



Wootton Community Primary School

17th January 2025

Dates for 2024-25
(subject to change)

Mon 20.01.2025
Year 1 History workshop

Weds 22.01.2025
Year 2 sea eagles talk

Weds 31.01.2025
Reception Chinese New Year parent workshop

Mon 10.02.2025
Year 6 Mock SATs with breakfast (see letter)

17.02.25-21.02.25
Half-term break

Thurs 06.03.2025(TBC)
Year 5 taster day at Ryde Academy (Details to follow)

Mon 24.03.25
Parents evening

Weds 26.03.25
Parents evening

Thurs 03.04.2025
Easter Service

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,

It has been another busy week and it has been great to see so many children engaged with their learning in school and with our new clubs. If your child is attending **cooking club** please ensure they bring a named container each week to take their produce home in, thank you.

On Wednesday we had the last of our **monitoring visits** from the Hampshire Inspector who spent time in classrooms and looking through books, as well as having discussions with children and Leaders. He was delighted with our Ofsted report and echoed the positives within this, as well as the areas for us to continue to improve. One of our main drivers this year is to improve writing across the school and in **particular, spellings**. When children get to Year 6 and complete their SATs, these outcomes are used by Secondary schools and support their predictions for grades at GCSE, so we strive to ensure that the children achieve the highest they can. Children are given a combined score which is based on their SATs results and writing and this score is also what the school is judged on. Historically, our combined score has been lower overall compared to the individual scores for maths and reading due to writing outcomes being low. Writing starts in Reception and builds over the years, yet we continue to find more gaps in children's ability as writing involves so many different elements with, spelling being a key part. Therefore, as a school, we are spending much time addressing spelling and ask that you support this at home too. We are still seeing the impact of Covid for some children with writing and with the overuse of technology, children have not been writing as much and we need to build on this. **Reading** links with this, by reading 'rich' texts children are exposed to new words and the correct spelling of these, so I really do urge you to invest in the time reading with your child at home, exploring the text and spellings so that we can work together to improve their outcomes and opportunities as they develop further.

We had a great **celebration assembly** today and heard from the girls football team who played against Priory and won. Lily-Rose in Year 4 shared all of her 16 Brownie badges and bronze certificate and medal for an archery competition; Willow in Year 5 shared her Brownie badges; Iommi in Year 6 talked about her involvement in a Christmas horse event and Jay in Year 6 showed us his fantastic cup that he was awarded by Medina Marching Band for being the most improved player. Being one of the youngest members of the band this is an incredible achievement - well done Jay and to all of our Stars this week. Miss Paterson also presented 7 children with their bronze reading certificates.

A big well done for also all the efforts made with **homework** this week, our top 5 children, each gaining 5 House Points are:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1 st	Alfie A (Y6)	Pippa (Y3)	Harry B (Y4)	Jasper (Y1)
2 nd	Pippa (Y3)	Louis (Y6)	Owen (Y4)	Luca (Y1)
3 rd	Patryk (Y3)	Patryk (Y3)	Jenson (Y4)	Dotty (Y2)
4 th	Adiella (Y3)	Rocco (Y6)	Lilly (Y2)	Ewan (Y6)
5 th	Harry M (Y4)	Pipper (Y6)	Teddy (Y4)	Charlotte (Y3)
Top Class for the week	Year 3	Year 6	Year 4	Year 1

We had a very excited Year 6 today who had the opportunity to see the new Island Roads gritting lorry for the Wootton area that has been named by the winner, Cooper in Year 6. I will be able to share more about this next week when Island Roads have released this to the press.

The Living Well and Early Help service has some new drop in sessions at Wootton Bridge Community Centre, called Wootton Together. They are running a new, monthly session where anyone can attend and have a free hot drink, meet others and access information and guidance from a range of visiting organisations. Please see the poster attached for more information.

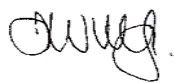
You may recall some time ago we sent home a colouring competition from the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary with Cherry Godfrey. I am delighted to share that Faye in Year 6 has won a reduced price trip for her class to visit the sanctuary as her entry was the best coloured bear, well done Faye!

We have noticed that children who walk to school are arriving earlier and earlier in the mornings and whilst we are so pleased that more children are being independent and eager to get into school, I need to remind you that children are not supervised whilst waiting outside and therefore at risk. Please can you ensure that unattended children are not coming onto the school site until 8.25am so that they can remain safe, thank you.

It has also been brought to my attention that parents are using mobile phones around school and also using inappropriate language that has been heard. In accordance with our Respect Policy and Charter, please ensure you are excellent role models to the children and refrain from swearing and using your mobile phone when on the school site, thank you.

