



Wootton Community Primary School

21st June 2024

Dates for 2023-24 (subject to change)

Weds 4th July - Year 1 educational visit to Havenstreet

Tues 9th July - Transition day Year 6 to Secondary schools, classes move up and 9 -9.30am Parent 'meet the teacher'

Fri 12th July - End of year reports home & family disco (time tbc)

Tues 16th July - Reception & KS1 sports afternoon @ 1pm

Wed 17th July - KS2 sports afternoon @ 1pm 3-4.45pm Open evening - informal meeting with current teacher or new teacher

Thurs 18th July - Year educational visit to the owl & monkey haven

Mon 22nd July - Reception educational visit to Yaverland

Wed 24th July - Last Celebration Assembly of the year 5.30-7pm Year 6 Leavers party (more details to follow)

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

Fri 26th July - Staff Development Day

Mon 2nd Sept - Staff Development Day

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

Wednesday 4th Sept - New Reception class start

Dear Parents,

Summer has finally arrived and fortunately just in time for our sponsored walk this afternoon. Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us and to all the children for being so well behaved. We had great fun collecting various items on our list and we look forward to receiving all the sponsor money which will be used to purchase new play resources for break and lunchtimes. Please send sponsored money in a **named envelope** by **Friday 12th July** at the very latest, thank you.

I met Layla, Chair of the PTA yesterday to plan our summer fund raising event. This will take place on **Friday 12th July 5 to 6.30pm**. 'Roll up, roll up, join our circus night' is a family event. Entrance will be £1 for children aged 1 and above. **Other than Year 6 (must be collected at the end), all children must be accompanied by an adult.** There will be a range of activities, games and things to buy along with refreshments and a raffle. DJ Wilford will be on the decks and there will be a chance to win prizes for the best dressed circus performer. To ensure the event can take place we will need some help to set up, run the stalls and tidy at the end. It would be good to have more parents volunteering so that we can run more activities. If you are able to help with some or all of the event, please either drop a message on the PTA Facebook page or let the office know. We also need some more raffle prizes and a company to sponsor the raffle with a cash prize. By doing so we would ensure your company is widely advertised as a way of saying thank you for your support. Again please let Layla or the school office know if you are able to sponsor the raffle, thank you.

In assembly today we congratulated our **Star Pupils**, and celebrated children's **achievements outside of school**. Well done to Lexie in Year 2 and Daisy in Year 4 for their swimming awards. Daisy also shared her Brownie achievements. We heard how Cooper in Year 5 was voted 'man of the match' in his cricket game last weekend. We also shared our special award that the school was given a few weeks ago. The school have been working with the IWC adult learning provider hosting adult maths classes which are free. At the start of the year several staff completed the program to improve their own maths confidence and skills and now we have a small number of parents who come along each week. We have been presented with a trophy and certificate from the maths project 'Multiply' for exceptional progression in maths. Well done to all the staff and parents who have been involved.

We also congratulated our top five **homework achievers with a combined score** over the last two weeks. Well done to:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1 st	Adiella (Y2)	Ella (Y4)	Max (Y5)	Ewan (Y5)
2 nd	Caleb (Y4)	Brooke (Y4)	Charlie (Y4)	Caleb (Y5)
3 rd	Charlie (Y4)	Layla (Y5)	Seb (Y4)	Dylan (Y4)
4 th	Sophie (Y3)	Matthew D (Y5)	Dylan (Y4)	Theodore (Y5)
5 th	Eddie (Y2)	Jess (Y6)	Kurtis (Y5)	Megan (Y2)
Top Class for the week	Year 4	Year 5	Year 5	Year 5

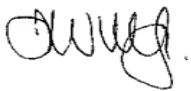
A group of Year 6 children took part in a handball tournament on Tuesday playing against several other primaries and they came joint first overall. Well done to Koby, Rocco, Elliott, Spencer, Oscar B, Freddie, Sadie, Maddison, Penny, Molly and Phoenix R.

We also had many children who were presented with a range of **reading achievement certificates**, including three more gold awards - keep up the great work everyone!

Due to the sponsored walk we have not had **Big Think** this afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent survey regarding the school day. Please note that extending the school day **IS NOT** a school decision, but we have to meet the statutory hours for children to attend school which will come in to force from September, with all primary children attending school for 6.5 hours a day. Indeed making the day longer brings several logistical challenges for us and we know that the arrangements will not suit everyone but we have gone with the majority. Therefore **in September** the school **gates will open at 8.30am with registration at 8.40am**. Children arriving after 8.40am will be recorded as late. **The school day will finish at 3.10pm**. After school clubs will then run until 4.10pm. As Little Herons is not run by the school, we cannot be involved with how this will then impact them, but we are in discussion with them so that they are aware of the changes that we have to make.

