



Wootton Community Primary School

28th February 2025

Dates for 2024-25
(subject to change)

Clubs 03.03.25-04.04.25

Tues 04.03.2025
Pancake Day

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

Fri 07.03.2025
World Book Day

Mon 17.03.2025
School nurse clinic
1pm - 3pm

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

Weds 30.04.25
Year 3 Roman Villa Trip

12.05-15.05.25
Year 6 SATS

20.05-23.05.25
Year 6 residential

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 lovely to have the children back this week looking refreshed and eager to start a new half-term, I hope you had a great week. The school year seems to be zooming past and with another short half-term, Easter will soon be upon us! Talking of Easter, after a very successful Valentines disco, the PTA are keen to run an Easter event at the end of term. We are holding a planning session for this **next Wednesday, 5th March at 6.30pm in the Year 5 classroom**. Please come along and support this, we share ideas of what we would like to do but sadly we are often limited due to not having enough support, so the more parents that can help, the more fun the children can have!

We are hoping that you will be able to book your child's parent evening meeting via Arbor now. The meetings are on either **Monday 24th or Wednesday 26th March**, so please sign up. Whilst we recognise these appointments are short, they are so important for you to hear how your child is getting on and what their targets are for this term.

During half-term I helped Mr Wilford put together our new outside tables which have replaced the broken wooden ones. Lexie's (in Year 3) Dad's business, **'Davey IOW Ltd'**, very kindly donated the money for these and we are incredibly grateful for such a generous donation to the school, thank you on behalf of us all.

Just before half-term I met with some colleagues from the **Mental Health Support Team (MHST)** who are keen to work with Primary schools who support children's mental health. As a school we recognise that children need support at different times and there are often different factors affecting them that we aim to support in school. We are pleased that we will be working with the team to develop our practice. Please see a message from the MHST:

'The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will be working in your school. The MHST on the Island is a multi-agency collaborative formed of the IW Youth Trust, Barnardo's and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation trust. The team will be supporting your school to further implement a whole school approach (WSA) to mental health and wellbeing. In your school we will be delivering sessions with children and young people - this may be assemblies, classroom workshops and/or group work. This work focuses on promoting resilience and helping children and young people to develop skills and techniques to manage their emotions. In addition to the WSA in primary schools, this support will include working with parents and carers and this may include workshops. Furthermore, the MHST can support the development of school policies and procedures to improve emotional health and wellbeing. For further information please contact iownt.mhst@nhs.net'

In assembly today we congratulated our new **School Council** and thanked the old group for all their work so far this year. To enable as many children as possible the opportunity to have a turn in the council we have 2 groups in place, each having the position for half of the school year. Children's names are selected at random with the following children in place until the end of the school year. Congratulations to: Year 1 Bella and Luca, Year 2 Lilah-Mae and Phoenix E, Year 3 Florence and Jake, Year 4 Roxy and Harry M, Year 5 Tallulah and Charlie, Year 6 Elodie, Jack, Sonny and Harley. I look forward to working with you all.

We also heard from Dotty in Year 2, Florence and Adiella in Year 3 who have achieved the RSL Level 1 exam in musical theatre. Phoenix E was given a certificate at Little Rockets gym and trampoline club for outstanding work and Leo in Year 1 and Louisa in Year 2 shared their skiing medals and certificate that they gained at a ski club during half-term. Well done to everyone.

Mr Billington also shared **football news** from a match at the end of last half-term, please see the Sports News for more information.

Our **BIG Think** question today was 'Is it your responsibility to help someone in trouble, even if it's not your fault?' This sparked some interesting discussion and debate today, I wonder what your thoughts are?

