



Wootton Community Primary School

27th March 2024

Dear Parents,

Whilst it has been a short week, it has a busy and fun one and we are grateful for all your interactions with us. Thank you to the parents who supported our walk to church on Monday and for all the incredible entries for the Easter hat and egg competition! Thank you also for giving up your time to come and meet with your child's teacher. If you have not already done so, please do get in touch with your child's teacher so that they can share your child's targets with you and we can work together for the last term of the year.

Our Easter service was another great success and despite the music system not working, the children gave fabulous performances, with Year 2 sharing some lovely Easter poems they had written. Their behaviour walking to and from the church and during the service was exemplary and we were all so very proud of them, well done Wootton!

It was so difficult to judge the Easter hat and egg competition this year. With almost 80 entries it made the job of choosing the winners for each class even harder - they are all winners to me! However,

we did have to choose and many congratulations to:

Reception: Bligh and Noah

Year 1: Alfie and Alice

Year 2: Lexie and Lucia

Year 3: Cassie and Sophie

Year 4: Florence and Daisy

Year 5: Jay and Faye

Year 6: Ayra and Oscar R



We also had 4 overall winners who are Ted in Year 3 and his brother Oscar in Year 6, Gracie in Year 4, Millie in Year 5 and Jess in Year 6. All of their entries just stood out, especially 'Egg Sheeran'!

All the children were congratulated in assembly and given a little prize with the winners from each class presented with an egg, well done everyone!

In assembly we also congratulated our top 5 homework achievers this week, each earning 5 House Points. Well done to:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1 st	Violet (Y4)	Daisy (Y4)	Dylan (Y4)	Phoenix E (Y1)
2 nd	Alfie A (Y5)	Rocco (Y5)	Charlie (Y4)	Ahbab (Y2)
3 rd	Daisy (Y4)	Lucia (Y2)	Seb (Y4)	Isabella (Y2)
4 th	Koby (Y6)	Evan (Y5)	Levi (Y4)	Sharon (Y1)
5 th	Rocco (Y5)	Matthew (Y5)	Cohen (Y4)	Frankie (Y3)
Top Class for the week	Year 4	Year 5	Year 4	Year 2

Dates for 2023-24
(subject to change)

Thurs 28th March -
Development Day

Fri 29th March - Fri
12th- April Easter Break

Mon 15th April - First
day of summer term

Tues 23rd April -
Year 3 Carisbrooke Castle Educational Visit

Tues 30th April- Year
4 IWW Steam Railway Educational visit

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

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

Tues 11th June - Year
5 British Museum Education visit

Development Days
Thursday 28th March
2024
Friday 26th July 2024

With it being the end of term we have counted the House Points across the school to celebrate our winning House for this half-term and winning House over all.

For this half-term Jones House (green) was the winner with 900 points, followed by Stokes House (blue) with 825 points, third place Farrell House (yellow) with 800 points and fourth place Asher-Smith House (red) with 675 points. The winning House so far this year is Asher-Smith House (red) with a grand total of 3475 points - well done everyone!

We also heard from Sadie in Year 6 who shared her news from her dancing school and also from Lexi in Year 6 who has come 10th in her National trampolining competition. Lexie from Year 2 and Faye from Year 5 shared their swimming certificates, Sharon from Year 1 and Florence from Year 2 showed us their Rainbow badges, and the Smith family brought their attendance medals for their football training. We also heard from Max in Year 5 who has secured another sponsor for his skateboarding—well done, everyone!

I have unfortunately had to miss the last day this term due to an appointment. Some of you may have heard that my eldest daughter has been suffering from a long-term condition that has resulted in her going into kidney failure, needing dialysis three times a week and lots of hospital stays. Over the last year I have been undergoing a range of tests and weight loss to be able to donate a kidney to her and we are so pleased that this life saving surgery is able to take place really soon. Therefore I will need to take a few weeks off after Easter leaving Miss Paterson in charge! I am sure you appreciate that this urgent surgery cannot be scheduled into the summer holidays and whilst I will miss not being in school, I know you will all be in safe hands! So I will be off from the start of May and once I am well enough I will begin to work from home with the hope of returning to school as soon as I can after May half-term. Mr Billington will continue to teach Year 1 more frequently whilst Miss Paterson fills my role. Sadly, due the timing of the surgery, I will not be able to join Year 6 on their residential, but they are sure to have a fantastic time with Ms White, Mr Billington and Mrs Grimes. The other event I will sadly miss this year is the Mardi Gras, which we will not be able to take part in. I am sure you appreciate how much I will miss these things but hope you understand the reason why. So, in the meantime, I wish you a wonderful Easter break - lets hope we see the sun and warmth! We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 15th April for the last term of the school year!

