Wootton Community Primary School

20 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing way to end our first term of this academic year with such a positive article in the Country Press following the release of our Ofsted report. We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received and I am so very proud of everyone, and in particular, the incredible commitment the staff team have.

It was a super last celebration **assembly** of the term today. We shared the **House Point totals** for the year and congratulated all the children in Asher-Smith House (red) who won first place with 1625 points. Second place was Farrell House (yellow) with 1525 points, third place Jones House (green) with 1475 points and fourth place was Stokes House (blue) with 1450 points. Asher-Smith House got an extra playtime as a reward this morning, well done all.

We also heard from Oliver in Year 5 who has worked hard at cubs gaining 4 badges, from Zac in Year 1, Jake and Patryk both in Year 3 for their swimming awards, Patryk also shared his IW Short breaks certificate where he was a young inspector, Ollie in Year 6 was awarded a trophy for being the most improved table tennis player and he also received a medal following his participation in a table tennis tournament, Alfie in Year 6 shared a rugby trophy for his improved skills and Millie, also from Year 6, shared her Level 8 proficiency award form Legacy Elite for her gymnastics skills. Well done to everyone for all their **great achievements**.

Our top 5 **homework achievers,** gaining five House Points each this week are:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1st	Adiella (Y3)	Alfie A (Y6)	Lucy (Y4)	Jess (Y3)
2nd	Shantanu (Y4)	Patryk (Y3)	Ahbab (Y3)	Joseph (Y4)
3rd	Harry M (Y4)	Matthew (Y6)	Owen (Y4)	Archie (Y1)
4th	Ahbab (Y3)	Rocco (Y6)	Jenson (Y4)	Queenie (Y4)
5th	Eneah (Y6)	Sophie (Y4)	Zach (Y4)	Caleb (Y5)
Top Class for the week	Year 3	Year 6	Year 4	Year 4

Thank you to the all children who made a **decoration for the Christmas tree** this year. It was so hard to choose a winner so all the children received a small prize with Alice in Year 2, Cassie in Year 4 and Millie in Year 6 each winning a bath bomb too!

Our **Young Carer group** received a gift from MyTime, the charity that supports the children, yesterday in recognition of the support that they provide to their parents or siblings at home.

Dates for 2024-25 (subject to change)

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

We had a really lovely time at church yesterday for our **Christingle service**, thank you so much to all the parents who walked with us to ensure that all the children were safe.

With it being the end of term, we have also noticed that the **correct school uniform** has not been worn by all children and in particular, PE clothing not meeting the school requirement. Therefore please ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform including footwear. Branded trainers are not to be worn as school shoes and PE clothes need to be inline with the school uniform policy, which I have attached as a reminder, thank you. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are struggling to afford this as we have lots of second hand clothing.

Boys:
Grey/black school trousers or shorts
Green sweatshirt with school logo (logo not compulsory)
White polo shirt with school logo (logo not compulsory)
(available from 'Kids & Co' or through uniform website—see office)
Black, white or grey socks & black shoes

Girls:
Grey/black skirt, pinafore or school trousers
Green sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (logo not compulsory)
White polo shirt with school logo (logo not compulsory)
(available from 'Kids & Co' or through uniform website—see office)
Grey/white socks or grey/black tights & black shoes

Summer: green and white striped or checked summer dress with white socks.

P.E. Kit: (in any named bag)
Black shorts & white T-shirt with school logo (logo not compulsory)
(available from 'Kids & Co' or through uniform website—see office)
Trainers

No form of jewellery should be worn other than stud earrings which MUST be removed on P.E days.

Long hair should be tied back whilst in school. Please ensure you name all items clearly so that these can be returned if they get lost.

I hope you have a lovely Christmas holiday.

