Wootton Community Primary School

25th April 2025

Dear Parents,
I hope you had a super break and got the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather we had. It has been a short but busy week and it's wonderful to see all the children back and eager to learn. This half-term will fly by with it being so short and with another Bank Holiday ready for a long last half-term. We are working hard with our Year 6 in preparing them for their SATs in a few weeks as well as all staff planning some exciting learning opportunities for the last term of the school year. Our Reception children are now joining us at lunchtime as well as Celebration Assembly on a Friday, developing their confidence and preparation for transition to Year 1.

We are currently in the process of sorting **staffing** for the new school year but cannot put the final arrangement in place until after half-term, however, we will sadly be saying goodbye to a much valued member of staff. I am sure you are all aware of the budget constraints schools have with staffing being the largest part of any school budget. All schools now have children who require additional support but also staff deliver many more interventions to drive the expectations that are in place. Many, many more children now enter school with gaps in learning or delayed development and the profile of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities has greatly increased, not only at Wootton, but nationally. We are delighted that our inclusive provision was praised by Ofsted and is also recognised by many other professionals, however, the role of the SENCo has grown and we need to have a SENCo in school fulltime to support the increasing needs of children. We have had to look at our staffing structure and costings and we are moving to a model that many one form entry schools use in that the role of the SENCo will become part of the role of the Deputy Head, therefore **Miss Paterson** will be taking on this role from September. It is therefore with much sadness, that due to this change in structure, **Mrs Grimes** will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. I am sure many of you that have worked with Mrs Grimes over the years will agree that she will be leaving a big hole and she is disappointed that she cannot stay in post but recognises that the role and needs have grown. Mrs Grimes and Miss Paterson will work closely together this term to ensure there is a seamless transition ready for September.

Talking of transition, **Tuesday 8th July** will be our transition day with all children moving up to their new class and Year 6 attending Secondary school for the day. At 8.45 on the 8th, teachers will share information in their classroom for you to hear about your child's next year of learning with the chance for you to speak to your child's new team. More information will be sent soon.

Please don't forget to contact the office to confirm your attendance at the first MHST workshop on **Thursday 22nd May, 1.15-2.45pm.** There are several more sessions following this but attendance to the first one is required to access some or all of the subsequent sessions. Please see the poster attached for more information regarding the first session. The additional sessions are on 5th June, 12th June and 26th June all 1.15-2.45pm. Please see the attached posters for the content of these sessions.

In assembly today we congratulated several different achievements - Max in Year 6 continues to develop his skateboarding skills, winning another competition on the mainland, Patryk and Lexie in Year 3 shared their latest swimming awards, Zach in Year 4 took part in a rugby tournament, Jacob in Year 6 was named 'payer of the match' at a recent football game and Iommi in Year 6 shared her gymnastics medal where she was awarded 1st place. Well done everyone!

Dates for 2024-25 (subject to change)

Weds 30.04.25
Year 3 Roman Villa Trip

PTA meeting 6.30pm

Tues 06.05.25
Year4 WW2 Trip

12.05-15.05.25
Year 6 SATS

Mon 19.05.25
Year1 Wildlife Sanctuary Trip

20.05-23.05.25
Year 6 residential

Thurs 22.05.25
MHST Workshop 1.15-2.45

26.05-30.05.25
Half-term

Mon 02.06.25
INSET day (school closed to children)

Sat 28.06.25
Mardi Gras Workshop

Sat 05.07.25
Mardi Gras

Tues 08.07.25
Transition day

Thurs 17.07.25
Year R Yaverland Trip

Fri 18.07.25
End of year reports home

Weds 23.07.25
Teacher 'open evening'

Thurs 24.07.25
Celebration Assembly & 4-5pm Leavers treat

Fri 25.07.25 Year 6 Leavers presentation
@ 11am
12 noon family picnic with optional finish time 1.30pm

Schools Walk the Wight Leaderboard		
1st	Wootton Primary	£940
2nd	Broadlea Primary	£918.10
3rd	Lanesend Primary	£877.25
4th	Binstead Primary	£838.50
5th	Carisbrooke CE Primary	£697.60

We also reminded the children that they still need to bring a coat to school as the weather continues to be very inconsistent.

Our lost property is overflowing! Please feel free to come and have a rummage through the boxes as we have so many unnamed clothing.

Thank you to all the children who have already signed up for the **Schools Walk the Wight**. Please don't forget you must register your child even if they are doing more of the walk or completing the miles on their own. So far we are top of the leaderboard with a total of £13,431.72 raised by schools.

Mr Scurr shared the result of **homework** over the last two weeks. The top five children each gain 5 House Points for their hard work.