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



Find out more about plans for Island education at public drop-in sessions

The Isle of Wight Council is holding a series of public drop-in sessions which will focus on improving education provision and how school place planning is undertaken.

The sessions will look at the high numbers of surplus places that currently exist across the primary sector and the further increase that is forecast for future years.

Council officers will discuss the significant impacts that not managing the surplus has on the schools themselves and children's education.

The events are taking place within the context of the development of a new Education Strategy for the Island which will address all aspects of the system and how we can improve the quality of education on the Isle of Wight.

These public events are open to everyone and offer valuable insights into the challenges faced by our local education system. The drop-ins are taking place across the Island as this is a 'whole Island' issue and potentially has an impact on all education providers.

Residents will hear about how data is collected and used to forecast pupil places, and also about how the shortfall in pupil places in schools affects academic outcomes, school budgets and recruitment. These sessions are an information sharing opportunity to provide context and raise awareness about the local educational opportunities and challenges.

They will be open to discussion, ideas and suggestions. All who are interested in education on the Island are welcome and encouraged to attend and share their views. We expect there to be related formal consultations later in the year, after specific proposals have been developed.

People are asked to book in advance if they wish to attend one of the sessions and further information on how to do that can be found on the council's website. <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/schools-consultations/>

Upcoming public drop-in sessions:

Monday 15 April, Riverside Centre, Newport, PO30 2QR, 9am to 11am and 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Thursday 18 April, Freshwater Memorial Hall, PO40 9UU, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Monday 22 April, Ryde Academy, PO33 3LN, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Wednesday 24 April, Cowes Enterprise College, PO31 8HB, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Thursday 25 April, The Bay CE School, PO36 9JH, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Wednesday 1 May, Wroxall Community Centre, PO38 3DP, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We had a lovely walk to the church on Monday. The children are always excited to see the Year 6 buddies and it is a nice opportunity for them to chat as we walk to the church. The children looked super cute in their bunny ears and sang so well especially as the music wasn't very loud. We have finished painting our salt dough eggs and are looking forward to hanging these decorations up at home. Our new water tray arrived last week so that has been a big talking point and the children are excited by the fact the tray is clear so you can look underneath it and see what is going on. The children joined the rest of the school on Wednesday for the Easter service and we enjoyed looking at all the lovely Easter hats plus we filled our jar and had a marble party so that was a nice end to the week!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have enjoyed their short but sweet week, performing beautifully in our Easter service at the church on Monday, painting their clay houses in Art, exploring the differences between Wootton and Southsea in Geography and linking Art and Science in thinking about the changes to the weather and to different types of trees during the Spring. They have also impressed us with their Maths problem solving skills, using their knowledge of number bonds to ten and our recent learning about money to solve problems and represent their answers in different ways. In English we have been debating whether we believe the wolf is guilty or innocent and creating posters either to warn others about him, or express what a kind and gentle wolf he really is! Well done everyone on another super half-term - have a fantastic Easter and we will see you on the 15th April :)

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We've had a great end of this half term! This week the children have done some amazing writing. It's great to see the progress each child has made so far this year and to see how much they are all enjoying writing now. The class did an amazing job in the church service on Monday. The poems were performed beautifully and the art work that they showed was brilliant! Well done Year 2, especially those that find performing very nerve wracking!

In DT this week, we created flowers by joining textile using sewing. This was a tricky skill to pick up but they all did a brilliant job at the end!

Thank you all for a wonderful half term. I hope you all have a very well deserved break and hopefully the weather will brighten up for us too!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week the children have looked at creating their own acrostic Easter poems as well as proofreading and correcting Easter sentences that needed fixing.

In French this week we have learnt how to pronounce numbers up to 20. They have learnt how to ask each other how old they are and how to respond to this question.

During Music lessons the children have performed Three Little Birds on the glockenspiels as well as singing beautifully in the Easter service on Monday.

Well done Year 3, stay safe and well and enjoy the well deserved Easter break.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 4 have achieved a lot during this very short week. The week began with a visit to the Church for our Easter service where Year 4 impressed us all with their performance of their Easter song 'Celebrate'. In writing, we have been consolidating our learning of paragraphs, similes, inverted commas and fronted adverbials to create a narrative. In Computing, we have been creating a poster to campaign for a new playground for the children in the story so they have a safe space to play, focusing on the font and format of the poster. In Art, we have been evaluating our artwork, recognising our strengths and areas for development. Multiplication and division of the 11 times table has been the focus of our Maths lessons this week. Finally, we have been reading Easter-themed texts in preparation for the weekend ahead. Well done Year 4, time to enjoy a much deserved break and we can't wait to welcome you all back for the summer term!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a wonderful way to end the Spring term! This week we finished our class novel - The Boy at the Back of the Class - and the children wrote alternative endings to show how they thought the book should have ended. In maths, we concluded our study of position and direction by learning how to translate a shape. However, for the majority of our final week the children have been completing a DT (design technology) project. The children designed and created their own mechanical toy using cams, cardboard, levers and pulleys. The children also learned how to use hacksaws and glue guns to complete their projects. I hope you all have a wonderful break and I look forward to our final term together, Happy Easter!



