



Wootton Community Primary School

26th April 2024

Dates for 2023-24 (subject to change)

Tues 30th April— Year 4 IW Steam Railway Educational visit

Mon 13th—Thur 16th May - Yr 6 SATS Week

Tues 21st May - Fri 24th May—Yr 6 Runways End Visit

Wed 5th June— Class photos

Tues 11th June - Year 5 British Museum Education visit

Fri 21st June— Sponsored walk

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9-9.30am Parent 'meet the teacher'

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5.30-7pm Year 6 Leavers party (more details to follow)

Thurs 25th July— 11am Year 6 Leavers presentation (Year 6 families only)
Family picnic at noon, optional finish time at 1.30pm

Tuesday 3rd Sept— Years 1 to 6 first day back (new classes)

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Development Days Friday 26th July 2024

Dear Parents,

What a busy week we have had despite it feeling like winter again! Please keep sending your child with a coat as the children do spend a considerable amount of time outside and with such inconsistent and unreliable weather they still need to have a coat in school at present, thank you. I am hoping we will start to see more appearance of the sun soon.

However, the weather has not had a negative impact on our exciting week. Year 3 had a fantastic day at Carisbrooke Castle on Tuesday during which time they showed a high level of engagement and concentration and exemplary behaviour. Thank you to Zach's mum, Miss Scriver and the Year 3 team for taking the class. The children enjoyed the Walk the Wight presentation in assembly this week too and we hope as many children as possible are able to take part in the Schools Walk the Wight part raising money for such an important service on the Island. To register your child you will need to go on the Mountbatten website site and search the schools walk section. Several children have already informed me that they are taking part this year with at least two children completing the whole walk! We cannot wait to hear how you all get on and how much money the school raises.

On Wednesday our Year 6 tag rugby team finally got the chance to compete in the long awaited final. Mr Billington was so excited when he returned to school holding our runners-up cup. Well done to Rocco, Elliott, Spencer, Koby, Oscar B, Tyler, Penny, Maddison, Lexi and Abi who scored the last try taking the team through to the final round. Thank you to the parents who supported this event and to Mrs Fish for her great teaching, well done Year 6!

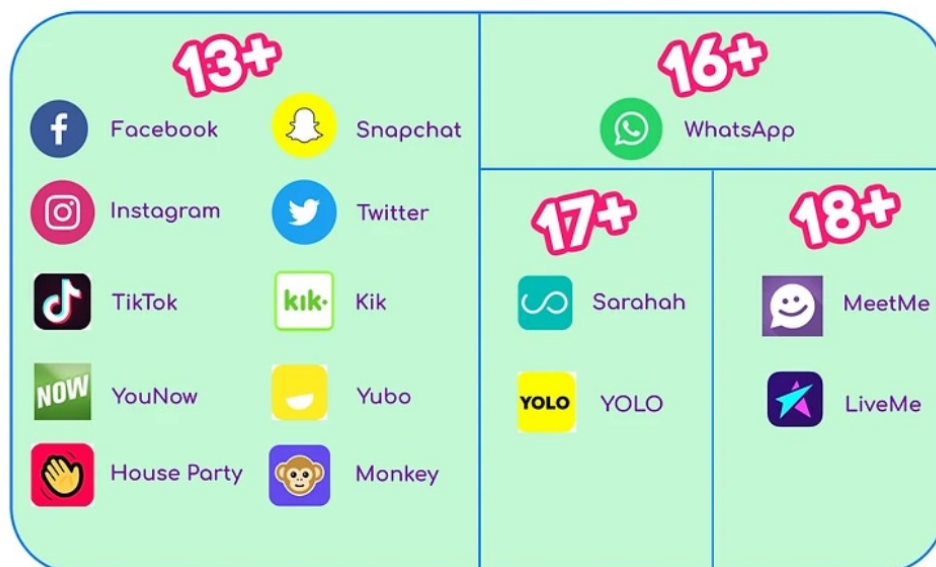
On **Wednesday 5th June** our school photographer will be in to take the class photographs so please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform. Year 5 will need to wear their uniform to school and bring their PE kit to change into, thank you.

