



Wootton Community Primary School

4th October 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

Dates for 2024-25
(subject to change)

Fri 11.10.24 Deadline to return Cauliflower cards
Mon 14.10.24 Individual school photos
Thurs 17.10.24 Celebration Assembly
Fri 18.10.24 INSET Day (school closed to children)

21.10.24 -01.11.24
Half-term

Mon 11.11.24 Flu vaccines (more information to follow)

Tues 12.11.24 Parents evening

Thurs 14.11.24 Parents evening

Mon 09.12.24 Dress rehearsal for Christmas performance

Tues 10.12.24 Christmas performance 1.30pm and 6pm

Thurs 12.12.24 Christmas performance 1.30pm and 6pm

Weds 18.12.24 Christmas dinner (tbc)

Thurs 19.12.24 Christingle

Fri 20.12.24 Parties!

23.12.24-03.01.25
Christmas Break

17.02.25-21.02.25
Half-term break

Mon 24.03.25 Parents evening

Weds 26.03.25 Parents evening

07.04-21.04.25 Easter break

12.05-15.05.25 Year 6 SATS

20.05-23.05.25 Year 6 residential (more details to follow)

26.05-30.05.25
Half-term

Mon 02.06.25 INSET day (school closed to children)

Fri 18.07.25 End of year reports home

Weds 23.07.25 Teacher 'open evening'

Fri 25.07.25 Year 6 Leavers presentation @ 11am

12 noon family picnic with optional finish time 1.30pm

Well what a busy week with so many different exciting learning opportunities. Thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers on Monday for our visit to St Marks Church for our **Harvest service**. The children performed brilliantly and the service was concluded with a very emotional version of 'Blinded by your Grace'. Thank you to Miss Paterson for teaching singing so well to the children. My car boot was full with your very kind and generous donations for the food bank.

It was wonderful to see some new faces at the PTA AGM on Monday evening. As it is the start of a new school year, all committee members stand down from their role to then establish a new committee. To enhance capacity we have decided to have a team approach this year, as this worked successfully a few years ago, enabling the group to share jobs when organising and running events. Eleanor Storey from Year 1 was elected Chair with Amy Stay as Co-Chair, Tess Franco is vice as well as the secretary and Sarah Davey is the treasurer. After the last few years of incredible hard work and commitment to the school, Layla will be taking a break from the PTA. Both Layla and Chris gave so much of their own time over the last few years to ensure that we ran events and raised a lot of money and I am sure you will join me in expressing our sincere thanks to them both for all that they did. Several other parents have also expressed that they would like to be involved with the committee, with Ashleigh Smith taking the lead with the first event '**PJs and Popcorn**' on Thursday 18th October. Tickets **MUST** be bought in advance, the deadline for doing so is Friday 11th October. Reception Years 1 and 2 is straight after school until 4.45pm, Key Stage 2 5.00-6.30pm, **CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED**. Please put the money in a named envelope as soon as possible, thank you. Children in Years 1 and 2 who attend craft club and want to go to PJs and popcorn will get a £2 credit against their next club. After this event the PTA will be organising the **Christmas fayre** which will take place on **Friday 29th November**. Please come along to the planning meeting for this on Thursday 7th November at 6.30pm in school.

It was great to see lots of the Year 6 parents at the Year 6 residential meeting on Tuesday. If you missed this, the letter and PowerPoint can be found on the class page on the website.

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of joining **Year 4** on their educational visit. Unfortunately, due to reasons beyond our control, we had a change of plan and went to the Historic Dockyard in Portsmouth where the children had an incredible time exploring and learning about the Mary Rose. The children were so well behaved and accepting of the change of plan with many saying it was the 'best day ever!' Thank you to Mrs Williamson for helping us all.

Yesterday was a hive of activity as the children engaged with a range of activities and talks from some visiting authors as part of the **IW Literary Festival**, thank you to Miss Paterson for organising the event.

I met with the School Council this week to plan our support for the **Earl Mountbatten 'Go Yellow'** day next Friday. Children can wear a yellow accessory for a donation to the charity. School Council are running a 'guess how many yellow sweets in the jar' competition. 50p a guess with the winner getting all the sweets in the jar! As a school we work hard to promote an 'Open Door' policy and wherever possible address any concerns or issues you may have as swiftly as possible. We have however more recently found more and more parents are emailing staff outside of school hours or asking to speak with staff immediately. I am sure you agree that I need to protect staff's work-life balance so ask, unless urgent, you make an appointment to see your child's teacher, thank you.