Jane Wilford

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a lovely, fun and festive week in Reception class. We have been busy making our 'Candy cane' Christmas cards to send home to our families and our writing is attached inside. We have finished off some phonics assessments and have developed our fine motor skills a little further by collaboratively colouring in some festive pictures. On Wednesday we enjoyed the Christmas Dinner and for us it was our first experience of Christingle at the church on Thursday. To round off the week we enjoyed dancing and playing games on Friday. Well done to all our Reception children for completing their first term in school! Now to enjoy the holidays.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Maths this week we have been working on money. We learnt the different coins and their value, then ordered the coins from the lowest to highest value. We then set up a shop and used the coins to pay for items up to 20p. In English we have been practising writing words ending in -ing. We wrote a list of things Bob does for his job such as cleaning and jumping. Then we wrote a job advert for a Christmas elf who must be very good at wrapping and delivering toys! We finished our History topic by discussing why we remember Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. The children have all remembered lots of information about both the explorers - well done! In Art we completed our space themed prints using balloons and marbled colours to represent different planets. We rounded off the week with a lovely Christingle service where the children sang beautifully, and a fun-filled Christmas party on Friday.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We made it! Well done Year 2 for an absolutely brilliant first term! You've all worked incredibly hard and made us very proud.
This week we did a free write in English. The children pretended they were in the North Pole and had to write a letter to Mrs Wilford, telling her what they had been doing. They came up with some incredible ideas, including ice skating, drinking hot chocolate, fixing the wrapping machine and feeding the reindeer.
In Maths, we looked at reading and creating pictograms. We asked our class mates what their favourite toy was and showed the data we collected in a pictogram. The children really enjoyed this.
In science, we had a challenge from Father Christmas. We had to design a new material to wrap presents. The class had to think back to all our prior learning and carefully consider what properties this new material needs. They all really enjoyed this challenged and did a great job!
I hope you all have an amazing Christmas and a well deserved rest! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a great final week of 2024! Year 3 have worked hard to recap their knowledge of the three and four times tables in maths and have applied their learning well during our Christmas themed English week.
It has been a great term, with lots of new learning and developing in both confidence and maturity.
I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week, we have had a very exciting last week of term leading up to the Christmas break. In Maths, we have been continuing our work with fractions, adding two fractions with the same denominator together, and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number. In English, we completed our non-chronological reports ready for display, and the children have taken extra care to ensure they have been presented to a high standard. We completed our Science topic of living things and habitats by recognising natural and human factors causing environments to change, and how living things have adapted to these changes. This linked in to our Geography topic which concluded with the class identifying deforestation and climate change as two major threats to the rainforest. From this, we explored ways that humans could reduce the effects of these threats. Finally, it has been a very exciting week with all the festivities happening in school. The class performed beautifully for the church Christingle service and enjoyed creating their own Christingles. Today we had a great time celebrating together, and the children even had a very special person come and visit! Have a wonderful Christmas break Year 4 and a happy new year!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

First term complete and Year 5 have been amazing! In English this week, we have written a narrative inspired by The Highwayman and then had a go at creating some Christmas themed haiku and acrostic poems. Within Maths, the children impressed me with their understanding of coordinates, translations and reflections, which they applied to a range of festive problems. We concluded our Computing unit and it was great to see the children show their videos to the rest of the class. We also finished our learning in History, RE, PSHE and PE. Year 5 spent time carefully constructing their zoetrope's in DT, which they enjoyed watching spin to see their animations move. We had a lovely Christmas dinner and Christingle service, rounded off with a super fun party day and a visit from a special someone! I hope everyone has a fantastic, relaxing break; I look forward to seeing the children again and doing some great learning when we come back!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Year Six this week the children have worked on a joint English and maths project in which they have designed a product to sell; planned and created a poster advertisement for it; worked alone or in groups to produce a video advert for the product; and then drew a 3D net and constructed it to form packaging. The video adverts were particularly high quality, and the children's skills in both performance and IT were really put to good use. We had a great time watching a few of the adverts, and the rest we will have to save for the new year. In science, we repeated an investigation from last week, this time using the iPads to measure light, and in computing the children completed their websites, demonstrating a variety of skills such as inserting links. We enjoyed making our Christingle oranges and the children performed their 'Camel Funk' song and a selection of Christmas carols at the church. We also enjoyed a wonderful festive musical performance from Jay on his trombone and we were delighted to hear how far he has come since he began playing.
We are so grateful for the Christmas cards and lovely gifts we have received, and we thank everyone for their support this term. We wish a very Merry Christmas to all the wonderful Year Six children and parents!

Star Pupils

Murphy Year 1	Darci
Gravett Year 2	Enid
Dahl Year 3	Harry
Sutcliff Year 4	Joe
Q' Raúf Year 5	Kylan
Rundell Year 6	Piper, Louis and Lillah

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.