In the newsletter last week I wrote that we are still in the process of sorting staff and classes for September, but I hoped to be able to share news by Wednesday 26th June. I am sure you understand that it takes a significant amount of time to ensure that we match the right adults to children and we are also finalising the checks we have to take when recruiting new members of staff. **Please look out for a letter on Wednesday** that will share our staffing structure for the new academic year ready for **Year 4 to have their transition day on Thursday**. In the meantime I wish you all a wonderful weekend and for everyone attending the festival I hope you have a great time and that the sun shines!



Mrs Wilford

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have continued to write facts about dinosaurs and have talked about the features of the dinosaur pictures before commencing our writing. In Maths we have picked up more work related to doubles and this week talked about the addition sign and equals sign. Some of the children then challenged themselves to write their own addition number sentences. We also welcomed some extra adults into our class this week where the children talked to them about the dinosaur facts they knew and then wrote it down. For me as their teacher I was so proud to observe the children and listen to the them absolutely wow our visitors with their great knowledge! Well done everyone.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

I have been so impressed with the whole class for their behaviour and hard work this week!

We have been re-telling the story of Queen Victoria's bathing machine, and focusing in particular on our presentation and spelling our tricky words. Everyone has put in lots of effort to their handwriting, finger spaces and capital letters, creating some amazing and detailed sentences! We have also worked our socks off in Maths, recapping how to find half and quarter of a shape, and then moving on to using bar models and practical resources to find half and quarter of a quantity.

DT saw us looking more closely at what bathing machines were, why they were used, and how they were made. Next week we will be starting to think about how to make our final models move. We stayed with the Victorians in History, exploring how swimming outfits have changed over time, and in RE we continued thinking about special places.

In Science we were excited to see our seeds begin to grow roots, and predicted what might happen next. Keep an eye on the seeds on the windows to see if your predictions are correct. We are also keeping a beady eye on our incubated eggs. Zachary's family have been kind enough to let us hatch 9 eggs over the next few weeks and we are looking forward to when they begin to peck their way out of their shells!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Another great week in Year 2!

This week, we started to look at our main book for the half term- Fantastic Mr Fox. The children have loved the book so far and are really enjoying our shared class reading time. We recapped some of our previous learning and wrote descriptions about the Three Farmers. The children needed to include exciting adjectives and adverbs as well as trying to include possessive apostrophes. They all did a brilliant job! We then moved onto recapping instruction writing. The children recalled many of the features and were able to use this independently to produce their own sets of instructions.

In Maths, we looked at using the inverse operation to check our answers. Some of the class found this quite a tricky concept to understand but soon got the hang of it. We then moved onto looking at fractions. The class used practical resources to find halves and quarters to different amounts before finding some non unit fractions.

In Art, we looked at negative prints. The children came up with 4 different designs ready for us to produce next week. Next week we will be using wax crayons and glue to create negative prints and then evaluating which method works the best.

Letters for our trip in July went out this week, if you didn't receive one, please contact school and we will send another one home.

Thank you for another great week!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Maths we have been looking at pictograms and interpreting the information recorded in them to help us find out how to answer questions associated with how many, how many more than, least popular and how to use the key to help understand what each picture represents.

In English, this week we have continued reading our new class text – ‘The Wreck of the Zanzibar’ by Michael Morpurgo. The children have been busy writing sentences that include fronted adverbials. They have also used their imaginations to write a letter to Joseph Hannibal from the main character - Laura’s point of view.

In Science, we have looked at magnets and how they work and tested materials to find out if they are magnetic. The children enjoyed finding out that iron, tin and steel were metals that were magnetic but copper, bronze, brass and aluminium weren’t magnetic.

In PSHE, we learnt about how to stay safe online with the help of Super Hero Sid and he reminded the class of the importance of not talking to people they don’t know, always being nice to others, keeping our personal information private and telling an adult if something just doesn’t seem or feel right.