A big well done for also all the efforts made with **homework** this week and over half-term. 60% of the school accessed the programs last week so well done to everyone for keeping up over the break. Our top 5 children, each gaining 5 House Points are:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1 st	Kurtis (Y6)	Gracie (Y5)	Joe (Y4)	Alfie C (Y2)
2 nd	Patryk (Y3)	Patryk (Y3)	Charlie (Y4)	Jack (Y1)
3 rd	Poppy (Y6)	Ahbab (Y3)	Lucy (Y4)	Megan (Y3)
4 th	Cooper (Y6)	Poppy (Y6)	Cassie (Y4)	Elijah (Y4)
5 th	Matthew (Y6)	Louis (Y6)	Jenson (Y4)	Phoenix B (Y2)
Top Class for the week	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 2

As you know next **Thursday 6th March** it is **World Book Day** with a focus this year reminding the children how life-changing the superpower of reading is. We will be celebrating on **Friday 7th instead**. As shared in the email sent this week, children can wear either a superhero outfit or a book character costume of their choice. There will be a special menu of Hot Dogs and Rocky Road. Also, don't forget that we are also holding a competition too for children to design their own 'Super vegetable!' Children can select a vegetable and create into a superhero of their choice. Please send these into school next Friday, please ensure it has your child's name on. We look forward to all the activities and fun next Friday! We also have a celebration menu on Tuesday for Pancake Day, with delicious pancakes for dessert.

Your child should have brought home their **book token** today which can be used in exchange for a book from a selection of £1 books in supermarkets and book shops.

Due to us moving World Book Day to Friday we **WILL NOT** be having our usual **Celebration Assembly** on Friday so no Star Pupils next week.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend in the sun!



Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a lovely first week back after the half term holidays. We read our new text 'The 3 Little Pigs' and have explored some of the vocabulary used in the book. We have lots of activities related to this set up in class and these include making split pin pigs, writing sentences about the different material types used to build the houses, mini bricks to make little houses plus puppets to retell the story. These have all been accessed by the children and the children have been very independent especially when making their pig puppets.

In English we have been using our phonic knowledge to write simple words such as 'pigs, man, wolf, house'. The children are encouraged to say the word and write down the sounds they can hear. They always have access to the sound mat if they need it.

In maths we have been counting the number of actions completed. This has involved clapping our hands, stamping our feet, nodding our heads etc.

Outside we found two frogs which was very exciting so we spent time looking at them and talking about hibernation and habitats. All in all a wonderful first week back!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this term we will be reading lots of fairy tales. We started by reading the Gingerbread Man and the class enjoyed joining in with the repeated phrases in the story. We ordered pictures of the story then the children told the story to a partner. The children then created a story map to show all the main events and key words in the story. We have been practising counting to 100 in Maths, counting on from any number. The class also practised writing number lines to 50 and beyond. We recapped finding one more and one less than a number, using number lines and concrete resources to help.

In Science this term we are continuing our learning about materials. We completed an investigation this week to find out which material would be best to use for an umbrella. The children thought about the properties needed for an umbrella then they poured water onto different materials to see which would be best. The class recorded their findings in a table. We are learning about Wootton in Geography this term. We looked at maps of Isle of Wight, United Kingdom and Europe and found Wootton on each of these maps. We also used the vocabulary north, east, south and west to explain Wootton's location.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back! A great first week back. This week the children have hit the ground running and have produced some fantastic work!

In English, we started looking at our new book The Night Gardener. We started by making predictions based on the front cover. There were some very interesting ideas about the story is going to be about. When we looked at the first page, an image of where the story is set, Grimloch Lane. The children had to infer information from the image to try and figure out what Grimloch Lane would be like. Some great writing! Well done!

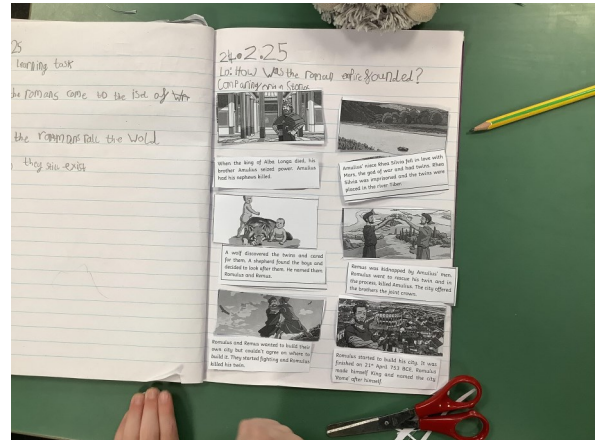
In Maths, we started by looking related facts. We look at our number facts up to 20 and explored what other facts we can derive from these. We then moved onto looking at inverse operations. The children had a range of addition and subtraction questions to answer and then had to check they were correct by using the inverse operation. This was a tricky concept to begin with, but all children can now do this independently.