In assembly today we congratulated our Year 6 Bikeability group who completed a range of assessments. Kristen, Lillah, Theodore and Faye achieved their Level 1 with Oliver, Harley, Cooper, Alfie A, Caleb, Jacob and Alfie S achieving their Level 2. We also heard from Florence in Year 3 and Emilyrose in Year 5 who shared their gymnastics certificates, from Megan in Year 3 who shared her swimming certificate and Millie in Year 6 who shared her football news.

Our top 5 homework achievers this week are:

	TTRS	Spelling Shed	Maths Shed	Numbots
1	Patryk – Y3	Louis – Y6	Owen – Y4	Ollie – Y2
2	Adiella – Y3	Patryk – Y3	Teddy – Y4	Phoenix E – Y2
3	Eneah – Y6	Daisy – Y5	Roxy – Y4	Lexi – Y2
4	Harry M – Y4	Evan – Y6	Harry M – Y4	Darci – Y1
5	Florence – Y3	Faye – Y6	Freddie J – Y4	Charlie – Y1
Top class	Year 3	Year 6	Year 4	Year 2

Our Friday '**Big Think**' question this week is 'Can stealing ever be justified?'

Don't forget next Friday is the deadline to return your child's cauliflower card design.

Mr Billington's knee operation was successful but he will not be back now until after half-term so I am sorry to say that his sports clubs will not run now, but we hope to resume after half-term.

Performance Club are already rehearsing hard for our **Christmas performances** this year. Please put the dates in your diary, more information will be sent out after half-term. All children are expected to return for the evening performances, especially as these are filmed! The performance dates are Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th December 1.30pm and 6pm, more details soon.

Unfortunately our **attendance** has been very low for the start of the year. Please be assured that we do not keep children in school if they are unwell and we will contact you to collect your child if they are too unwell to remain in school, however, children can be in if they have a cough or runny nose. For more guidance please read the information on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Mr Scurr and his family have welcomed the very quick arrival of their daughter Clara Imogen who was born on Sunday morning at home, we wish them all many congratulations.

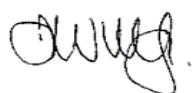
School photographs are on Monday 14th October with the opportunity for a family photograph after school. Siblings within school will have their photo taken during the afternoon, but if you would like a photo with other family members you will need to book a slot by phoning the school office.

Talking of the school office, you may have seen that we have been advertising a vacancy in our admin team as Miss Elvin's time with us has come to end. I am sure you will agree that we will miss her and thank her for all her hard work with us since last September.

The highlight of my week though was on Tuesday evening when I was asked to present Mrs Harrison with an award at the Adult Community Learning award evening. I had previously nominated Mrs Harrison for the Laura Groves award. This award is given in memory of Downside Middle School teacher Laura Groves and awarded to a member of staff from a school or early years' setting, who has gone the extra mile in ensuring meaningful, long-lasting work with parents and/or families in their school or setting and is judged by Laura's family. Mrs Harrison was the worthy winner in recognition of the fantastic work she does across the school.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Jane Wilford



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have been very busy developing our drawing skills by looking carefully at the pictures of Supertato and drawing our own pictures. When doing the drawings the children had to look carefully at the shape of Supertato, before adding details such as the boots, cape, belt etc and then finally selecting the correct colours to use. These activities are really good for developing fine motor skills. In Art, the children have been using green paint to create the 'evil pea' and added a mask and eyes as features. We will be using the pictures and evil peas as part of our display. The children enjoyed their first marble party on Monday and are keen to fill the jar up again for another one!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Another busy week in Year One! In Maths we worked on partitioning numbers into different groups and writing number sentences such as $1+4=5$. In English we wrote sentences about Beegu using the word 'and'. The children thought of some great words to describe Beegu! We created a map of the school in Geography. We used symbols and a key on our maps. The class loved looking at drone footage of the school! In Science we learnt about the sense of taste. We tried different crisps and guessed the flavour. The children made some great guesses :)

We all had an absolutely fantastic time during our author visit as part of the IOW Literary Festival. Jenny McLachlan inspired us to write our own stories using elements from our real life, or dreams, we acted out part of her story, journeying to the Land of Roar, and even hatched a dragon egg and met one of her characters in real life! What an amazing day :)



WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We started the week with our Harvest Festival. The children all took part in a brilliant service and did a fantastic performance of our harvest song.

In English, we have been doing an independent write based on Traction Man. The children have used all of our learning from over the past weeks to create the next story of Traction Man and Scrubbing Brush. They all worked really hard on this piece of work, trying to remember and apply lots of different things all at once. We ended up with some amazing stories, with all the children putting in 100% effort. A big well done Year 2!