Our BIG Think question this week is 'Do you prefer to work alone or as part of a group/team?', I am sure this is very dependent on the task involved!

In the meantime, I hope you have a great weekend and keep warm!



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

School Nurse Open Clinic



The school nurse is in school on Wednesday 22nd January between 9am—12pm for appointments. Please contact Mrs. Grimes as soon as possible if you would like to have a meeting with Claire Joy, our school nurse, and we will arrange a time.

These appointments can be to discuss any ongoing medical conditions, sleep issues, toileting difficulties, eating difficulties or concerns you may have around weight, eye sight, hearing etc.

Please email Mrs. Grimes on senco@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk at the earliest opportunity.



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have been learning lots of facts about Space and we have a couple of new information books that are really interesting and at a great level for us to understand. We have been busy in the creative area painting our own spaceships and we have used the lego to make spacecrafts. We have also purchased some new space toys (from our sponsored walk money) and the children have really enjoyed using these in the tough tray. In English this week we have been writing the names for a few of the planets. The children say the planet's name and then write the sounds they can hear. They always have access to the sound mats if needed and I have been delighted with the amazing work they have produced. In maths we continue to look at number bonds and whilst we use resources a lot, some children are now independently recalling the bonds for themselves. The garden has been really accessed this week and we spotted the bluetits going into the nesting boxes. Signs of Spring are definitely on the way!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have done some fantastic work in Maths this week! They have been partitioning numbers in different ways, for example finding all the ways of making 8. The class have been writing number sentences, drawing part-whole models and drawing pictorial representations to show their answers. In English, we spoke about the difference between fact and opinion. We wrote information about toys to create a class toy museum. The children are really enjoying our topic about toys! This week we learnt about toys from the past 60 years. Hopefully they have been asking you about the toys you used to play with as a child! In Science we started our learning about materials. The children thought about the different materials we have in the classroom and labelled some objects with the material they are made from. The whole class were excellent engineers during DT this week, working out how to make a picture with moving parts using a slider. We were really impressed with their problem-solving skills and perseverance. Well done!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Another fabulous week in Year 2!

This week, we have been looking at vocabulary in English. We all imagined that we were in the story and thought of adjectives to describe the new world we have entered. We then came up with some synonyms for these words. We have been working on using these new exciting words in our writing.

In Maths, we have started to look at telling the time. This week we recapped o'clock and half. The children did a brilliant job of this and are now ready to move onto quarter past and quarter to. Any practice of this at home would be very helpful!

In History, we explored what it would have been like on board Titanic. We looked at the difference between 1st class and 3rd class areas of the boat. The children then had to design an outfit to be worn by a 1st class and a 3rd class passenger. The children really enjoyed this task and thought really carefully about what different passengers would wear and why.

In Science we continued to look at animals. This week we looked at how some offspring look similar to their adult and how some look completely different. We looked at how different animals grow and develop to become fully grown and what skills they have to learn along the way.

Overall, we had a brilliant week! Well done Year 2!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a busy week! In English the children have learned how to construct paragraphs as well as use apostrophes. They applied this learning by writing a diary based on our class text *Escape From Pompeii*. In maths we continued to focus on time, something which is proving tricky! In geography, the children learned what actually happens when a volcano erupts. In computing, we explored branching databases and had a go at making a dinosaur themed one. In RE, we explored how Jesus was tempted by the devil during his time in the desert and used this Psalm to discuss morals linked with the right, or easy option.

However, my highlight of the week was swimming. I was delighted with how well all of the children conducted themselves on our first class outing. The swimming instructors praised our pupils for their behaviour and efforts. It was amazing to see everyone get in the water, face their fears and learn something new. Well done Year 3!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year 4, we've been very productive!! In Maths, we have focused on understanding different lengths—metres, centimetres, millimetres, and kilometres—and have been practicing adding and subtracting lengths using bar models. In Writing, we designed our very own dragon characters and wrote detailed character descriptions, enhancing our writing with prepositions and similes. Our Art lessons involved creating pipe figures to represent different postures and body language, inspired by the work of Jacob Lawrence, which helped us improve our sketching skills. In Science, we learned about the four types of human teeth, their functions and how and why teeth differ between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Finally, in History, we explored the Vikings' reputation and debated whether it was deserved.

