



Wootton Community Primary School

8th November 2024

Dates for 2024-25
(subject to change)

Tues 12.11.24 Parents evening
Wed 13.11.24 Y2 Visit to RNLI
Thurs 14.11.24 Parents evening
Mon 18.11.24 Y1 Visit to Planetarium
Wed 20.11.24 Flu vaccines (more information to follow)
Thurs 21.11.24 Y5 Visit to Osborne House
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
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,

Well a fantastic first week back! We were so pleased to be able to share our school with Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday. We had been expecting them for a long time and they were due to come several weeks before half-term but we were able to defer this due to several staff members being off and the need to protect staff well-being so we were delighted that they came so soon. I am unable to share the outcome of the inspection with you at this stage as I have to wait to receive our report which will then be published, hopefully before Christmas. As soon as I am able to share this with you I will, however I will say that we were very pleased with how it all went. Thank you for all you support and feedback.

I apologise that there is going to be a lot of information in the newsletter - please make a note of key dates and activities coming up over the this half-term.

We had a great PTA meeting last night, thank you to Tess, Ashleigh, Sarah and my for giving up your evening. We have planned a really exciting **Christmas fayre** for Friday 29th November BUT this will not run if we do not have the help to run the activities. We appreciate that you want to spend time with your child accessing the fayre so would like to have enough help so that we can do a rota enabling you to help as well as spend time with your child. We are therefore asking for helpers for activities from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and 4.15pm to 5.15pm. If we get sufficient help we will be able to run all the stalls and activities that the PTA have ideas for. It was suggested that it would help to have more parents from children in older classes as older children like to be independent accessing the fayre. Please contact the office by **NEXT FRIDAY - 15th** stating which times you can help with. We also need help to set the event up from 2pm and help for tidy at the end. The raffle will be drawn at 4.45pm, thank you in advance for your help.

We are also considering an offer of an 'early opening' for any children who cannot manage busy places but would still like to purchase a few items from the fayre. If you would like your child to attend the fayre for 15 minutes before the fayre opens we ask in return that you help set the fayre up. **If you would like to access this please contact me by next Friday, 15th** and we will see if we are able to put this in place this year.

To support the fayre we will be having a multi-day on **Friday 22nd November** in return for a donation. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will need to bring chocolate or sweets for the tombola (NO NUTS) and children in Years 3 to 6 will need to bring a bottle of something!

Each year we love receiving your children's jolly jars which are sold at the Christmas fayre. These need to be sent into school by **Monday 25th November**. Please ensure your child's name is on the bottom of the jar for them to be entered into a competition. A jolly jar is any jar that is full of goodies such as sweets, pencils, stickers, hair bands etc. and then decorated with a Christmas theme.

Thank you to the PTA committee for organising the fayre and also to all the parents who helped with **PJS and popcorn** before half-term which raised £289.30 profit.

On **Monday** children will have the opportunity to purchase a poppy or item such as a snap band, key ring, from the items we have received from the British Legion. Please send some money in with your child on Monday, thank you.

On **Friday** school council would like to support Children in Need. On 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.

In assembly today we celebrated **children's achievements** outside of school. Leo in Year 1 showed us his soccer medal he was given when his team won a recent tournament, Patryk and Nicholas in Year 3 shared their swimming certificates and Patryk also showed his martial arts orange award, Max in Year 6 showed us his skateboard that he won at a recent skateboard competition, Alfie A also in Year 6 shared his incredible achievements with Ryde Sea Cadets and Ollie In Year 6 showed his special T-shirt which was presented to him at his table tennis club. Ollie is the youngest person to have received this and is now able to play in a league. Well done everyone!

We also presented Emila (Emmie) in Year 1 with a School Council badge. She will be joining School Council as the Year 1 girl representative. I look forward to working with School Council next week around anti-bullying in-line with the national anti-bullying week.