In Maths, we moved onto looking at measurement. We started the week by comparing lengths using $<$, $>$ and $=$. We then learnt how to accurately use a ruler to measure in cm. The children took part in some fun hands-on challenges involving measuring, some having to think back to our prior learning and use counting in 10s. Next week we will be starting to look at money. Any exposure to recognising coins, counting up money and paying using coins would be really helpful to our learning!

The children all really enjoyed Science on Tuesday. We have been tasked with making a new tent for Traction Man. We had a range of materials and had to test them for the properties we had said would be ideal for a tent. The children tested to see if the different materials were durable, light, flexible and waterproof. It was no secret that the class's favourite moment was testing the non-waterproof materials over my head and getting me slightly soggy.

Looking forward to another fun packed week of learning next week!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a very exciting week in year 3. In English this week, we have been looking at how to write a clear set of instructions using bossy/imperative verbs, chronological sentence starters and adverbs telling the reader how to do an activity. On Wednesday we made a dream potion like the BFG and will be writing our own set of instructions on how this was done. In maths, we have spent the week exploring measuring in millimetres, centimetres and metres using different equipment and measuring a variety of objects in and outside of the classroom. In geography we explored what the advantages and disadvantages are of living in London and designed a poster illustrating whether the children think it is better to live on the Isle of Wight or in London and in PSHE we explored how to cooperate, collaborate and effectively work in teams. Art was super exciting again, as we made a collage in the style of Nico Gooden on a photograph of London Bridge. During our French lesson, the children continued to practice greetings and ask how people are feeling. They also learnt how to greet others at different times of the day. I am very impressed at their confidence and ability to recall and pronounce the French vocabulary. The children behaved, sang and performed beautifully at the harvest festival celebrations on Monday! Well done year 3!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Well, that was a week to remember! We started the week with a trip to the church for our Harvest service where the class got to perform there song. They were fabulous! In English, we have been learning about coordinating conjunctions and using them to transform our simple sentences into compound sentences. In maths, we have been recapping our addition of 3 digit numbers to 3 digit numbers. PSHE has had us discussing our emotions and recognising that although we feel positive most of the time, there will be times when we will encounter more challenging emotions such as embarrassment, sadness and loneliness. Together, the class came up with strategies to help with these 'not-so-good' feelings that we will continue to refer to. In computing, we have been continuing to better understand the World Wide Web and were able to differentiate between Google (a search engine) and Chrome (a web browser). But of course, most notably, the last minute amendments to our school trip on Wednesday gave Year 4 the opportunity to demonstrate what a wonderful class they are. Despite the unforeseen circumstances, Year 4 were absolutely amazing and I am so proud of each of them. Thank you again.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week, the children have explored both Haiku and Kenning poetry. They have enjoyed looking at these different forms of writing and having a go at creating some for themselves. I have been extremely impressed by their fantastic use of language within their poems! During maths, we have been using our understanding of inverse operations to solve word problems, first scanning the question for the key information and then identifying which operation to use to find the answer. This learning has focused on children showing all of their working out in a clear, step-by-step way. We are now moving on to perimeter and area. In science this week, the children have made predictions about which methods (picking out by hand, decanting, filtering, sieving, evaporating or using a magnet) they think will be best to separate different mixtures from each other. The children thought carefully about why they were choosing each method and are keen to see whether they prove their predictions correct! In art, the children used their creativity to explore collage techniques that they might use for their final pieces of the Great Wave. Lastly, it was the Literary Festival this week and the children had a great time taking part in some workshops with published authors. Super week, well done Year 5!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week our feet have hardly touched the ground! Year Six enjoyed being the oldest and most responsible children attending our Harvest Festival assembly at our local church, taking responsibility for the Year One children during the walk and performing a catchy harvest song during the service. In English this week, we have focused on colons and semicolons in lists during grammar sessions, and we are planning a non-fiction text so that we can practise using this punctuation. In maths, we have finished off our addition and subtraction topic with some problem-solving and then moved onto multiplication by revising factors and multiples and identifying those in common. Some children completed their bikeability sessions this week, and in art we sculpted ancient Greek mythological characters from clay. We had a special PSHE lesson led by a representative from our SCARF scheme, who ran a session remotely via the interactive whiteboard, which the children enjoyed. In addition to this, we were lucky enough to have a visiting author come and see us in person, as part of the IOW Literary Festival, to share some tips on developing a character who can drive the plot with their motives. What a week! Well done, Year Six, and we hope you are excited about all the talk of our residential trip later this year...