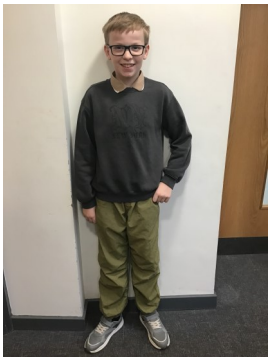
Please ensure you email an absence note within 2 weeks of your child being absent, otherwise it will be marked down as unauthorised.

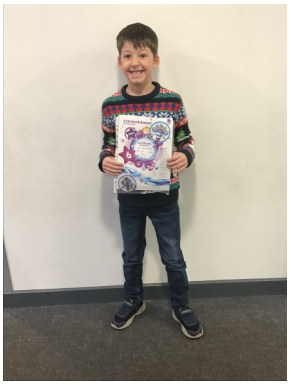
	Pupils Absent this week (%)	Rolling Absences since Sept (%)
Donaldson	17	8.25
Murphy	25.71	8.61
Gravett	8.97	4.17
Dahl	6.35	3.88
Sutcliff	5.81	4.41
Q' Raúf	12.76	7.72
Rundell	4.69	4.45
Whole School	**11.61**	**5.91**

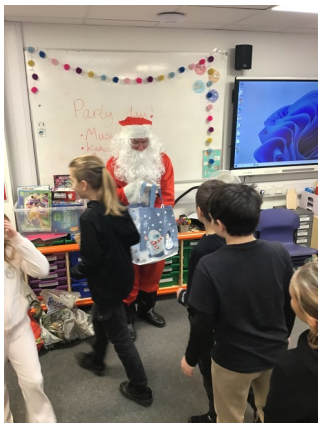
The class with the best attendance this week is: Rundell

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	6	32
Murphy	2	35
Gravett	4	16
Dahl	5	63
Sutcliff	1	44
Q' Raúf	6	77
Rundell	4	122
Whole School	**28**	**259**
Total Minutes	**437**	**3167**

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

Young Inspectors 2025 - Does your child and young person with a disability and additional need between the ages of four to 19 years like working in groups, giving their thoughts and feelings, and being rewarded for their hard work as well as participating in free activities?
If yes this scheme could be for you!

The Short Breaks Young Inspector scheme is specifically designed to increase the involvement of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs.

Young Inspectors will be able to provide opinions and feedback to us on activities by participating, observing, and recording their views through completing our child-friendly questionnaire.
The aims of the programme will support:

- youth in receiving the best possible standards from services that work with them or have an impact on them
- children and young people participation in the Short Breaks service, empowering them to make their voices heard and needs met
- organisations and activity providers to use feedback for improvements provided by the Young Inspectors to support their service or activity becoming more inclusive and disability friendly
- Short Breaks continuing to work with the Young Inspectors and use the findings from the project as a reflective tool for improving best practice and implementing change in the future.

Rewarding Young Inspectors

Short Breaks values children and young people and families giving up your free time to be part of the Young Inspectors programme. As a result, Short Breaks have introduced an incentive scheme to thank you for all your hard work.

Benefits

We are aware of the benefits of being involved in a participation project like the Young Inspectors programme. Children and young people with disabilities and additional needs involved within the programme can expect to gain a range of valuable experiences and develop **valuable skills**, such as:

- working as a team
- communicating with others
- having fun
- sharing thoughts and providing solutions to issues
- building confidence.

  Such skills and experiences can work towards individual educational achievement as well as supporting the development of this important service.

We offer you, as a Young Inspector, **vouchers of your choice** each time you are involved in the initiative. You will gain a Short Breaks stamp which represents a monetary value to go towards a £5 voucher for every inspection.

Vouchers can be claimed at the end of the annual programme which will be presented at a **Young Inspectors party**.

Recognition award

Short Breaks will also provide the Young Inspectors with a certificate of achievement.

If you are interested in this please email: family.communityservices@iow.gov.uk or call:
01983 823171 ext 6271

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year from Mrs. Grimes

Are you a parent/carer of a child aged 3-5 years?

We have a free programme available for you to…
- Learn positive ways of helping your child handle their feelings and behaviour.
- Nurture your relationship with your child and create a calmer home environment.
- Discover positive approaches to discipline and boundary setting.
- Learn how to support their development through play.

