



Wootton Community Primary School

17th October 2024

Dates for 2024-25
(subject to change)

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

Dear Parents/carers,

What a fantastic half-term we have had, so many great things to **celebrate** and in Particular, we continue to be so impressed with the children's work, attitude to learning and engagement at school. We are so grateful that we work in partnership with you all to ensure that your child accesses learning and continue to build on their progress. We are particularly proud of the wider opportunities the children get across the school whether this be through their topics and hands-on learning activities, or educational visits and experiences. I have been encouraging the children to refresh their memories of all the exciting things we have been doing, as the weeks seem to fly past, we had forgotten so many great things! I have encouraged the children to have a think about their favourite things over the half-term and also to think of ways that we can continue to improve learning at school.

Thank you to all the parents who have already signed up for a **parents evening** slot. Please do so and if your child is in Year 6, please call the office so that we can book you an appointment, thank you.

Thank you so much to the **PTA** for all their work to enable us to have our PJs and popcorn event today. A particular thanks to Amy and Sarah who counted all the money and bought the goodies for us. Please remember that children attending the second session **MUST** be collected at 6.30pm from the hall. Reception children will be dismissed from the hall, Years 1 and 2 from their classrooms. Key Stage 2 will be dismissed from the hall. Only children have pre-paid are able to attend.

I met with the **School Council** yesterday for us to discuss films and also to see if they wanted to support **Children in Need** this year. They are keen to do this so on **Friday 15th November** children can either bring a **SMALL** teddy to school or wear something teddy themed with their school uniform **for a donation** for Children in Need.

It was lovely to so many of the Year 2 parents join their children yesterday for the workshop. I hope you had fun and enjoyed your sandwiches!

In assembly today, we celebrated **children's achievements** outside of school. Jessica, Betty, Amira in Year 3 and EmilyRose in Year 5 showed us their various gymnastic awards. EmilyRose and Sid in Year 6 showed us their football medals and Faye in Year 6 shared her swimming certificates. Well done everyone!

We have made the decision to celebrate House Point totals at the end of each term now rather than every half-term, with a more exciting reward for the winning House each term, watch this space!

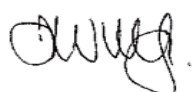
Miss Paterson shared with us the homework totals for this week, each child earning 5 House Points for their class:

	TTRS	Spelling Shed	Maths Shed	Numbots
1	Kurtis Y6	Faye Y6	Violet Y5	Phoenix E Y2
2	Matthew Y5	Jay Y6	Charlie Y5	Logan Y3
3	Millie Y6	Betty Y3	EmilyRose Y5	Faye Y6
4	Isabelle Y6	Ivy Y4	Caleb Y5	Eddie Y3
5	Elodie Y6	Adiella Y3	Brooke Y5	Ollie Y2
Top class	Y6	Y3	Y5	Y2

Don't forget **tomorrow is a staff training day** so we will look forward seeing everyone back on **Monday 4th November** when we will welcome Mr Scurr and Mr Billington back to school!

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Jane Wilford




The good news is that **90%** of parents have signed up to the Arbor Parent Portal or App! It is important that you have access, as we will be using Arbor for the majority of our communications going forward, as well as for clubs, trips and school dinners.

Your account **must** be set up with a personal **email address** (that is only used by you) as your **username**. Please do not change your username or else you will be unable to log in.

If you are still having problems, please email the School Office and we will be able to assist you.

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have been very busy writing our names independently. There has been some excellent progress from the children and we were very excited by this. We have also been doing some reading on a 1:1 basis looking at The Little Wandle books we will take home after the holidays. On Tuesday we did our sponsored walk through the park and around the local area. We did just over a mile and the children were absolutely brilliant. They walked so nicely and we enjoyed looking for signs of Autumn. We are hoping to raise lots of money so we can buy some new resources for our environment. The children have had a brilliant first half term in school and we have spent a lot of time building our independence, making friendships, doing lots of new learning whilst having so much fun along the way. Well done everyone.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Maths this week we have been learning about teen numbers. We read teen numbers, ordered them then represented them using numicon. In English we wrote a letter. We started by looking at examples of letters and thought about some simple features of a letter. Then we wrote a letter to Beegu's parents. The children worked really hard to include finger spaces and full stops in their letters. In Geography we recapped all our learning this term about human and physical features of our school then we wrote about what makes our school special. In Science the children drew a detailed picture of a person then labelled the body parts and the five senses. Well done to all of Year One for working so hard this term! Have a lovely half term!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a great end to a busy first half term in Year 2!