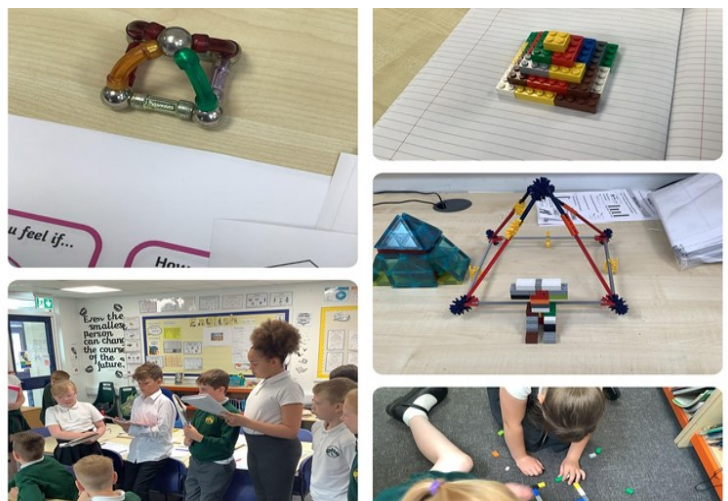
Well done for completing the sponsored walk year 3, enjoy the weekend, ready for another busy week next week.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year 4 we have completed our narrative based on our class text ‘Podkin One-Ear. The children have created some magnificent writing using their knowledge of varied sentence structure, prepositions and paragraphs. In Maths, we have been reading and writing time on an analogue and digital clock, and converting between the two. In Science, we have been understanding the dangers of electricity and creating posters featuring tips to stay safe. In Geography, we have been identifying what a mountain is and what it looks like on a map. Then, we discussed mountains uses and completed a table to determine the challenges and benefits of mountain use. In PSHE, the children were very engaged during our discussion of healthy choices, particularly how much screen time children felt they should have compared to how much is recommended. Finally, Year 4 had another exciting music lesson with Mr Stroud this week, learning some key vocabulary to enable them to describe the sounds they hear.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week year 5 have been flexing their mathematical muscles. We have recapped lots of previously taught knowledge including multiples, factors, prime and composite, squared and cubed numbers as well as common multiples and factors. It is amazing to see so many of the children retaining information and have the ability to delve deeper into mathematical concepts. In English we have continued our cross curricular History link by writing balanced arguments based on the question where Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs have the right to build themselves such grand burial tombs? In RE we researched the Hajj and discussed the reasons why millions of Muslims make the pilgrimage to Mecca. In DT we created our clay cartouche and carved Egyptian hieroglyphics into our designs. Later in the week we also painted them. In History we learned why the pyramids were built and to learn just how difficult they were to construct, the children created their own miniature ones using modern materials.



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six we have been reading about our main character's obsession with celebrity Victorian tightrope-walker Charles Blondin. We chose our own famous person to research and write a non-fiction information text about (on the computer). The children used formal language and organised their work chronologically with subheadings. In maths, we revised missing angles and took on a missing angle challenge before creating puzzles of our own to test each other. In art, we honed our watercolour skills by painting some refreshing ice lollies, and in history we found out about Harriet Tubman - a key activist in the abolition movement in America. Our science lesson about fossils was completed with some revision about our evolution topic last half term and we have begun to plan an investigation for next week.



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

Sonny and Emmy

Alfie

Lexie

Ronnie

Isabel

Millie

Ellie-Mai

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	94.7%	94%
Armah	94.7%	94.5%
Hussain-Gambles	97.9%	96.4%
Shien Ng	95.8%	95.4%
Richards	97.8%	95.9%
Aderin-Pocock	96.3%	96.5%
Islam	97.2%	95.1%
Whole School	96.28%	95.42%

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Hussein-Gambles

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Palmer	1	40
Armah	1	41
Hussain-Gamble	5	16
Shien Ng	7	55
Richards	7	55
Aderin-Pocock	3	20
Islam	3	38
Whole School	29	265
Total Minutes	61	3929

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

U11 Handball @ Queensgate

As part of our aim to offer as many sporting opportunities as possible, we entered a Cowes cluster event on Tuesday. Our Year 6's had learnt handball during a previous half-term and so this competition provided an excellent opportunity to apply their lessons.

Match report provided by Maddison and Rocco:

"On Tuesday we played a handball tournament against 4 other teams. In the first match we played Lanesend and won 2-1. In the second match we played Queensgate A team and lost 5-4. In the third match we played Queensgate B team and won 3-1. In the fourth match we played Hunnyhill and won 5-4. In the end we came (joint) first, overall winners of the tournament with Queensgate A team."

Well played and thank you to Penny T, Sadie M, Maddison M, Molly S, Phoenix M, Elliott W, Rocco S, Spencer GT, Koby H, Freddie T and Oscar B.