In Science, we are going to be learning about plants and seeds. This week we thought about what seeds needed in order to grow. We then thought about weeds. Are weeds still plants? What makes a plant a weed? Why do we get weeds growing even though we haven't planted them? These were some great conversations and the class has so many interesting thoughts and ideas. Next week, we will be getting outside into the sensory gardening and doing a bit of hands on science. We are going to explore the different plants we have there and think about where is best and most suitable to plant different types of plant. The class are they excited about this!

Overall, a fantastic week! Well done Year 2!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back to the second half of the academic year! This week the children were introduced to their new units and overall topic focus - The Romans. In English, we began the unit by exploring our new class text 'The Romans: Gods, Emperors and Dormice'. We began by recapping adjectives and prepositions and using this knowledge to write a description about a Roman soldier. In maths, we have begun to explore statistics. Specifically reading, interpreting, gathering data and applying this learning by creating bar charts and pictograms. In the wider curriculum, I was pleased to welcome back Mr and Mrs Grimshaw who returned to deliver another half term of music lessons based on the recorder and our swimming lessons have also continued. It has been great to see how much progress the children have made over our five sessions so far. The development in confidence, water safety and swimming ability continues to go from strength to strength. Well done Year 3, keep up the good work.



WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a lovely first week back! It has been wonderful welcoming the children back this week, and I have been so impressed by how quickly they've settled back into their learning. Securing our times tables has been a real focus for us this week, and will continue to be for the rest of the school year. The class have been identifying which multiplications are leaving them stumped and making into their personal goal to master them. In addition, the class have been describing position in their Maths lessons using coordinates. In English, we have been reading 'The Rhythm of the Rain' and learning how to write in the present-perfect tense to describe the jar's journey to sea. Continuing with the river theme, we have been learning what a river is, and why rivers are so important to humans and animals in Geography. Finally in Art, we have been learning about artist Sonia King and exploring her artwork created using mosaic. Overall, a very productive first week back Year 4!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

A busy first week back for Year 5! In English, we have started our new text 'Holes'. The children have been very engaged with this and have developed some excellent setting descriptions to describe Camp Green Lake. We have spent a lot of time talking about the impact of word choices and sentence types on the reader, editing to ensure our writing has the greatest effect. In maths, the class have begun to learn short division, a quite challenging topic that must be mastered in Year 5. Although tricky, the children have shown great perseverance all week and are making significant progress with their understanding. In science, we have started our new unit about living things and their habitats, and in history, we have begun exploring who the Mayans were. Lots of exciting things coming up this term, including our taster day to Ryde Academy next week and World Book Day!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six we have tackled some different multiplication objectives in maths, finding (once again) that knowing our times tables well helps our calculations immeasurably! Please make the most of TTRS or other online times table games to practise quick-fire times tables whenever possible.

In English, we have really enjoyed starting to read our new text, War Horse. The children wrote a diary entry in character as Albert's father, who appears very cruel at first, but has in fact a more complex personality with his own worries and fears - as we discovered through some 'hot-seating' drama. This diary entry allows us to show full understanding of a character, beyond our initial impression. We are now bringing together all our writing skills and using all writing tasks to 'show off' what we can do.

We started a new science topic around living things, refreshing our memories about life cycles before we begin classification next week. In art, we met the work of graffiti artist Banksy, and analysed the meaning behind some of his murals. In geography, we are looking forward to finding out more about California and we began this by checking our general geographical knowledge of North America and what we mean by a 'state'.

In French, we recapped the verb 'aller' and some country names, so we can soon plan a holiday! And in PSHE we began our 'Rights and Responsibilities' unit with some work around the word 'bias'. Please help your child to identify bias in newspapers and online material!

Chartwells Schools		WEEK 3				
		W/C: 18/11, 09/12, 13/01, 03/02, 03/03, 24/03				
AUTUMN/WINTER 2024		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	BBQ Quorn Fillet🍗 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Sausages🍗 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice🍷 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta🍷 🌱🍌🍷	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette🍳 Served with Chips
		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
		Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta🍷🍷				
	All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slices🍫	Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard	Oat Cookie with Fruit🍪	Lemon Shortbread	Vanilla Ice Cream	
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		



School Nurse Open Clinic



The school nurse is in school on Monday 17th March between 1pm-3pm for appointments. Please contact the office if you would like to arrange a meeting with Clare Joy, our school nurse.