Mr Scurr shared with us the homework totals for this week and over half-term, each child earning 5 House Points for their class:

	TTRS	Spelling Shed	Maths Shed	Numbots
1	Hayley (Y4)	Eneah (Y6)	Zack (Y4)	Brody (Y5)
2	Adiella (Y3)	Evan (Y6)	Florence (Y5)	Phoenix E (Y2)
3	Emily - Rose (Y5)	Hayley (Y4)	Lilly (Y2)	Archie (Y1)
4	Oliver (Y4)	Ella (Y4)	Harry (Y4)	Betty (Y3)
5	Willow (Y4)	Alfie A (Y6)	Seb (Y5)	Jack (Y1)
Top class	Year 4	Year 6	Year 4	Year 2

Your child will be bringing home a bear outline today with the opportunity of entering a competition. Please read the instructions using the QR code on the letter sent home.

We are looking forward to seeing you at one of the parent evenings next week. We will also be displaying the Scholastic book fayre for you to purchase any books should you want to.

Some of our classes will be working with a road safety officer next week to make hi-vis scarecrows for Wootton village in readiness for Road Safety week. We need some donations of old clothes. If you have any of the following please send into school on Monday, thank you: trousers, long sleeve t-shirts/button up shirts, gloves, shoes, hats, fabric/bedsheets, newspapers, plastic bags.

Next Tuesday school dinner will be a special one to celebrate fireworks and Diwali with a different menu - 'Let's Rocket'. Please see the menu attached.

Thank you for returning your clubs lists, the payment for these are now 'live' and need to be paid by Monday, thank you.

It has been good to have both Mr Scurr and Mr Billington back to the team this week. On Monday we will be welcoming our new Admin Officer, Mrs Sam Caligari.

In the meantime I wish you a fantastic weekend and hope you enjoy any firework events you may joining in with.

Jane Wilford



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a busy and fun first week back and the children were delighted to see their friends and we were very pleased to see them. We started learning about Diwali this week and watched some video clips on Cbeebies related to this. We have made rangoli patterns using chalk and resources from our maths area. We have also made Diwali cards and have enjoyed looking at books related to 'the festival of light'. We welcomed our families on Friday to celebrate Diwali with us and the children that dressed up looked amazing. We were joined by the inspector for a couple of lessons and the children demonstrated how amazing they are at answering questions on the carpet, being confident to speak in front of the class and using previous learning to help them with new work. The staff in Early Years are so proud of them and whilst they are very tired after a full week back they have worked so incredibly hard this week. Well done everyone.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have made a great start to the term and settled back into school routines quickly! In English we started our new book 'Whatever Next'. We started by making predictions based on the front cover then we wrote some questions for the bear. We focused on using question marks and finger spaces in our writing. We have been counting in twos in Maths. We practised by counting numicon, coins and socks and thought about what pattern we noticed when counting in twos. We then learnt about odd and even numbers. In History we started our new topic about explorers. We learnt about Neil Armstrong and how he was the first man on the moon. We wrote some questions to help us find out more about him. In Science we recapped the four seasons and thought about the weather in autumn. We used a thermometer to measure the temperature throughout the week.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a busy first week back!

The children have been working very hard this week in English. We started our new book, Wolves, written by our class author Emily Gravett. We recapped features of fiction and non-fiction writing and discussed which category this book falls into. This was really interesting because the book has both facts to teach us information and a story. We also looked at the new vocabulary in the book. This book contains some very challenging words, so we came up with a variety of synonyms for these and then used them in our writing. This has helped us all to gain a really good understanding of the information in the book. To end the week, we started some poetry about wolves. The children all seem very eager to learn more about wolves, so I think this new English topic is going to be a big hit!

In Maths we spent the beginning of the week recapping counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We then started learning how to count in 3s. We used 100 squares to highlight the numbers and try and spot patterns. We also learnt a song to help us remember this pattern. Next week, we will be using counting in 3s to solve problems.

We also started our Geography topic on Bembridge. We looked at where Bembridge is in the world, in the United Kingdom and on the Isle of Wight. We looked at Bembridge on maps to see what it is like and what we can expect to see on our visit next week.