Overall, it has been a fantastic week of learning in Year 4.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

A great second week back in Year 5, with lots of super learning taking place! In English, the children have planned and written an information leaflet based on a topic of their choice, using all the key features of non-chronological reports. In Maths, we have moved onto comparing and ordering decimals up to 3 decimal places, which the class have grasped very quickly. Computing saw the children continue exploring Microbits and programming, whilst in Geography the class identified where different countries lie on a map and began to research the physical features of some of these. In RE, we explored how Humanists interpret the Golden Rule and in PSHE, we had a good discussion about how to stay safe online. Year 5 finished their air resistance investigation in Science by finding the mean of their results and plotting this on a bar graph. They were then able to use this information to evaluate and draw a conclusion about how the size of a parachute affects its descent. The week ended with the children completing their landscape art and these look fantastic!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week the children have done a fantastic job writing a formal letter in character as 'the explorer' from our class text. Formal writing can be difficult, due to the demands of vocabulary and grammar, but they really captured the explorer's turn of phrase and were able to show off some use of hyphens and semicolons as well as the passive voice where possible. In maths, we have looked at how to calculate missing angles along straight lines, in triangles, and in quadrilaterals. This has brought together lots of knowledge about shapes, angles, missing values and general problem-solving skills. In science, we learned more about the make-up of the blood and in history the children created fact files about some Mayan gods. The Year Six children have also spent time developing their sewing skills, in readiness for an exciting DT project! In PSHE this term our focus is keeping safe, and this week we were told to 'think before you click'. We found out about how quickly online content can be shared and how careful we should be about anything we share online - be it words, pictures or videos.

Chartwells SCHOOL		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 penne 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				

Star Pupils

Murphy
Year 1

Alex

Gravett
Year 2

Phoenix E

Dahl
Year 3

Everlyn

Sutcliff
Year 4

Frankie

Q' Raúf
Year 5

Oliver

Rundell
Year 6

Alfie S

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.



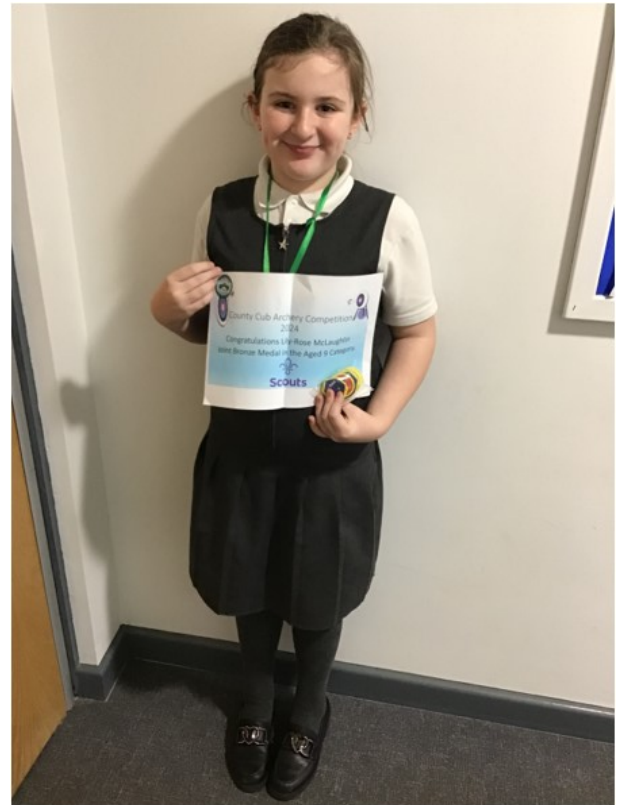
Please ensure you email an absence note within 2 weeks of your child being absent, otherwise it will be marked down as unauthorised.

	Pupils Absent this week (%)	Rolling Absences since Sept (%)
Donaldson	11.67	8.5
Murphy	8.93	8.7
Gravett	4.01	4.24
Dahl	15.05	4.57
Sutcliffe	8.39	4.81
Q' Raúf	6.55	7.52
Rundell	5.94	4.64
Whole School	8.57	6.14

***The class with the best attendance this week is:
Gravett Class***

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	2	38
Murphy	4	45
Gravett	1	19
Dahl	7	76
Sutcliffe	4	51
Q' Raúf	3	87
Rundell	2	129
Whole School	23	445
Total Minutes	187	3785

***Our school target is 96.5%.
We are currently BELOW target and aim for our children to be in school 100% of the time!***



4th MONDAY OF THE MONTH **TOGETHER** **1pm to 3pm**

LIVING WELL & EARLY HELP SERVICE

NEW Wootton Together drop-in session
This session is FREE to attend and will be a safe, relaxed space, to meet other members of your community over a cuppa.

Need some information or guidance?
A range of guest organisations and members of the Living Well Service will be on hand to provide support.