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This (short!) week in Year Six we have been looking at geometry in maths. The children have revised coordinates in four quadrants and explored how to identify an unknown coordinate by the other information given. In English, we have worked on our 'Guide to Camp Half Blood', including instruction writing and using lots of organisational devices. In PSHE, we have continued our work on the economy, looking at what gives items their value, the importance of saving, and some exploration of tax and interest. We have completed our history topic on the ancient Greeks by writing conclusions about how the ancient Greeks have affected our modern world and we hope to glaze our mythological creature clay plaques to take home. Have a restful Easter break, but don't forget your revision packs to keep your learning fresh in your minds!

Chartwells Schools		WEEK 1				
		W/C: 15/04, 06/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07, 09/09, 30/09				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Half a Jacket Potato	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	BBQ Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes	Turkey Lasagne 🍝 🌱 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	BBQ Quorn Fillet 🍗 🌾 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Burger 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic Plate 🥗	Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla 🌱 🍗 🍝 Served with Wholegrain 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
		Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🌱 🍝				
		All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT		Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit 🍌	Raspberry Jelly	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice 🍌 🍌	Vanilla Ice Cream	Original Flapjack
		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

Armah Year 1	Arlo
Hussein-Gambles Year 2	Jessica
Shien Ng Year 3	Lily-Rose
Richards Year 4	Gracie
Aderin-Pocock Year 5	Cooper
Islam Year 6	Oscar. R

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	91.7	93.5
Armah	90.2	94.3
Hussain-Gambles	93.4	96.0
Shien Ng	93.7	95.4
Richards	91.3	95.8
Aderin-Pocock	94.9	96.4
Islam	97.6	94.4
Whole School	93.1	95.1

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Year 6 Islam

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Palmer	1	30
Armah	1	34
Hussain-Gamble	0	10
Shien Ng	0	45
Richards	2	40
Aderin-Pocock	0	14
Islam	1	33
Whole School	5	206
Total Minutes	38	3147

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

Sports News

From Mr Billington

End of season friendlies vs Lanesend Primary:-

Yesterday we took two teams to Lanesend Primary, an U11 Boys team and an U9 Boys team. These fixtures provided the opportunity for those that hadn't represented the school this year to experience playing a match as a team. It was also a great opportunity for some children to show leadership and guide the new players through their first game.

Both teams played really well and thoroughly enjoyed the matches. The torrential rain and mud was a large contributing factor! The U9 game could have gone either way and finished 1-1. We had some penalties for fun. During the game it was lovely to hear the support they all gave one another. A particular highlight was how they all commended Max on his goalkeeping efforts.

The U11's came to see us as we were finishing our match and they were buzzing about their result and the performance. It was great to hear about their efforts and how well they worked together. It's great to see that our core PE values of respect and teamwork are demonstrated by all who represent the school.

With these games closing our football season I'd just like to say a big thank you to anyone and everyone who has helped or supported the football teams. Without the support of parents and school staff it would be impossible to participate. On behalf of the children, and from me, thank you!

Upcoming Competitive Fixtures-

Cancelled – U11 Girls Football vs Priory – friendly – Unfortunately Priory are unable to make a date after Easter.
Wednesday 24th April, 1.30-3.30pm – U11 Tag Rugby Finals @ Wootton Rec



SANDOWN SOCCER
at The Bay CE Secondary

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

Week 1
Tuesday-Friday (2nd-5th April)

Week 2
Monday-Friday (8th-12th April)

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM

- FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
- Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!
- Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
- Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!



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Week 1: 4 days only £52
Week 2: 5 days only £65
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Have questions or would like more information?
Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)
sandownsoccer@yahoo.com
07594 389531

SANDOWN SOCCER

Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to **07594 389531**



Gymnastics & Trampoline Fun Days!
Easter Holiday Clubs!

Tuesday 9th April 2024
Wednesday 10th April 2024

10:00 - 15:00 each day

Sea Cadets Cowes,
Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG

£27 per Child for the Whole Day
(£25 for Little Rocket Gymnasts)

Please Bring a Packed Lunch and Drinks and Wear Suitable Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks)
A tuck shop for sweets and drinks will also be available

HOW TO BOOK
Please go to <https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk> to book your place on line.