Overall a brilliant week! Well done Year 2!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a very creating and productive first week back. This week we have begun our new topic focus - Stone age to Bronze age. We also began exploring our new class text - The Stone Age Boy. Using this text, the children wrote wonderful character descriptions which we will use in the narratives we will be writing in a few weeks time. The SPAG focus this week was sentence types. The children therefore, learned how to make their writing more engaging by using compound as well as simple sentences in their writing. In maths we have begun to explore times tables. We spent the first part of the week recapping the 2's, 5's and 10's before moving onto the 3's and 4's. The children have worked extremely hard in maths and I have been blown away by their efforts. In history, we began by exploring a timeline to learn when the stone age was. My highlight of the week was music. The children really enjoyed their first recorder lesson with Mr and Mrs Grimshaw and learned how to play three notes in their first session.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It has been a great first week back in Year 4. In Maths, we have been completing our money topic with adding to find totals and subtracting to find change. In English, we have been reading Wild World by Angela McAllister. The class have thoroughly enjoyed listening to each of the poems and trying to figure out which habitat is being described from the language used. From this, the class have identified the concept of imagery and how it can be used to paint a vivid image in the reader's mind without stating exactly what you are describing. We will be using these skills when we create our own poems next week. In Geography, we have begun our new topic all about rainforests and kicked off our first lesson by identifying the location of major world rainforests in relation to the equator. This half term we will be learning about living things and their habitats in Science. During our first lesson this week, we found a variety of ways to group living things. Finally, in PSHE, we discussed the concept of negotiation and compromise and the importance of these skills when resolving differences with our friends.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It has been lovely to see the children back after half term and start some new topics across the curriculum! In English, we have begun exploring Oliver Twist by looking at the opening scene and gathering some powerful language to describe the workhouse. We have spent time focusing on relative clauses and understanding how to develop these within our sentences. The children will be using this learning to enhance their writing as they progress through the unit. In Maths this week, the children have consolidated their understanding of multiplication and division by 10, 100 and 1,000, and then started to identify equivalent fractions. I have been impressed with how well the class have persevered this week when finding questions challenging so keep up the great work Year 5! The children enjoyed their first lesson of ukuleles with the Grimshaw's, although they did moan of sore fingers afterwards! As they play more each week, the children understand that their skin will become stronger and their muscle memory will start to remember the chords they have learnt. Within Computing, we analysed different types of video, looking at camera and editing techniques, and in History, the children have been introduced to the Victorian period. Science found the class identifying between reversible and irreversible changes, and our DT topic has begun with exploring pulleys and how they work.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

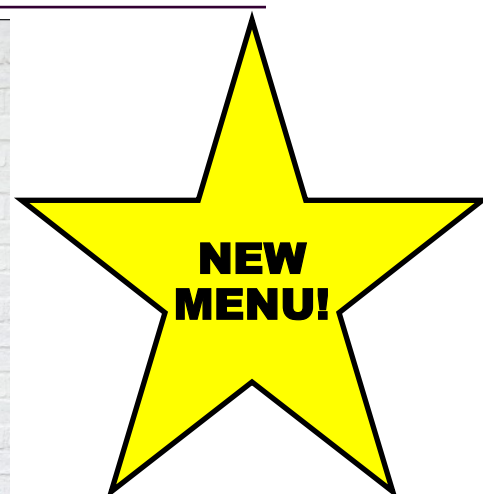
This week in Year Six we have been learning about World War One and preparing for our Remembrance assembly on Monday. The children have been very interested to learn about trench warfare and the conditions that soldiers experienced. Following our work on figurative language, the children have produced beautiful poems about the war, Including some wonderfully emotive language choices.

In maths, we have focused on the subtraction and multiplication of fractions, revising fractions of amounts as well. We are finding that our fraction work links to previous learning about factors and multiples, halving, and of course our times tables!

In science we have reflected on our prior understanding of electricity, in geography we have begun to build our background knowledge of London, and in art we completed stunning artwork based around the poppy fields to link to our WWI learning.

Some more children have completed their bikeability courses, and we are very proud to hear how well they listened and behaved. It's been a busy week back and we look forward to starting our Explorer text next week. Also happening next week, we have a visitor coming in to work with Year Six on some Road Safety hi-vis scarecrows for the Wootton community! Please bring in any old trousers, long sleeve shirts, gloves, shoes, hats, bedsheets, newspapers or plastic bags that you may have to donate for our scarecrows! We will be grateful to receive them before Thursday please.

