



Wootton Community Primary School

2nd May 2025

Dear Parents,

What a beautiful week it has been, the children have thoroughly enjoyed being able to use the field and in particular, the children in Key Stage 2 who have benefited from the weather - many **choosing to eat their lunch outside**.

I want to bring **parking** to the start of the newsletter this week in the hope that everyone will read this section! As you are all aware, we have many parents who have a Blue Badge due to either their own disability or their child's. Sadly, several parents have been intimidated this week due to comments made to them. In assembly this week we have explored respect and it saddens me that parents are not being role models of this. Please remember that not all disabilities are visible and that a strict assessment process is used when Blue Badges are awarded. However, please can I ask that if you are in possession of a Blue Badge and do need to park on the double yellow lines, you keep to the school side of the road and not between the traffic lights and the school entrance. Please park further down the Church Road so as not to cause congestion at the traffic lights. Due to the numerous complaints we have received, but in particular the significant impact this has on the safety of children, we have had to notify Island Roads, the Isle of Wight Council and local police team. Please be aware that if you are parked causing an **obstruction** between the school entrance and the traffic lights, you may face a fine. In the same way, if you have dropped your child off **PLEASE** return to your car and allow someone else to park. This will also aid the flow of traffic, thank you.

Year 3 had a great day at Brading Roman Villa on Wednesday and their fantastic behaviour was praised by the Villa staff, well done Year 3. Year 5 had their first sailing session yesterday at Seaview and had fun but were very slow at changing, hopefully this will get better!

Following the news last week regarding the change of SENCo from September, we have received several queries as to whether Miss Paterson will continue to teach. This year Miss Paterson has had a part-time teaching commitment which she will not have in September. We are currently in the process of looking at staffing and will share more news when we are able to do so.

We have had several parents sign up for the first MHST workshop on **Thursday 22nd May, 1.15-2.45pm** but there are more spaces so please contact the office if you would like to attend. 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, 12th and 26th June all 1.15-2.45pm.

I am sorry I had to postpone the **PTA meeting** this week, I look forward to seeing you all next **Wednesday at 6.30pm** to plan an event for the last half of the summer term.

We are delighted to share that we are hiring the hall for a Zumba class. This is great fun if you like loud music and dancing, with the added bonus of helping you keep fit. Please see the poster for more information as it would be great to see some of you next Thursday.

Dates for 2024-25
(subject to change)

Tues 06.05.25
Year 4 WW2 Trip

Weds 07.05.25
PTA Meeting 6.30pm

12.05-15.05.25
Year 6 SATS

Mon 19.05.25
Year 1 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)

Fri 06.06.25
Y5 Planetarium Trip

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	Broadlea Primary	£1181.85
2nd	Lanesend Primary	£1169.60
3rd	Carisbrooke CE Primary	£1167.60
4th	Wootton Primary	£1113.75
5th	Binstead Primary	£1051.60

You will see on the Walk the Wight Leader board that we have dropped from 1st place! Please remember to sign up, regardless of how your child is completing the walk, not long now till the 11th May.

In assembly today we congratulated several different achievements hearing from Phoenix E in Year 2, Ralph and Zach in Year 4 who took part in a rugby festival on the mainland. Also Faye in Year 6 has achieved the silver awards in Scouts and Patryk in Year 3 has been invested in Cubs. Emmy in Year 1 shared her swimming award, well done everyone! We also received a lovely framed photograph from Island Roads which was taken when 'Sir-Grit-a lot' came to visit us back in the winter. This will be displayed in the office area in school. Miss Paterson presented several reading certificates too with some children now at the silver award stage. We concluded assembly talking to Lara in Year 3 and her sister Hayley in Year 5

who are hosting a cake sale on Monday at their home to raise funds for Wessex Cancer. Please support this, more information on the attached poster.

Please remember that we are a **NO NUT(including coconut)** school due to severe allergies for several children and staff. Please check food labels. Morning snacks **MUST** be fruit, cheese or similar and **NOT** biscuits etc.