In assembly today we congratulated our children's achievements outside of school. Well done to Molly in Reception for getting her 5m swimming badge, to Amira in Year 2 for passing her Level 1 in gymnastics, Harry M in Year 3 for his football tournament, to Zach and Owen also in Year 3 for taking part in a rugby tournament, to Hayley in Year 4 for gaining her Brownies bronze award, to Millie in Year 5 for being selected 'Player of the match' by her football team, to Faye also in Year 5 for her Brownie badges and to Eddie in Year 2, Travis in Year 4 and Tyler in Year 6 who took part in a Muay Thai tournament on the mainland last weekend. We also had many children who were presented with a range of reading achievement certificates, keep up the great work everyone! We also congratulated our top five homework achievers who are:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1 st	Koby (Y6)	Jacob (Y5)	Dylan (Y4)	Harry B (Y3)
2 nd	Alfie A (Y5)	Oscar B (Y6)	Ella (Y4)	Freddie (Y6)
3 rd	Patryk (Y2)	Lillah (Y5)	Hayley (Y4)	Killian (Y6)
4 th	Daisy (Y4)	Elliott (Y6)	Cahrliie (Y4)	Ollie (Y1)
5 th	Eddie (Y2)	Phoenix R (Y6)	Seb (Y4)	Sharon (Y1)
Top Class for the week	Year 5	Year 5	Year 4	Year 1

Our attendance has continued to be of concern this week with many children being off school. Whilst some illnesses require children to be absent please do not keep children off if they just have a cough or runny nose! However, if you do feel your child is unwell with a childhood illness such as scarlet fever, this can only be diagnosed through a GP and your child having a swab taken so it is really important to contact your GP if you are concerned. Please call the office if you require any further guidance with this or read the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

You may have seen in the press recently that some of the social media platforms have had their age ratings changed. Whilst as a school we can only advise parents and offer support, we do have a duty to ensure that you are given information to protect your children at home. We are hearing more and more that children are using sites not intended for them and whilst you may monitor your child's engagement with these, you cannot protect them from everything online and by allowing your children access to these sites you are potentially breaking the law. Whilst the current minimum age for most social media platforms is 13, the latest government proposal is to change the age to 16. Additionally, the government is considering a ban on under-16s purchasing smartphones, further limiting their access to these platforms. We will continue to teach the children how to keep safe online and hope that we can work together to ensure that they are only accessing age appropriate sites and materials.



We are so pleased that many more children have signed up for the club offer this half-term and will endeavour to get the new club offer out before the end of the half-term. With the potential change to the school day and rise in costs we will be needing to review how we are able to run clubs in the new school year but will keep you updated as soon as we have some more information.

I attended one of the school place planning meetings on Monday evening which was well attended with an opportunity to talk with LA officials about the future for our schools. This was an information only sharing session and my understanding is that once the council have completed the meetings and collated the responses from parents, they will then hold further meetings to answer questions and share their next steps. Therefore I

urge you to complete the survey so that parent voices are heard <https://forms.office.com/pages/response.aspx?id=B8c3UX1ZIEqjiUyRWpSgRUxbhUgYb19JnTxvfH6E1UMkjCVjc0UEpFQzVNRIY2S0tWT08wU0xORi4u>

Sadly I continue to receive complaints from the local residents regarding parking. Please do not park on the zig zag lines at any time, even just to drop your child off at the bottom of the drive. You should not be parking on the double yellow lines unless you have a Blue Disabled badge for YOURSELF. Again, stopping on the yellow lines with your hazard lights on to quickly drop your child off is a parking offence and you may incur a parking fine. Likewise I have been asked to remind you again that the parking spaces in Wootton Lodge (opposite the school) **are not public spaces** and are for residents only. I have received several very unhappy phone calls this week from some of the residents complaining that parents are parking in their spaces so please ask that you respect this area. We work hard to build good relationships with the local community and the on-going parking issue is causing a strain so ask that you park on the roadside or use the lovely big free carpark at the end of the Rec, thank you.

Please see below some dates for the last term that you may want to plan for. Our first day back in September will be 3rd September, with 2nd September being a staff training day. Our new Reception class will then join us on Wednesday 4th.

I In the meantime, I hope you have a super weekend. I will not see you now for a few weeks so want to wish our Year 6 children every success with their SATs in a few weeks and that they have the best time on residential - I can't wait to hear all about it after half-term. I know Miss Paterson and the team will continue to run the school without me and I will ensure you get an update from me soon!