Well done to:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1st	Ted (Y4)	Henry G (Y4)	Henry G (Y4)	Patryk (Y3)
2nd	Eneah (Y6)	Patryk (Y3)	Lucas (Y4)	Kai (Y2)
3rd	Harry M (Y4)	Matthew D (Y6)	Shaantanu (Y4)	Jack (Y1)
4th	Ahbab (Y3)	Harry B (Y4)	Casey (Y3)	Callum (Y5)
5th	Matthew (Y6)	Willow (Y5)	Kurtis (Y6)	Lyla (Y3)
Top Class for the week	Year 4	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3

I am currently in the process of applying to the Local Authority for our five **Development Days** for the next academic year and hope to be able to share this with you next week, however, I can share with you the arrangements for the end of this term.

Thursday 24th July @ 8.45am will be our last Celebration Assembly of the year.
Year 6 will have their leavers treat on 24th July 4pm to 6pm, more details to follow soon.
Friday 25th July Year 6 will share their leavers presentation at 11am (Year 6 only - more information to follow), **NOON - whole school family picnic:** come and share food with your child with a dance performance from each class to end the school year. Children will be able to leave at 1.30pm, however this is optional.

I am looking forward to meeting with the **PTA next Wednesday, 30th April at 6.30pm** in the Year 5 classroom to discuss a potential event for the end of term. Please come and support this meeting so that we can share ideas to provide the children with a fun event before the school year finishes.

Thank you so much to the staff and parents who supported the recent pub quiz at the Woodmans Arms which raised £149 for the school.

In the meantime have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We started our week by taking the opportunity to talk about our Easter holidays and say what our favourite activity was. It was wonderful to hear about all the fun things the children did during the break.
Following on from our discussion about the holidays the children were then asked to write a simple sentence about this. It was fantastic to see the effort that was being put in and the progress is brilliant, for some children they literally just wrote it by themselves!
Our new topic this half term is 'Pirates' so the children have been using the tough tray pirate world area and they have looked at some of the story books related to pirates. We will introduce more activities next week.
The children have all settled back into school well and for us we are thinking about the transition into Year 1 so our children have joined the main school for lunch time play which they have enjoyed.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We had an exciting start to the week boarding the Year 1 plane and travelling to the Sahara Desert then to Antarctica! We explored both of these places, finding out about the weather and the animals that live there. We also learnt about the seven continents and learnt a song to help us remember them. In English we read a new story 'Meerkat Mail' then thought of lots of adjectives to describe the main character. We wrote simple and compound sentences to describe what the meerkats were up to and also started learning about exclamation marks. We practised counting in fives in Maths and used 5p coins, Numicon and number lines to help. We solved some problems by counting in fives and then moved on to measuring mass, finding out how many cubes balanced the scales for different classroom objects. In Science we went for a walk around the school and looked for different animals. We made observations about the animals we saw and started to think about the differences between them. We continued our topic work in Art, sketching an Artic landscape carefully, thinking about the different shapes and the learned how to create shades using colouring pencils to finish our scenes. In Computing we are starting to learn about the keyboard and worked hard to use a capital letter for our names. A super start to the term, well done everyone!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back everyone!
We hope you all had a good Easter break and enjoyed the beautiful sunshine. Hopefully this weather will continue into the summer term!
Firstly, thank you so much for your support with reading over the school holidays and for the homework this week. The children were very excited to receive their first piece of homework - hopefully this eagerness continues into the future!
In English, we have started our new book, The Lost Happy Endings. This is a slightly longer and more complex book that we have done previously, but the children have so far really enjoyed it. This week we've focused on the beginning of the story and our main character Jub. The children have been describing Jub's important job and then create a set of instructions on how to carry out this job. The writing has been superb, with a huge effort from everyone in the class.
In Maths, we've focused on movement and measurement. To start the week, we looked at rotations. We focused on clockwise, anticlockwise, whole, half, quarter and three quarter turns. The class enjoyed being able to get up and practical with the activities for this learning. We then moved onto measuring in ml. To end this small unit, the children had to follow a recipe, measuring out different amounts of liquids to form the magic potion. This was great fun for all the class.
In Science, we started a new unit looking at living things. We started by having a scavenger hunt, finding things around school that fitted into three categories: alive, dead and never alive. We then thought about what makes something living and what the difference is between dead and never alive.
Overall a brilliant week! Well done Year 2, keep up the fantastic work!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back to the third and final term of Year 3! This week the children have been introduced to their new topics. In English we will be focusing on the book - The Wreck of the Zanzibar by Michael Morprugo (who is my favorite children's author). This week in English, the children have begun their study of the book by exploring diary entries from the point of view of the main characters. In Maths, we have recapped our understanding of place value and are earning how to solve missing number addition calculations to 1000 as well as learn how to measure and compare lengths in mm and cm.