Chartwells Schools		WEEK 2 W/C: 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07, 16/09, 07/10				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Butter Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Veggie Burrito	Quorn Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
		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		Chocolate Cookie	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit	Orange Drizzle
		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

Murphy
Year 1

Hope

Gravett
Year 2

Leanne

Dahl
Year 3

Adiella

Sutcliff
Year 4

Harry M

Q' Raúf
Year 5

Ella

Rundell
Year 6

Alfie A

Please come and see your child presented with their certificate and hear the wonderful reasons as to why they have been chosen as their class Star Pupil this week in our celebration assembly on **Friday at 8.45am.** Please sign in at the office.



Please ensure you email an absence note within 2 weeks of your child being absent, otherwise it will be marked down as unauthorised.

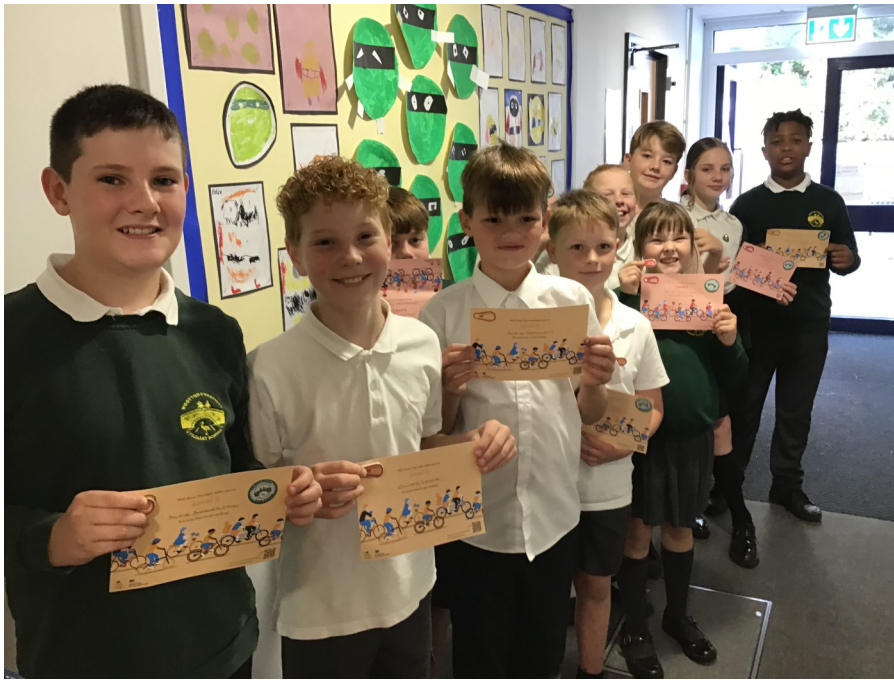
	Attendance This Week (%)	Rolling Attendance since Sept (%)
Donaldson	95.3	94.2
Murphy	91.9	94.8
Gravett	98	96.4
Dahl	93.1	97.2
Sutcliff	96.1	96.1
Q' Raúf	94.4	94.8
Rundell	90.9	96.5
Whole School	94.3	95.8

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Gravett Year 2

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	2	11
Murphy	4	14
Gravett	2	6
Dahl	2	14
Sutcliff	3	10
Q' Raúf	5	25
Rundell	0	6
Whole School	18	88
Total Minutes	133	647

Our school target is 96.5%.

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



For the Attention of Year 5/6 parents

If you are visiting a secondary school open evening, you may like to have a read of this helpful guide for things to look for or what to ask when you visit. This is aimed at children with Special Educational Needs, but this could be useful for any child. I hope it helps. You will also find this on our website, under Special Educational Needs

From Mrs. Grimes :-)

Top Tips for Secondary School Visits for Parents of Children with Special Educational Needs

Things to look for

- How are you welcomed at Reception?
- How do staff talk about pupils with special needs?
- How do pupils behave towards staff?
- What sort of attitude do staff have?



Questions you could ask

- How many pupils would be in my child's class?
- Who would my child talk to if they had a problem?
- How is the school day arranged?
- Where do children spend their lunch/break times?
- What proportion of the school has special needs?
- What would happen if my child did not follow the school rules?
- What are the rules around school uniform?
- Are there any morning or after school clubs?
- Do you have staff with experience of ...?
- Could you outline the type of support they will get?
- How will I know what you are doing to support my child?
- How will you ensure all staff know about my child's needs?
- How do you communicate with parents?
- What pastoral support is provided by the school?
- How does my child complete homework?