There's no such thing as a perfect parent and being a parent/carer isn't easy, so don't hesitate to **contact us now!** **Welcome To Isle Of Wight Family Centres : Isle Of Wight Family Centres**

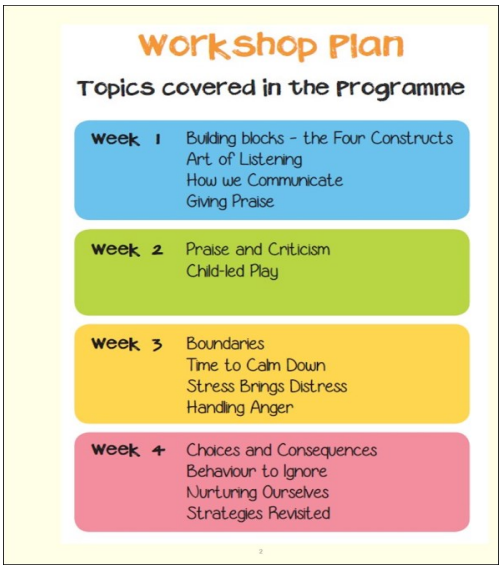
Parenting Puzzle now available ONLINE!

A **free** 5-week programme with our Getting Ready for School Workshop on the 5th week.

On Zoom starting 13th Jan 2025 for 5 consecutive Mondays, ending 10th Feb 2025. 9:30-12pm.

Or

Face to Face at Cowes Family Centre, starting 3rd March for 5 consecutive Mondays, ending 31st March 2025. 9:30-12pm.



Here To HELP

RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

Ryde Information and Support Service

at Ryde Library, George St, Ryde

Our local drop-in service offers **free**, **friendly** and **informal** chats.

Whether you need help with **understanding post**, **applying for benefits**, or just need some **reassurance**, we're here to listen and walk you through every step.

Monday
10am - 3pm
Tuesday
9:30am - 3:30pm
Friday
9:30am - 1:30pm
1st Wed of month
5pm - 7pm
1st Sat of month
10am - 12pm

Supported by: Isle of Wight Council

For more information, please contact:
07713 701382
or
community@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk

Support, reassurance, and a helping hand - all in one place.

ISLE OF WIGHT ROCKS™

DECEMBER 2024

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FINDTHINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

The Christmas Holidays are upon us, and on the Isle of Wight Rocks we're packed with ideas of things to do with the family over the break. Head to our website collections to get inspired!

- Christmas Holiday Events
- Holiday Clubs
- Fresh air

www.isleofwightrocks.co.uk

Check out some of these quick links to family festive fun to add some extra cheer to your diary!

- Christmas at the Garlic Farm
- Wildheart Wonderland
- Aladdin the Panto

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SHORT BREAKS

needs you to join fun activities

- and also to become a Young Inspector!

For children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs

Find out more at our new season event

- *Tuesday 14 January 2025 from 4.30pm to 6pm*
- *Council Chamber, County Hall, High Street, Newport PO30 1UD*
- *Free refreshments available*

iow.gov.uk/shortbreaks

Isle of Wight Council

Christmas Gift Boxes

For care home residents with no friends or family

Could you bring joy to an overlooked care home resident this Christmas?

Simply donate the items listed below so that we can create gift boxes to let them know they are loved and valued by their community.

Toiletries, especially shower gel and fragrant talc
Toiletry bags • Bed socks or normal socks
Small packets of tissues • Puzzle books • Games
Colouring books • Pens, pencils & crayons
Small teddy bears • Soft hair brushes • Arts & crafts

Or make a donation at carehomefriends.org.uk/giftbox

For more information contact
rebecca@embracingage.org.uk 07419 338066

CARE HOME FRIENDS
Befriending and Connecting

Christmas
FAMILY FUNDAY
SUNDAY DECEMBER 22
10AM - 4PM
FREE ENTRY
RYDE SUPERBOWL
REFRESHMENTS - LIVE MUSIC - FESTIVE TREATS
CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET
CHILDREN'S GIFT MAKING & WRAPPING
LUNCH WITH SANTA
PLUS
A MAGICAL 10FT BUBBLE HOUSE SNOW GLOBE
HOSTED BY
The Esplanade, Ryde, PO33 2EL