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 or hearing etc.

Please email Mrs Caligari on office@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk at the earliest opportunity.





**Please ensure
you contact
the SCHOOL
OFFICE
BEFORE
9:00am on
each day of
Absence by
telephone,
voicemail or
email.**

	Pupils Absent this week (%)	Rolling Absences since Sept (%)
Donaldson	7.66	8.09
Murphy	3.93	6.92
Gravett	0.69	4.33
Dahl	3.1	4.24
Sutcliff	13.33	5.42
Q' Raúf	9.65	8.42
Rundell	1.57	3.91
Whole School	5.71	5.87

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

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	2	55
Murphy	2	63
Gravett	1	32
Dahl	6	104
Sutcliff	5	72
Q' Raúf	4	110
Rundell	3	142
Whole School	23	578
Total Minutes	187	5175

***Our school target is
96.5%.***

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

Sports News

U9 Boys Rural League vs Bembridge

On the last day of half term, our U9 Boys played their final group game of the league against Bembridge. Three previous wins and similar results for Bembridge meant that this would be a top of the table decider. The team was excited and ready for the match.

The game was very close with no goals coming from open play. Brilliant defending from both sides quickly thwarted any chances of meaningful attacks. It meant that there was a great battle in midfield to try to dominate the game. Wootton used their experience to get the ball out wide and attack where the space was.

The introduction of Jackson W was crucial. He did so well at drawing players in only to move the ball quickly and win two free kicks. Up stepped Lucas C both times, to slot the ball into the top of the goal.

The team then continued to press Bembridge who rarely looked like threatening a comeback; showing real maturity to see the game out.

Well done and well played to Kobi P and Jackson W from Year 3 and Lucas C, Teddy B, Shaantanu S, Joe C, Harry M, Zach H and Eden D from Year 4.

Wootton's Player of the Match: Lucas C – brilliant skill to smash home two great free kicks.





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11 – 15 August 2025



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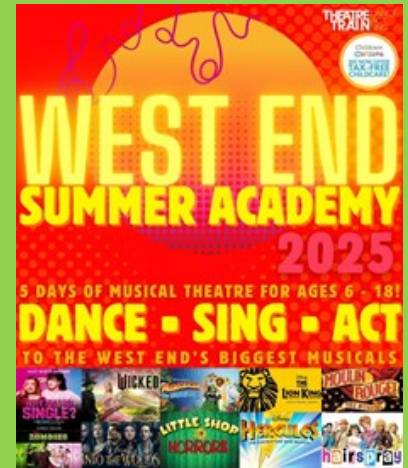


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Hello there,

Just a quick reminder that our special discount code for parents, UNIFORM10%, is available now! This code provides 10% off school uniform orders* at MyClothing.com, helping parents save as they gear up for the second half of the Spring term.

We'd greatly appreciate it if you could share this offer with parents to support them as the new term begins.

Code: UNIFORM10%
Expires: 31/03/2025

Thank you for your continued support—please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything else we can do for you.

Best regards,

MyClothing Team

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PARENTS AND CARERS TOGETHER

Parenting Support & Getting Ready for School

Free Event!

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



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10am-12pm
Aspire Ryde
Dover St,
Ryde
PO33 2BN

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

An amazing opportunity to meet family support experts on the Island!

Make use of Aspire's low cost cafe and Soft Play!

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

Experts available to chat to on the day:

Nadine West - Barnardo's

Lisa Guile - Barnardo's

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Isle of Wight Council



Making a Difference for our Children with SEND

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person 0 to 25 years who has special educational needs and/or a disability?

Would you like to be involved in the design, development and implementation of services for your child or young person?

Would you be interested in how a **parent carer forum** on the Isle of Wight would be involved with services locally, regionally and nationally?

If you are interested do come to a zoom meeting on either
Wednesday 5th March 10 to 12noon
or
Tuesday 18th March 19.00 to 21.00



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Please indicate which zoom meeting you will be attending and the invite will be emailed to you (cameras and audio are optional, text chat available if needed)



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