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

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WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have been busy in Maths learning about odd and even numbers. We have used concrete resources to work out what amounts are even and which are odd! In English we have been writing lists related to our pirate adventures. We had to decide what we would take with us on an adventure and write it down in list format. We said the words and wrote the sounds we could hear. In Art we have been painting pirate pictures and have also been very busy in the garden sorting out the weeds ahead of doing some planting.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have blown us away this week with their fantastic writing! They have been creating postcards from Sunny the meerkat explaining all the different places he has travelled, and then retelling the entire story in little booklets with accompanying illustrations. Well done everyone on your hard work! You all deserved your reward time this week!

The class have likewise been working hard in Maths to solve problems involving half of quantities, and enjoyed sharing the greedy monsters' food fairly into equal groups. They also used their knowledge of halves and doubles to answer some tricky reasoning questions.

In Science we continued to think about animal groups, learning more about how to identify mammals and reptiles. There were some surprises along the way - including that a whale is a mammal! We enjoyed the next part of our Geography topic about hot and cold places around the world by learning about the equator, and North and South poles. The children also matched different animals to the correct habitat. In Art we continued this work, thinking about how to use colour to convey mood and setting and creating some stunning Arctic sketches with different shades of "cold" colours. Another great week, keep up the super work!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Another brilliant week in Year 2!

In English, the class has been describing the forest from our book. The children used adverbs and expanded noun phrases to help create suspense for the reader. The whole class did a brilliant job and the writing outcomes were amazing!

In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction. This week, we've really focused on using the quickest and most effective method, rather than resorting back to fingers or using a number line. The children really rose to this challenge and were able to apply it to both arithmetic and reasoning questions.

During History, we learnt more about The Great Fire of London. The children are really engaged in this topic and are all very eager to learn more about it. We learnt all about the timeline of events and about Samuel Pepys. It was lovely to see that some children have been learning about this at home, and were very excited to share their knowledge to the rest of the class.

Great week Year 2! Well done!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 3 have continued to work with fractions in Maths and have been showing their workings out when solving fractions of a set amount of objects. They have used counting equipment as well as their own drawings to help them solve this type of word-problem.

In English, we have continued to read our new class text, 'I was there - Boudica's Army' by Hilary McKay.

This week, we have worked on 'hot seating' certain characters from the text as well as writing sentences that use coordinating conjunctions to explain why Kassy couldn't go off and fight The Romans with her brother.

In Music, the class have been learning to play more notes on their recorders with Mr and Mrs Grimshaw, as well as solo performances including Morning, Knock-Knock Knocking on Heaven's Door and Hot Cross Buns.

We also managed to fit in a visit to Carisbrooke Castle, where we learnt more about the history of food and that it was The Romans who brought roast dinners to Britain. The children enjoyed their hands-on experiences with artefacts and made lots of good guesses about them and their functions. They also worked to identify certain spices by their own sense of smell. Well-done Year 3, you were all really well behaved and we all noticed just how sensible you all were!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year 4, we have been continuing our topic of WWII in History, exploring what evacuation means, which people were evacuated during this time, and why. In Maths, we have been using different methods to help us solve division problems with remainders. We have been creating a rewrite of the beginning of our book 'Friend or Foe' in English, ensuring we include adverbs to enhance our sentences. In DT, we have been looking at how to store food safely, determining the difference between sell by and use by dates. Finally, the highlight of the week was our music lesson on Wednesday afternoon. The children got to explore the trumpets, trombones and French horns and enjoyed practicing creating different sounds with the instruments. Mr Stroud was very impressed by Year 4's abilities and said that many of the children had great potential as musicians!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a busy week! In English we continued our study of 'Holes' by writing a persuasive advert to convince people to visit Camp Green lake; a very tricky task as it is such a horrible place! In maths, we continued our focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) by exploring missing numbers, inverse operations and word problems. I have been very impressed with the way the children approached this learning and it's clear they have all made real progress in maths recently. In computing, we began our new topic, physical computing. We introduced the topic by exploring the Micro;bit and learned how by creating a basic code, the device can become something completely different. In Music, we welcomed back Mr and Mrs Grimshaw who have returned to continue teaching the children how to play the ukulele and read basic sheet music. In Geography, we explored local tourism on the island and how it is one of the biggest industries. But, my highlight of the week was out RE. I was delighted with how well the children conducted themselves on our educational visit to the local churches. The children asked good questions, behaved well and were able to not only compare an old and modern Church but were able to explain what the term sacred means.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week, Year 6 has been revising persuasive techniques and applying them to writing letters. Using our class reader, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, for inspiration, we have written a letter complaining about the conditions that animals were being kept in. We then continued to use these techniques in RE, when responding to a Government missive banning rites of passage. The children excelled in using appropriately formal language, setting a tone that was assertive without being threatening.