Things you might want to read

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| The school prospectus | The School's information report for SEND |
| The SEND Policy | Other policies e.g. Behaviour or Bullying Policy |

Ryde Academy Open Evening

October 9th
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Parent Presentations 5:00pm and 6:00pm



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YEAR 6 TOURS

BREAKING NEWS

Still undecided in your
Secondary School choice?

The College is offering a tour during the half term break on
Tuesday 22nd Oct at 10am

*Our new Year 7 students for 2025 will
be provided with a New School blazer
and PE top, paid for by the College.*



SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER
10AM TO 12.30PM



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SEND NEWS

Hello - these October courses are being run by the wellbeing service at different times of the day to hopefully suit most needs. Please see the instructions at the bottom of the flyer to sign up. Many thanks Mrs.

Grimes

Isle of Wight Wellbeing Service Webinar Dates OCTOBER 2024

Tuesday 1 st October	9:30am	Break-Through Behaviour
Wednesday 2 nd October	6:00pm	Break-Through Behaviour
Wednesday 2 nd October	7:30pm	Feel without Fear
Thursday 3 rd October	9:30am	Feel without Fear
Tuesday 8 th October	9:30am	Re-establishing Routines and Expectations
Tuesday 8 th October	11:30am	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression
Wednesday 9 th October	9:30am	Navigating Neurodiversity
Wednesday 9 th October	6:00pm	Re-establishing Routines and Expectations
Wednesday 9 th October	7:30pm	Navigating Neurodiversity
Tuesday 15 th October	9:30am	EBSA First Response
Wednesday 16 th October	9:30am	Seasonal Sensory Awareness
Wednesday 16 th October	6:00pm	EBSA First Response
Wednesday 16 th October	7:30pm	Early Years
Thursday 17 th October	9:30am	Early Years
Friday 18 th October	6:00pm	Seasonal Sensory Awareness
Friday 18 th October	7:30pm	Child to Parent Violence and Aggression

To join please email: iowwellbeing@iow.gov.uk quoting the title, date and time of the session. All webinars take place online via teams. Joining instructions will be emailed to you on the morning of the session. All you need is your smart device, laptop or tablet. No interaction needed, however there will be time afterwards to ask any questions you might have.



Naturezones
Wise Owl Holiday Club
 8 - 14 yrs



Come and have a great time outdoors! Go on a nature safari, look for wildlife in our ponds, woods and meadows. See if you can charm worms out of the ground. Get creative in our guided art sessions and try some crafts using willow and other natural materials. Play games based around wildlife and tackle a challenge! Various different fun activities during each session.

Dates: Thursday, October 24th and 31st
Cost: £25/session
Time: 10am - 3.30pm
Bring one snack and a packed lunch

MUST BOOK - Limited places
 Full details on booking form

Where: Blackwater
www.naturezones.org.uk



NATUREZONES

Autumn-Winter Competition

Naturezones Wildlife Education Trust is a ten acre wildlife field study centre and a Living Natural History Museum. 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 your knowledge from science lessons, design and illustrate a leaflet that describes a wildlife habitat.

Will it be a woodland, a meadow, a pond or perhaps your garden.

3 prizes, one each for the most informative piece of writing; the greatest increase in effort shown; and for the most learnt while completing the mission.




Please send your entries to:
naturezoneslow@gmail.com or arrange to deliver to Naturezones or post to
 Head Office, Padmore Lodge, Beatrice Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6LP
 Please nominate a pupil for each category: "effort shown" and "most learnt".
 Ensure all entries have a pupil identifier (i.e. their name or initials), year groups and their school clearly written.
 Closing Date: Thursday 13th February 2025. Winner will be announced on return from half term break.

FREE BOOKS FOR 0-5 YEAR OLDS

If the child you care for has a social worker or is living in kinship care they are eligible to receive a FREE book every month until their 5th birthday!

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Parent Carer engagement event

IW Safety Valve

What it means for families

On Saturday 5th October 2024
at The Riverside Centre
The Quay, Newport Isle of Wight
PO30 2QR
from 10 am - 12 pm

Come along and meet:

- Members of the LA SEND Team
- Representatives from Parents Voice IW

Please come and share your views and ask your questions

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits will be available

Can't make it? Don't worry - we plan to rotate times of day and type of event, so look out for the next parent carer engagement date.

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FRIDAY EVENINGS

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 Friday 11th October

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