If there are any queries please contact Christy on 07518 335319
Thank you ☺

TAPNELL FARM PARK SUMMER

SEASON PASSES

Valid from 23rd March to 3rd November 2024

TRANSFERABLE ADULT SEASON PASS WHEN ACCOMPANYING A CHILD SEASON PASS HOLDER!

£40 PER PERSON

ALL WEATHER INDOOR & OUTDOOR PLAY!

FUN EVENTS ALL YEAR!

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www.tapnellfarm.com/play
see website for full T&Cs

TAPNELL FARM PARK

Easter Holiday Fun!

Alice's Easter Wonderland

Tuesday to Thursday | 2nd to 4th & 9th to 11th April

Queen Of Hearts' Easter Party
 - White Rabbit's Circus Games
 - Alice's Potion Making
 - Mad Hatters Maze!

Plus Farm Park Fun all Easter!

Friday 29th March ~ Friday 12th April

Lots of great Daily Animal Activities, Easter Farm Quest, Pottery Painting in The Cabin and lots more!

Full details and book online www.tapnellfarm.com/events

JJ's Parties & Events

EASTER half term Inflate-a-Days!

Race-track Obstacle Course

Ride-On's Ball Pool 6 Slides

10th & 11th April @ Rew Valley Sports Centre
4 x 90 minute sessions per day
 disco sessions available
 Easter Egg Hunt - Meet Bouncer the Bunny - loads of fun inflatables

FREE entry for parents/careers & free parking!

Easter Scurry Egg Hunt

NATUREZONES Blackwater

Sunday 31st March
Tuesday 2nd,
Thursday 4th,

Adult £8, Concession £6 Child £4 under 4's free

PLEASE BOOK

WWW.NATUREZONES.ORG.UK

Easter Activities

29 March to 14 April

Easter Trail
 Donkey Grooming
 Pamper a Donkey
 Pamper a Shetland
 Meet the Donkeys Free Guided Tours

www.iowdonkeysanctuary.org/whats-on





Book online now!



Book now for free Easter activity spaces for eligible children and young people

Children and young people will once again be able to enjoy a varied programme of free activities during the upcoming Easter holidays.

Organisations across the Island are coming together to offer activities for five to 16-year-olds as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which also guarantees a nutritious meal. Free places are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals and on a paid-for basis as well. [Some places are also available for other vulnerable families.](#)

But with limited spaces for many of the activities, families should book soon to avoid disappointment.

The Easter programme has a fantastic range of activities on offer including horse riding, tennis and football coaching, multi-sport games, animal care, theatre skills and arts and crafts.

Full details including booking information can be found on the [Isle of Wight Family Information Hub webpage](#).

Councillor Jonathan Bacon, Cabinet member for children's services, said: "We want to enable children and young people to try new things and make new friends and we know it is a welcome support for many families during the school holidays.

"We know that families are facing — and will continue to face — increasing pressure and the dedication of organisations to supporting families in this way means such a lot to so many." For more information about eligibility, [please see the council's newly updated holiday activities webpages](#). The Easter HAF scheme is funded by the Department for Education.



Easter Weekend

CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC



5 and Under NHS Appointments
Speak to our friendly reception or book your space online

**Isle of Wight Wellbeing Service: Workshop List**
SUMMER TERM: April / May

DATE	COURSE NAME	TIME
15.04.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	11:30am
16.04.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	9:30am
16.04.24	Boundaries and Expectations	11:30am
17.04.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	9:30am
17.04.24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am
17.04.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	6:00pm
19.04.24	Boundaries and Expectations	4:30pm
19.04.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	6:00pm
22.04.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:30am
23.04.24	Boundaries and Expectations	9:30am
23.04.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	11:30am
24.04.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	6:00pm
30.04.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	9:30am
01.05.24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am
01.05.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	6:00pm
06.05.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	11:30am
07.05.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	9:30am
08.05.24	Boundaries and Expectations	9:30am
08.05.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	6:00pm
13.05.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	11:30am
14.05.24	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression	9:30am
14.05.24	Navigating Neurodivergence	11:30am
15.05.24	Supporting the anxious child	9:30am
15.05.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	6:00pm
20.05.24	Boundaries and Expectations	11:00am
21.05.24	Boundaries and Expectations	9:30am
22.05.24	What's Behind the Behaviour	9:30am
22.05.24	Boundaries and Expectations	6:00pm

To reserve your place on any of the above courses, please email mitch.burson@iow.gov.uk