Our new class lends itself nicely to our geography topic for this half term - land use and settlements. For this geography unit we will be exploring the question - How does land uses and settlements differ between rural and urban locations? The focus is a local area study of Brading and comparing what we learn to an urban setting (Southampton). for our first lesson, the children learned where Brading is on a digital map and explored some of the human and physical features there. In computing, the children will be introduced to programming and this week, we bagan to learn to use the program Scratch to create basic code. We have a wonderful and busy half term planned, and I look forward to sharing our learning journey with you as we progress.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It has been a very busy first week back in Year 4! We have begun our topic for this half term which is World War 2, and in History, we have been understanding why the war began and who was involved. The class then created a timeline of these events. Continuing with this historical theme, we have been enjoying our new class book 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. 'Friend or Foe' tells the story of two evacuee boys, escaping the war and moving away from all they know, to the countryside. This has prompted lots of discussion among the class as they realise the harsh reality of children during this time.
In Maths, we have been continuing with a focus on multiplication and division, recalling our times table facts, finding the inverse and dividing a one-digit number by 10. In DT we have been learning about potential hazards in the kitchen in preparation for this half term's cooking unit where the children will get the opportunity to create carrot cookies. Finally, we have been learning 'Blackbird' by The Beatles in Music, discussing the meaning of the lyrics and the significance the song had during the time of its release and today. Well done Year 4!

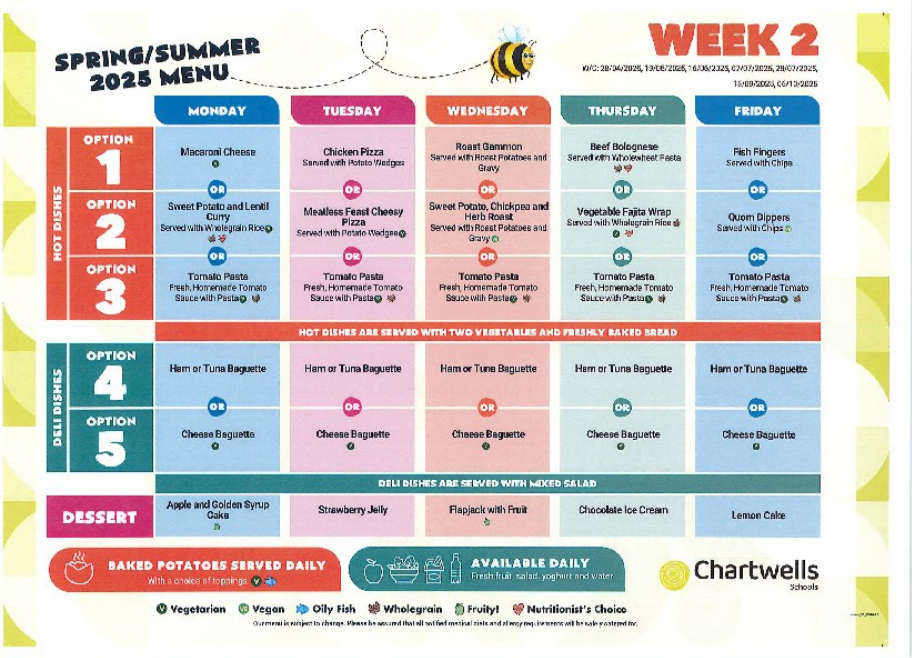
WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It has been so lovely to see the children back and hear all about what they got up to during the Easter holidays! This week has absolutely flown by, with the children settling back into the routines and expectations for Year 5. In English, we are using the Titanium music video as a stimulus for writing, and the children have spent their lessons developing powerful setting descriptions for the first scene. They have carefully chosen prepositions and effective figurative language to enhance their descriptions to the reader. Within Maths, the class have learnt what square and cube numbers are, and practised applying their understanding to a range of problem solving and reasoning questions. The children have become secure with this learning quite quickly, so we will be moving on to recapping and consolidating the four operations next week. Year 5 have been introduced to their new topics in both Science and Geography, and the first lessons of these have hooked the children in. We had an especially fun Science lesson, where the class modelled the distance of the planets from the sun on a much smaller scale! In DT, the children began to explore frame structures, and RE saw them discussing the meaning of 'sacred'. A great first week back and lots of exciting things to look forward to this term!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six we have been settling into a slightly different routine, in preparation for the SATs in May. The children are working hard at refining their arithmetic skills, with a focus on accuracy and confidence. Later in the day, we revisit a different area of maths that they may not have seen for a while, such as time, measure or geometry. During English lessons, we enjoyed a film clip called, 'Broken: Rock, Paper, Scissors' and spent time developing our language around emotions. Although we can sometimes use the words sad, angry or

happy, we found it's often better to be more specific by using words like miserable, enraged or content. This helps our reader understand how a character is really feeling. We are using this to help us write a diary entry, with a focus on accurate sentence structure. In geography, we have begun our new topic on Copacabana, Brazil and in science we started our evolution topic by learning about variation among a species. In art, we looked at some different cartoon strips and started thinking about using different perspectives in our own cartoons. Our PSHE focus was on future aspirations and we started to think about ways we could work towards these goals, through education and outside of school.