Our theme this winter is 'keeping warm and connected'.
Come along and bring a friend if you can. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wootton Together
Wootton Bridge Community Centre
Brannon Way, Wootton Bridge
PO33 4NW

2025 DATES
27th JANUARY 24th FEBRUARY
24th MARCH 28th APRIL
1pm to 3pm

Information and guidance
Free Refreshments Board games Activities
Keep warm Stay connected
Guest organisations

01983 240732
lweh.org.uk
reception@lweh.org.uk

ASPIRE
Charity Number: 1163336

West Wight
Wootton Community Centre

Pan Together

FACE **February 2025 Newsletter**

Thursday 20th Feb
19:00 - 20:00
FREE

FREE SESSION
Supporting Healthy Screen Use
A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday 3rd Feb
10:00 - 11:30
£24

Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday 11th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24

Facing Defiance
Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday 18th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness
Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday 25th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24

Understanding the Teenage Brain
A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk. info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

I.W. STORY FESTIVAL **DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!** **Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd February** **JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

Come and see me at Quay Arts in February!

Tickets are now on sale for the I.W. Story Festival at Quay Arts during February half term from www.iwstoryfestival.com. It's a chance to meet performers and writers like **Maz Evans** (pictured on the left) creator of *Who Let the Gods Out*, who will be with us on Friday 21st Feb.

After wowing audiences at our Stories in Schools in June, poet Paul Lyalls returns for the main festival

There is so much to do at the I.W. Story Festival!

Find out how top authors like **H.G. Leonard**, **Naomi Ishiguro**, **Roopa Farooki** (left), and **Gareth Peter** create their books

Be inspired by performances including **Woodland Tales with Granddad** (pictured on right); **Brutal**, **Pinocchio** and **Asian Dance**

Imagine new characters in the **Secret Library** or with the roll of dice, and picture the stories created by storytellers **Staph Brittain**, **Holly Medland** and **Sue Bailey**

Puppet tales from Pickled Image

Pick up a programme from Quay Arts or any library

SOME QUESTION YOU MAY WANT TO ASK...
Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?
A: It's a good idea - they're selling fast! Go to: www.iwstoryfestival.com to buy yours now.
Q: How much are tickets?
A: Some are **TOTALLY FREE**, others cost £4 to £6
Q: Is it just for people who like reading?
A: NO! The I.W. Story Festival isn't just about books! There are lots of hands-on activities for you to try, including the art of paper folding, drawing dastardly cartoons, creating a book scene and many others.

More information from: www.iwstoryfestival.com

Registered charity number: 1198024

Classorama

News from Naturezones Jan' 25

Reduced Fees School Visits 2025

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded Naturezones Wildlife Education Trust (NWET) a grant to support Scientific and Natural History educational visits to its dedicated 10 acre site for primary school children on the Isle of Wight.

We can also accommodate some small-groups visits for free.

Invitation to Teachers - Reception - yr6

Investigate Naturezones with your family for FREE any Sunday during January, February 2025 prior to booking an educational visit for your class. Take the opportunity to discuss what section of the science curriculum you would like our qualified staff to cover. We can email our topics brochure.

Planning your Spring/Summer Class visit? Bring your science lessons alive at Naturezones Led by our experienced workshop leaders

In Brief

Nature Table - For years 1,2,3,4 and 5. Sessions commence 10 am - 2.30 pmish. Max 30 children normally £220/session now £75/session.

Reception Class Special - 90 min visit. £78, now £50. Make it a morning session, bring a packed lunch and stay a little longer.

Yen for Free - Normally in July, suitable for the Eco group, special achievers, children that would benefit from an outdoor experience in nature.

Reduced prices are available until the grant is exhausted 1 session/school or 2 if there are 2 cohorts/yr.

Please bring this completed slip with you

Name of teacher.....

At which school.....

Classroom year.....

Email.....

Date of visit (completed by the centre).....

Don't forget our competition

Prize: free entry into Naturezones plus cup and cake for four people.

See next page for details



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 restoring 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.



What aspect of nature will inspire you?



We free entry into Naturezones including cup and cake for 4 people

Please send your entries to:

naturezones@iow.gov.uk or arrange to deliver to Naturezones or post to Head Office, Padmore Lodge, Bearcross 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.



Health Visiting Provision Drop-In Session

Free Event!

Please take part in our simple survey. Every response matters!



Monday 27th Jan 2025
10.30am-12.30pm
Newport Library
Orchard St,
Newport
PO30 1LL

Free £10 grocery voucher for all who attend, fill out our survey & complete a feedback form!

An amazing opportunity to meet the Island's Health Visiting Provision Team!

Cake, biscuits and glitter tattoos free on the day!

Come along and have a chat, have your views heard and questions answered

Professionals available to chat to on the day:
Mandy Cusworth - Clinical & Operational Lead
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Helen Kalaker - Clinical Team Co-ordinator
Will Blake - Dadzclub

Find out more or request transport using the details below

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