In maths we have revised ratio and rounding, and have tackled questions which involved both concepts. In geography lessons we have looked at latitude and longitude in relation to cities in California.

Chartwells Schools		WEEK 3				
		W/C: 29/04, 20/05, 17/06, 08/07, 02/09, 23/09, 14/10				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Roast Chicken 🍗 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake 🍗 🌱	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta 🌱 🍗 🌱	Vegetarian Sausage 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Cheese and Onion Pasty 🌱 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce 🌱 Served with Rainbow Rice	Quorn Dippers 🌱 Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes 🍗 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍗 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	Jacket Potatoes 🍗 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍗 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍗 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
	JACKET POTATO	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍗 🌱				
		All main meals are served with two vegetables				
	DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit 🍫	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake 🍌	Lemon Sicilian Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream
		PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Ham, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day				
		AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit.				
		🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🍷 Wholegrain 🍏 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice				

Star Pupils

Palmer Reception

Armah Year 1

Hussein-Gambles
Year 2

Shien Ng Year 3

Richards Year 4

Aderin-Pocock Year 5

Islam Year 6

Archie and Molly

Rebekah

Lucia

Harry M

Kenny

Matthew

Layla

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	96.3	93.4
Armah	94.3	94.4
Hussain-Gambles	94.5	96.0
Shien Ng	98.0	95.3
Richards	91.6	95.7
Aderin-Pocock	98.4	96.6
Islam	97.9	94.5
Whole School	95.9	95.2

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Aderin-Pocock

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Palmer	0	33
Armah	1	38
Hussain-Gamble	1	12
Shien Ng	0	47
Richards	1	43
Aderin-Pocock	2	17
Islam	1	35
Whole School	6	225
Total Minutes	101	3337

Our school target is 96.5%.

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



Family Hubs
Isle of Wight

From January 2024!

Welcome to the World

Welcome to the World is an 8-week programme for parents from 22 weeks of pregnancy. Delivered at the Family Hubs it will cover a variety of topics that will help give their baby the best possible start in life. Parents will improve their knowledge and skills in caring for a baby, learn the importance of their own wellbeing, develop the skills to help with bonding and reflect on their hopes for the future.

Scan the QR code for the Family Hubs Website or visit [Welcome To Isle Of Wight Family Centres : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

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ASPIRE **Family Hub**

PACT

PARENTS AND CARERS TOGETHER

Come along to our 'Pop in and Ask' Family Hubs drop-in session!



Find out about our services
Give us your views!
Children welcome

Monday 3rd June 2024
12.30-2.30pm
Ryde Family Hub
George St
Ryde
PO33 2JF

Relevant for expectant parents and parents/carers of children who are:
Babies
Toddlers
Pre-schoolers

BARNARDOS

The Barnardos Family Centre team will be available to chat to

Find out more

 familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk  [IWfamilyinfohub](https://www.facebook.com/IWfamilyinfohub)  rosie@aspireryde.org.uk

NATUREZONES

SPRING COMPETITION

Naturezones Wildlife Education Trust (NWET) is a ten acre wildlife field study centre and a Living Natural History Museum in Blackwater. It is a "not for profit" organisation dedicated to educating visitors in the importance of sustaining and creating wildlife habitats as part of the island's ecology; increasing Biodiversity and nurturing the environment.

Your mission:
Using recycled materials make something for a wildlife garden

What will you make?
Will it be a habitat, a feeder or perhaps a planter
What materials will you use?

5 Prizes, one for each category

1. Most learnt while creating the item (what is it for?)
2. Most creative use of recycled materials
3. Greatest increase in effort

What aspect of nature will inspire you?

WIN a years pass to Naturezones, a hot drink & sweet treat for 4.

Please deliver your entries to Naturezones on the following dates between 10.30 am and 4.30pm
On either May 21st or May 23rd
Families of the children will be able to visit Naturezones during the Recycological event on Sunday 26th May

Ceramic Flower Making Workshop

Make yourself a beautiful bouquet of flowers crafted from clay, that you will get to keep forever!

£25

Sunday 16th June
10am-12pm

www.isleofwightpottery.com

OPEN TO ALL

SUMMER

SATURDAY

£25

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Fun for the whole family
All ages and abilities

Saturdays in the Summer
10am-12pm
June 22
July 6/20
Aug - 3/17

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