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1st	Harry M (Y4)	Patryk (Y3)	Joe (Y4)	Kai (Y2)
2nd	Kurtis (Y6)	Matthew D (Y6)	Daisy (Y4)	Henry (4)
3rd	Ted (Y4)	Owen (y4)	Emire (Y4)	Emilia (Y1)
4th	Brody (Y5)	Henry (Y4)	Ahbab (Y3)	Kobi (Y3)
5th	Henry (Y4)	Ahbab (Y3)	Arya (Y4)	Harry B (Y4)
Top Class for the week	Year 4	Year 4	Year 4	Year 3

Mr Scurr shared the result of **homework** over the last week. The top five children each gain 5 House Points for their hard work, in particular well done Year 4 who are working really hard.

Please remember to have a look at the school website for your child's new topic overview for this half-term.

If you shop in Tesco, please sign up to the Easy fundraising App which will give the school a chance to win some money! Please see poster attached.

I have had our Development Days approved for the next academic year. Please see below the days that school will be closed to children and the term dates for next year.

Autumn term 2025 **Monday 1st September to Friday 19th December (Half term Monday 20th to Friday 31st October)

** **Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September are staff training days.** Years 1 to 6 **FIRST DAY** Wednesday 3rd September, NEW Reception children Friday 5th September.

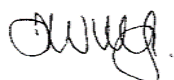
Spring term 2026 Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March (Half term Monday 16th to Friday 20th Feb)

** **Friday 13th February is a staff training day.**

Summer term 2026 Monday 13th April to Monday 27th July (Half term Monday 25th to Friday 29th May)

** **Monday 1st June and Monday 27th July 2026 are staff training days**

In the meantime have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend,



Mrs Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have had a big focus on 'fair sharing' related to maths and sharing amounts equally. This is one of our Early Learning Goals and we started by watching a short video related to this and then we used some resources to share different amounts between 2, 3 and 4 hoops. We had lots of discussions about what we were doing and the children were very good at telling me what 'fair sharing' meant: we all get the same amount!

Outside the children have been using the large wooden blocks to make a pirate ship and they have enjoyed using the pirate dressing clothes to be 'real pirates'. At this point in the year, when the weather is nicer the children access the water tray a lot and they have been using our new jugs to create waterfalls and whilst wearing their boots filled large buckets and stood inside the buckets!

We joined the rest of the school for our first 'Star Pupil' assembly which the children were very excited about. This is to prepare for Year 1.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have had a super week exploring all the different places Sunny the meerkat visits in our class book Meerkat Mail. He visit rainforests, swamps and even the unique animals of Madagascar! The class wrote in role as Sunny, sending postcards home from each place - we are blown away by their fantastic independent writing at the moment. Towards the end of the week we started to think about what we know about meerkats and watched some interesting clips to find out more in preparation for fact file writing next week. In Maths we worked on finding half of different amounts, recording our working using bar models and then writing number sentences. We also explored doubling to 10 and then 20 with some super mental maths strategies being used :)

In Art we enjoyed using the watercolour paints to make different shades for a desert scene and continued to develop our sketching skills using different types of pencils. We continued learning how to type using a keyboard during computing and learned the function of a few more keys like space, enter and backspace. Finally, we really enjoyed this week's Big Think question: Can technology ever become too smart? The class discussed robots becoming cleverer than humans and maybe taking over the world (eek!) and were really creative making robot masks, armour and secret labs.

Well done!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What another beautiful sunny week!

The class has worked really hard this week. As the sun was shining, on Tuesday we went outside and planted our final seeds in the sensory garden. We're hoping these wild flower seeds enjoy the heat and the sun and quickly start growing to attract some new wildlife. Moving on from our plants unit of work, we will be looking at animals and habitats and exploring what types of animals we have living in the sensory garden and considering how this may change over the seasons of the year. So far, the children are really enjoying this unit of work!

In English, we thought about what would happen if the Happy Endings from the story didn't get returned. We took some familiar fairy tales, and changed them to having unhappy endings. The children really enjoyed trying to make them as gruesome as possible.

In Maths, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction of two digit numbers. The class did brilliantly with this, solving a range of different questions with ease and fluency.