£11.50 per child
Lunch with Santa
12.30-1.30pm
Come along and enjoy some festive crafts, write your Christmas wish list and then give it to Santa himself; whilst you enjoy a delicious hot meal. You will get the chance to chat with Santa & then receive a special festive gift.
You will also be given a voucher, inviting you to experience a game of laser quest for just £1.00*
Choose from: chicken bites, fish fingers, beef burger, sausages or vegan nuggets; all served with fries and a choice of beans, peas or salad; plus a squash.
Places must be pre-booked, please email craftycaulkheads.market@outlook.com to secure your tickets.
*Voucher valid for the 22/12/2024 only.
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SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER
RYDE SUPERBOWL
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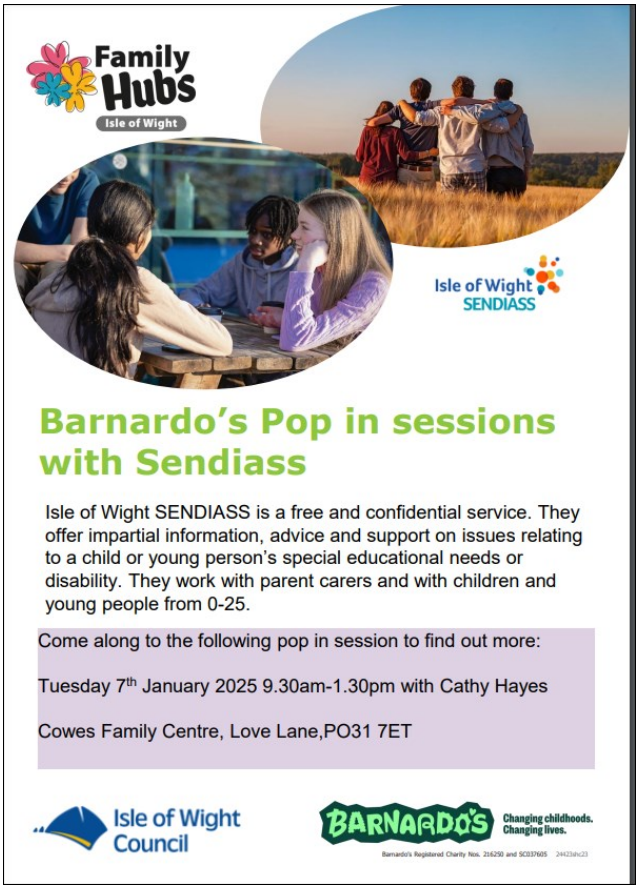
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Barnardo's Pop in sessions with Sendiass
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Come along to the following pop in session to find out more:
Tuesday 7th January 2025 9.30am-1.30pm with Cathy Hayes
Cowes Family Centre, Love Lane,PO31 7ET
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BARNARDO'S
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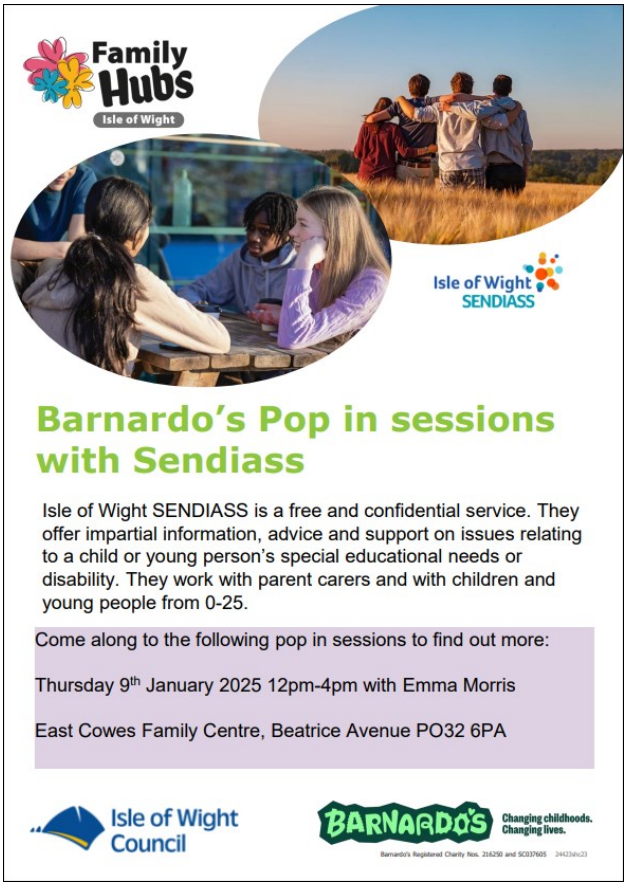
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Thursday 9th January 2025 12pm-4pm with Emma Morris
East Cowes Family Centre, Beatrice Avenue PO32 6PA
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