Chartwells Schools		WEEK 2				
		W/C 11/11, 02/12, 06/01, 27/01, 24/02, 17/03				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024	HOT SPECIALS	Veggie Supreme Pizza 🍕 Served with Plain Pasta	Beef Bolognese 🍝 Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Vegetable Fajita 🌶️ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chinese Vegetable Noodles 🍜	Winter Vegetable Hotpot 🍲 Served with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese 🍝	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	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
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		Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta 🍝				
		All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT	DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard 🍰	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Chocolate Cookie	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding 🍰
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		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

Hugh

Please come and see your child presented with their certificate

Gravett
Year 2

Lincoln

and hear the wonderful reasons as to why they have been chosen as their class Star

Dahl
Year 3

Lyla

Pupil this week in our celebration assembly on **Fri-day at 8.45am.**

Sutcliff
Year 4

Ted

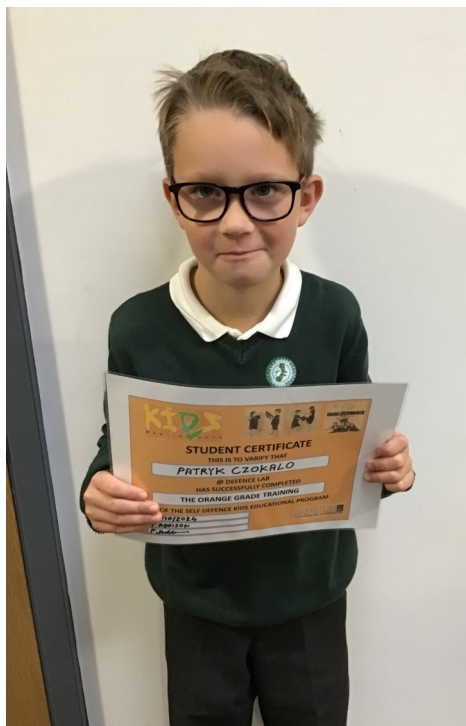
Q' Raúf
Year 5

Violet

Please sign in at the office.

Rundell
Year 6

Eneah



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

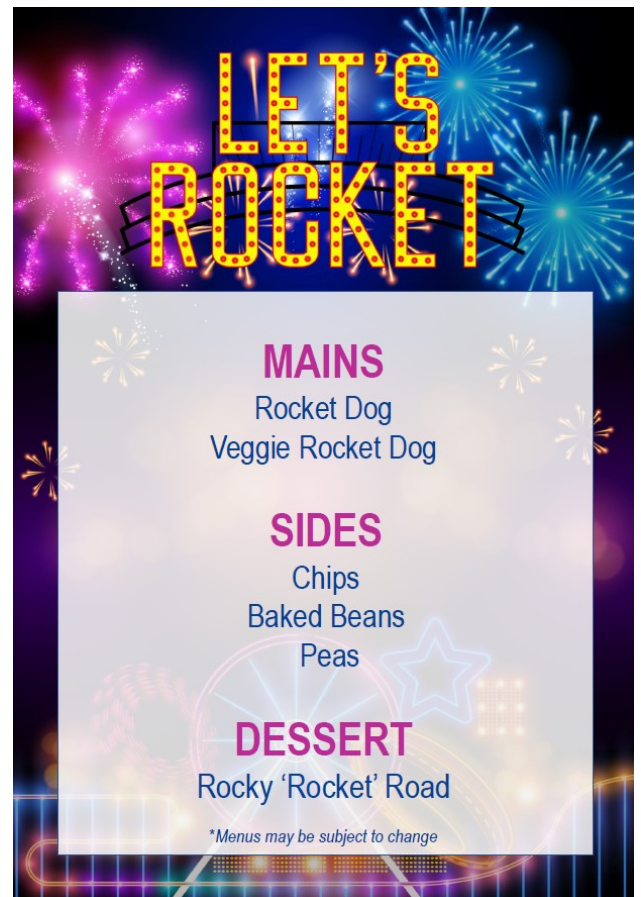
	Pupils Absent this week (%)	Rolling Absences since Sept (%)
Donaldson	13	6.66
Murphy	5.17	6.21
Gravett	1.67	3.56
Dahl	1.85	2.42
Sutcliff	6.77	4.46
Q' Raúf	12.67	6.33
Rundell	0.63	3.71
Whole School	5.98	4.73