Thank you to all the parents that could come and share in some learning with us on Wednesday afternoon.

The children all had a brilliant afternoon and hopefully enjoyed their yummy sandwiches!

In English this week, we finished and edited out new Traction Man stories. The children all did a fantastic job with these and all remembered to use the exciting adverbs we had been learning about in our lessons. I can't wait to see more of this brilliant writing next half term!

In Maths, we continued to look at money. We added different amounts of money and then moved onto finding the correct change from 20p. The children worked really hard on this and enjoyed using the bead strings to help with their 3 number addition.

In History, the children made their Grace Darling designs from the previous week. They really enjoyed making these, thinking carefully about how it would help to remember Grace Darling and her heroic acts of kindness.

Overall a fantastic week! I hope you all have a nice relaxing half term and I look forward to seeing you in November!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a lovely last week together in year 3. In English this week, we have been designing our own giant and giant food and writing beautiful character descriptions. In maths, we have spent the week looking at time and even made our own analogue clock. In geography we designed our own city and discussed why we would like to live there. In music, we did some brilliant listening, analysing and performing and in science, we explored what makes shadows and how they change size! Then, art was lots of fun, as we used the iPad to add graphics onto photos we had taken in the style of Nick Gooden, which everyone did so well at. Thank you for having me in year 3 - I have really enjoyed it!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a wonderful final week of half term we have had in Year 4! In English, we have been learning about fronted adverbials and incorporated them into our newspaper reports. Then, once we had edited and finalised our newspaper reports, we published them ready for display. In Maths, we have moved onto learning about money. We began the week by recalling key facts about money, familiarising ourselves with the value of each coin and bank note, before moving onto adding amounts. The highlight of the week was in Science where we learned all about how we hear sounds. After identifying the different parts of our ears, we were joined by two of the Year 6 children who shared their experiences of being deaf and what that meant for their own hearing. The class were very intrigued and asked lots of questions, so it was a fantastic way to raise awareness and understanding of others. In History, we concluded our Anglo Saxons topic by comparing Roman and Saxon life and deciding which era we felt ruled Britain the best. There were lots of differing opinions and all the children gave excellent justifications for their reasoning. Finally, in Computing, we learned about 'fake news' and that we must not trust everything we see on the internet. Overall, it has been a very busy half term and I am so proud of how everyone has settled in. Time to enjoy a well-earned rest Year 4!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

I can't believe we are already at the end of the first half term! The children have settled into Year 5 very well and have produced some lovely work. This final week in English, the children have published their survival guides, after editing these against success criteria. I'm really impressed by their development of writing skills during this unit and these will look great on display. The children have enjoyed watching the film of Kensuke's Kingdom and it has been a nice way to finish off the term. In maths this week, we have learnt about prime numbers and how to identify them. Once the children had practised how to find them, I showed them the 'prime song' which I hope will get stuck in their heads (it's certainly in mine!) Mrs Fish has finished off the separating mixtures investigation with the children in Science and it has been interesting for them to see whether their predictions were correct. We have concluded our RE learning about belonging and PSHE unit surrounding different relationships, as well as answering our overarching Geography question. I hope the class has a super break and I'm looking forward to getting stuck into different topics with them after half term! We also have an exciting trip planned so please read and fill out the letters the children bring home with them, thank you. :)

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six we have been finishing off our topics in the afternoons. In computing, we wrapped up our unit about communication and collaboration using technology by discussing the different forms of communication via the internet and making sure we understand which forms are public and which are private. As we so often do in computing and PSHE lessons, we recapped how to deal with inappropriate content online and how to keep ourselves safe. In history, we drew comparisons between ancient Greece and modern Britain, spotting similarities such as some common language and the existence of democracy, as well as differences such as the legality of slavery and the different Olympic sports. In English, we are writing poetry about mythological creatures using figurative language, and in maths we have begun some work on reviewing our understanding of fractions.

