.00am, please call to book an appointment.



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PO33 3LN

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Ryde Academy Open Evening 4th October 2023

We will be hosting our Open Evening Event on Wednesday 4th October for all Year 5 & 6 students and their parents.

Joy Ballard is the Academy's award winning Principal who has a strong background in leading excellence in education.

With our multimillion pound building, the Academy accommodates 1500 students and is fully equipped with specialist facilities in all areas to enable the teachers to deliver a First Class 21st Century Curriculum.

Presentations start at 4.30pm and 5.45pm in our theatre, followed by a tour of the Academy.

No booking is required, just turn up on the night.

We look forward to welcoming you on the evening.

Find out how we help students
Find Their Remarkable





Medina College
ASPIRE AND ACHIEVE

Year 6 Open Evening
Tuesday 26
September
5.00 - 8.00 pm

Join us for:

- a short presentation (repeated at 5.15 and 6.15 pm)
- Tours of our wonderful facilities
- Opportunities to meet subject staff and experience subject demonstrations
- School meal tasters
- SEND Information



Carisbrooke College
ASPIRE AND ACHIEVE

Year 6 Open Evening
Thursday 28
September
5.00 - 8.00 pm

Join us for:

- a short presentation (repeated at 5.15 and 6.15 pm)
- Tours of our wonderful facilities
- Opportunities to meet subject staff and experience subject demonstrations
- School meal tasters
- SEND Information



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP RISE
FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL?

DO YOU HAVE GOOD IDEAS
YOU LIKE TO PUT FORWARD?

DO YOU LIKE
MEETING NEW
PEOPLE?



IF THE ANSWER IS YES WHY NOT COME AND JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL AGM

MEETING AT SCHOOL ON

WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

AT 6.30PM

IN THE YEAR 5 CLASSROOM

IF NOT, WE HAVE A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT YOU CAN ADD

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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.

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Island children need local homes

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ISLE OF WIGHT MUSIC HUB

Name: Jo Harwood

Position: Shoebox Co-ordinator

Rotary

Rotary On the Wight CIO



Telephone: 07775 612429 ; e-mail: rotaryonthewight@gmail.com

Dear Parent or Carer,

Once again the Rotary clubs of the Isle of Wight are involved in the annual Wessex Shoe Box Appeal. The boxes, containing gifts for boys and girls of different age groups, are greatly appreciated by the recipients as it is invariably the only gift they will receive at Christmas.

This year your child will be again able to collect the explanatory leaflet to bring home, plus a flat pack box for you to put your gifts into.

We will be sending boxes to displaced and disadvantaged children in Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania and Ukraine. For these children it is not only the gifts that they receive but many of them also treasure the box to keep their private things in. So, by all means please decorate your boxes as it becomes a second gift.

The explanatory leaflet will give you all the information you need regarding suitable items to go into the boxes, plus how you should label your box. Due to rising storage and transportation costs, we are asking your help by sellotaping £2.00 to the top of the box.

We really hope in these difficult times you will feel able to help us in this appeal.

Thank you

Jo Harwood

International Lead for Rotary on the Wight

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Celebration of Harvest
Wednesday 27th September 2023

Allergy Aware
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SIDES

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Roast Potatoes and Gravy

DESSERT

Orange Jelly



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