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

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	0	11
Murphy	4	22
Gravett	1	8
Dahl	9	27
Sutcliff	3	18
Q' Raúf	5	40
Rundell	2	10
Whole School	24	138
Total Minutes	229	1264

Our school target is 96.5%.

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



SEND NEWS

Our named school nurse, Clare Joy will be in school on Friday 22nd November between 9-12. She will be available for 1:1 sessions with parents for 20 minutes to discuss any of the following if you would like some support or advice around these issues:

- Physical Health concerns related to school absences: not chronic or persistent absenteeism:
- Long term conditions e.g. asthma, eczema, impacting on schooling:
- Support for healthy lifestyles- diet and exercise:
- Growth concerns:
- Support around Sleep:
- Continence i.e. night/day time wetting, soiling, constipation:
- Supporting self- care and health literacy.

If you would like a consultation with Clare, please can you email Mrs. Grimes (senco@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk) to arrange a 20 minute appointment AND to fill in a referral form which has to be completed before the session. There are only 5 slots available this term so will be offered on a first come first served basis. She will be visiting again in the Spring Term or we can submit a referral to the Team instead. Many thanks everyone - Heather Grimes

I Need Re-Wired by Deborah Miller

I have been made aware of a new publication of a story to support children aged 3-8 years about being autistic. The author has an autistic child. I have not had sight of it myself and this is not a recommendation, but thought I would draw it to your attention in case it may help.

I Need Re-Wired

Publisher link:

<https://www.austinmacauley.com/book/i-need-re-wired>

Book link Amazon:

<https://amzn.eu/d/eUEpkS8>

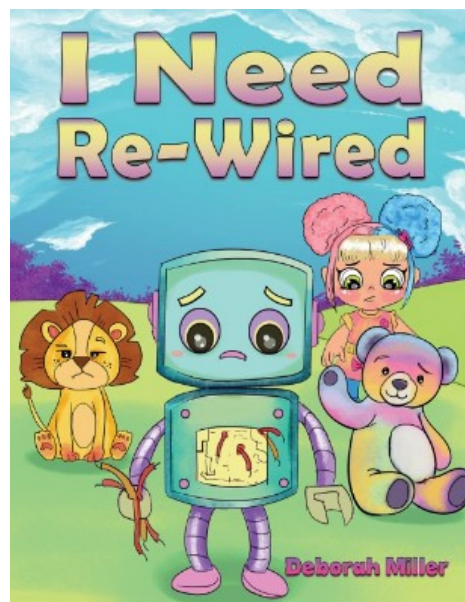
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Youtube trailer link: <https://youtu.be/llfUCmDJrT0?si=LoEee13rgGjvApU4>



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Black Tie Ball Event

IOW ISLAND GAMES BADMINTON TEAM FUNDRAISING EVENT
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM HONNOR & JEFFERY'S (SANDOWN) AND
SANDROCKS (NEWPORT)

DEC | 7TH \ 7PM-LATE

HELD AT THE LAKES ROOKLEY

TICKETS £35 PER PERSON INCLUDES LIVE MUSIC FROM PINK
LEMONADE, & CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS.

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SANDROCK Honnor & Jeffrey Garden Centres PINK LEMONADE COVER BAND Mountbatten Isle of Wight



Trinity Theatre, Cowes
present

2024

DRACULA
The Pantomime

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Fri 6th Dec 7:30pm Fri 13th Dec 7:30pm
Sat 7th Dec 2:30pm Sat 14th Dec 2:30pm
Sun 8th Dec 2:30pm Sun 15th Dec 2:30pm

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2024

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