Chartwells SCHOOLS		WEEK 1 W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Macaroni Cheese	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
		Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Veggie Fingers 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 sauce with perine pasta				
		All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT		Flapjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie
		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				

**NEW
MENU!**

Star Pupils

Murphy
Year 1

Beau T

Gravett
Year 2

Aiden

Dahl
Year 3

Lara

Sutcliff
Year 4

Olivia

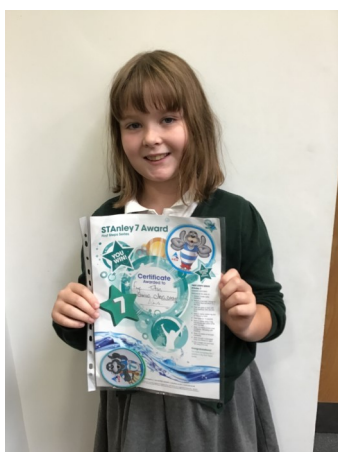
Q' Raúf
Year 5

Jenson

Rundell
Year 6

Millie

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	90.4	94.4
Murphy	90.2	93.8
Gravett	93.8	96.1
Dahl	95.4	97.5
Sutcliff	96	95.9
Q' Raúf	92.5	94.7
Rundell	91.8	95.8
Whole School	92.9	95.5

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Sutcliff Year 5

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	6	11
Murphy	5	18
Gravett	2	7
Dahl	1	18
Sutcliff	4	15
Q' Raúf	4	35
Rundell	2	8
Whole School	24	114
Total Minutes	99	1035

Our school target is 96.5%.

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



Pumpkin Hunt

NATUREZONES

Follow the Pumpkin trail

Get Smart with our Halloween Quiz

Oct: Sun 27th, Thur 31st,
Nov: Sat 1st & Sun 2nd

Between 10.30 and 2.30 pm

Adults £8 Concession £6.

Children 4-16 £4.00

All tickets include sweet halloween reward

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PLEASE BOOK - ticket covers any of the days

DIRECTIONS, based at Blackwater:
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- Museum trail
- Paper mask making

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Newport Roman Villa

- 10am to 2pm
- Wednesdays
- 23 and 30 October
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- 10am to 1pm
- Tuesdays/Thursdays
- 22, 24, 29, 31 October
- £1 per person

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museums@iow.gov.uk

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Short Story Writing Competition 2024

A funny thing happened when... (8's and over)

Write a story about a favourite animal or pet (under 8's)

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ADULTS £8.00 (1500 - 2000 words)

12 - 17's FREE (up to 750 words) 8 - 11's FREE (up to 500 words)

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ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM

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CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2024

AWARD CEREMONY ON FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024

RIVERSIDE CENTRE, NEWPORT @7pm



**STEVE
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 8 - 14 yrs



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Cost: £25/session
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NATUREZONES

Autumn-Winter Competition

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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.



What aspect of nature will inspire you?



Win free entry into Naturezones including cuppa and cake for 4 people

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.

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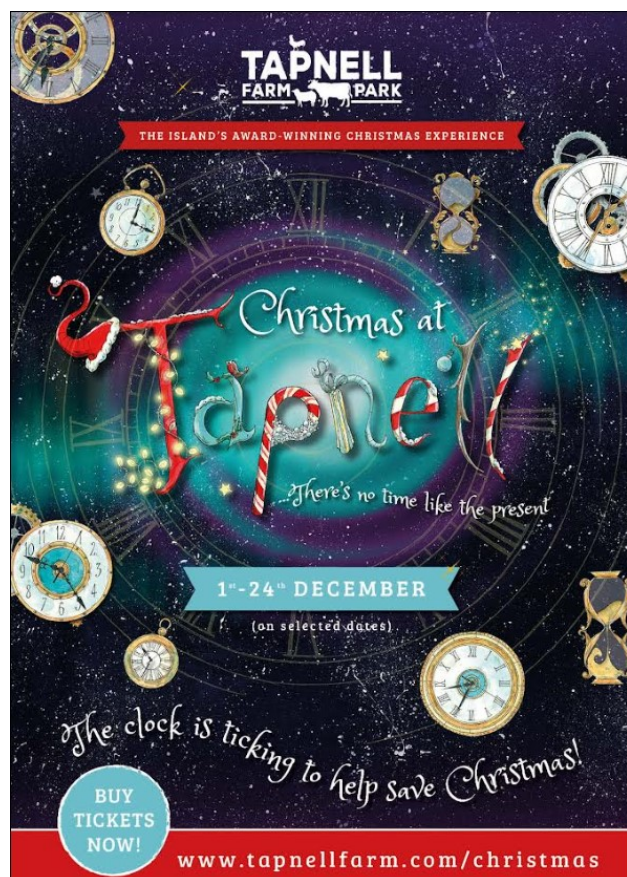
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