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU — WEEK 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES – OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
HOT DISHES – OPTION 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Fajita Wrap Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
HOT DISHES – OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DELI DISHES – OPTION 4	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Ham or Tuna Baguette
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
DELI DISHES – OPTION 5	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Apple and Golden Syrup Cake	Strawberry Jelly	Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Ice Cream	Lemon Cake

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY — With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY — Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

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Star Pupils

Donaldson Reception	Jamie & Emilia
Murphy Year 1	Dominic
Gravett	Adeline
Dahl	Nicholas
Sutcliff Year 4	Arya
Q' Raúf	Isabel
Rundell Year 6	Evan

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 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 R	5.83	8.35
Murphy 1	2.59	4.91
Gravett 2	4.31	4.51
Dahl 3	0.43	4.04
Sutcliff 4	3.75	5.42
Q' Raúf 5	4.91	8.98
Rundell 6	0.78	3.69
Whole School	**3.20**	**5.66**

The class with the best attendance this week is: Dahl Class

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
Donaldson R	4	66
Murphy 1	4	71
Gravett 2	3	36
Dahl 3	7	119
Sutcliff 4	7	87
Q' Raúf 5	4	122
Rundell 6	6	152
Whole School	**35**	**620**

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

Supporting your child to manage anxiety

INTRODUCTION SESSION FOR PARENTS

Does your child struggle with anxiety?
The MHST is offering parent-led sessions to provide you with skills to help support your child with their anxiety.

What we will be covering:

- Who are the MHST
- Why parent-led?
- What is anxiety?
- Fight, Flight, Freeze
- Types of anxiety

Location: Wootton Primary School
Date: Thursday 22nd May 2025
Time: 1:15-2:45pm

If you are interested in this workshop, please speak with your school's Designated Mental Health Leads, Mrs Wilford and Mrs Harrison. Please contact the school office to express interest.

mental health support TEAM

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SESSION ONE FOR PARENTS

Does your child struggle with anxiety?
The MHST is offering parent-led sessions to provide you with skills to help support your child with their anxiety.

What we will be covering:

- How children learn to think/feel
- Avoidance & maintenance in anxiety
- Reassurance - Helping or hindering?
- Being curious about my child's anxiety
- How to map out your child's anxiety

Location: Wootton Primary School
Date: Thursday 5th June 2025
Time: 1:15-2:45pm

If you are interested in this workshop, please speak with your school's Designated Mental Health Lead, Mrs Wilford and Mrs Harrison.

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SESSION TWO FOR PARENTS

Does your child struggle with anxiety?
The MHST is offering parent-led sessions to provide you with skills to help support your child with their anxiety.

What we will be covering:

- Independence
- Rewards
- Step-by-Step Approach
- Predictions vs Outcomes
- Unplanned experiments

Location: Wootton Primary School
Date: Thursday 12th June 2025
Time: 1:15-2:45pm

If you are interested in this workshop, please speak with your school's Designated Mental Health Lead, Mrs Wilford and Mrs Harrison.

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Supporting your child to manage anxiety

SESSION THREE FOR PARENTS

Does your child struggle with anxiety?
The MHST is offering parent-led sessions to provide you with skills to help support your child with their anxiety.

What we will be covering:

- What is worry?
- The two types of worry
- Techniques to manage worry more effectively
- Calming and grounding techniques
- Closing reflections

Location: Wootton Primary School
Date: Thursday 26th June 2025
Time: 1:15-2:45pm

If you are interested in this workshop, please speak with your school's Designated Mental Health Lead, Mrs Wilford and Mrs Harrison.

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On: Monday, 5th May 2025
At: 55 Palmers Road, Wootton
From: 11am - 3pm

Treats to take away or enjoy a cuppa and cake in our pop-up tea garden!

Thank you.

From Hayley, aged 10, and Lara, aged 7.
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No experience is necessary, and you can impress family and friends with your new skills this summer!

£30 (£20 Concessions)

Friday 2, 9, 16, 23rd May and 6 & 13th June
10am to 12:30pm
(Week off for half term on 30th May)

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For ages 19+
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