Upcoming Fixtures:

Tuesday 25 th June – U7 Running Relays @ Lanesend Primary

Wednesday 26 th June – U11 Open Cricket vs Brighstone @ Wootton

Thursday 27 th June – U11 Girls Cricket vs Gurnard @ Wootton

Friday 28 th June – U9 PEACH Games @ West Wight Sports Centre



£50 for the week!

SUMMER INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS ARE BACK! URBAN SAINTS, RYDE.

MONDAY 5TH-FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 4-6PM

5 x 30minute lessons

Contact us to book:
melissa@eliteschoolofswimming.co.uk

ISLE OF WIGHT ATHLETICS CLUB QUADKIDS AND SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Summer Term Quadkids at the Ray Scovell Athletic Centre, Fairway,
Sandown 5:00pm – 5:50pm
Mondays until 22nd July



From Monday 9th September the club will return to the Sportshall at
The Bay CE School, Fairway, Sandown
Every Monday 5:00pm – 5:50pm



Qualified UKA Coaches for running,
jumping and throwing providing fun
filled training and events.

Yrs 3, 4 and 5 welcome
Membership £18 per year
Junior Club operates term time only
First taster session free - thereafter £2 per session

for application details contact iowathleticclubmembership@gmail.com



Summer Pottery Club!

- Potters Wheel
- Model Making
- Pottery Painting

£25

EVERY MONDAY IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

July 29th
August 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Sessions are available:
10 - 12 & 2 - 4

Book online now at;
www.isleofwightpottery.com



Gymnastics & Trampoline Fun Days! Summer Holiday Clubs!

Tuesday 6th August 2024
Wednesday 7th August 2024
Tuesday 13th August 2024
Wednesday 14th August 2024
Tuesday 20th August 2024
Wednesday 21st August 2024

10:00 - 15:00 each day

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

**£28 per Child for the Whole Day
(£26 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 ☺



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Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June 2024

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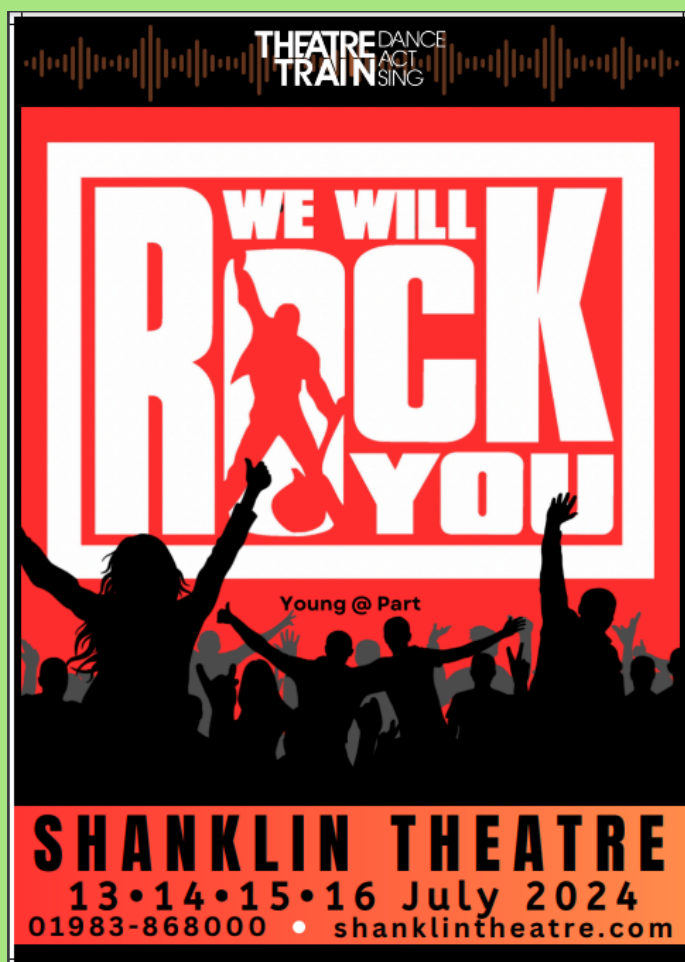
Focus on Conservation and Science Festival
at the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary

Tickets only
£2.50
Per person

How do you rescue a beached dolphin?
Why are tigers such good hunters?
What can you do to help our wildlife and our planet?
Find out the answers to all these and more!

Get involved with loads of activities, crafts, demonstrations and more!

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