This week we finally started learning about The Great Fire of London. We looked at historical London and present day London, making comparisons. Next week, we look forward to learning more about the event itself and how it started.

Thank you again for the amazing support with the homework. I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a busy, and very warm, week! In English the children have continued to develop their understanding of our class text by writing diary entries from contrasting points of view of the main characters. As part of this learning the children have learned how to use fronted adverbials to make their sentences more interesting. In maths, we have continued to study measure and have focused on comparing and converting between mm, cm and m. In science, we explored friction and tested the theory that the smoother a surface the faster an object can travel. This was a great investigation which concluded that a plastic coated whiteboard will provide the fastest surface for a race track. My highlight of the week has to be our educational visit to Brading Roman Villa. The children conducted themselves very well, so much so three separate volunteers there commented on the positive behaviour of our students. A personal highlight was the amount of information the class had remembered from our Roman topic!

Well done Year 3!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year 4, we have been continuing with our theme of World War 2. In History, we learned all about Operation Pied Piper and identified the positives and negatives of being a child evacuee. This allowed us to understand how the two main characters, Tucky and David, from our class text 'Friend or Foe', may have been feeling as they said goodbye to their mothers and headed for Devon's countryside. Based on the text, Year 4 have been writing a character description of Mr Reynolds, the kind and confident farmer, who volunteers to care for the boys on his farm.

In Science, we have begun our electricity unit by identifying what an appliance is, and classifying each appliance as battery-powered, mains-powered or neither.

In DT, we have been understanding food safety and how to store food correctly to avoid contamination, decay and spoilage. Photo editing is the focus in our new computing unit, and we discussed why photographers may edit their images to improve them, but also how editing may create a false perception of reality and the negative impacts of this.

Finally, Year 4 learned all about why we pay taxes in PSHE, analysing what a real-life wage slip may look like and what the deductions that we observed mean. It has been a very productive week in the sunshine. Well done Year 4!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a super week for Year 5! In English, the children have thought carefully about how the characters feel within the video, and written effective dialogue to explain the events. In maths, they worked hard consolidating their understanding of volume and how to find this for different shapes. The class began their new computing unit about vector drawings and explored how to create these using slides. We extended our knowledge of the solar system in science, by researching how long each planet takes to orbit the sun.

But in amongst all of this great learning, the highlight of the week has to be our first sailing session! I cannot express how proud I am of the children for listening attentively to the instructions and then throwing themselves into the water (even if slightly nervous beforehand!) They learnt how to rig the boats and then completed capsizing training, in the event of the boat tipping over. The children loved their first session and it was so lovely to see them enjoying themselves! We are looking forward to our second session next week, where they will learn more about sailing and hopefully be slightly quicker at putting the wetsuits on!



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week, we have written the story of Rock, Paper and Scissors in our own words, and I have been really impressed with their accurate sentence structure, speech punctuation, and thoughtful vocabulary choices. The children have shown huge improvement in their writing this month so well done everyone and keep it up! In maths, we have continued to improve our accuracy, with just a couple of areas catching us out now and again. The reasoning that we do alongside the arithmetic is allowing the children to apply their calculation skills to more complex problems. In geography, we used the computers to look at a live stream of Copacabana beach and then we used Google maps to search for the physical and human geographical features of Copacabana and compared them to the Isle of Wight. In science, we learned about inherited characteristics and discussed the traits we can pass on to our offspring. In art we began our flip books and next week we will complete them and the children can bring them home. During PSHE, we thought about wellbeing and how we can relax and stay positive even during busy or worrying times, by prioritising sleep, keeping active when we can, focusing on our strengths, and spending time doing things we enjoy such as seeing friends.

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 3

MON: 05/04/2025, 05/04/2025, 23/04/2025, 4/05/2025, 01/06/2025,
29/06/2025, 11/08/2025

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholemeal Pasta	Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	OPTION 2	Chilli No Cheese With Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Veggie Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Shepherd's Pie Served with Gravy	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	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
	OPTION 5	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Cheese Baguette
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Shortcake	Chocolate Brownie	Flapjack with Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, soft fruit and cereal

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Vegetarian

Vegan

Oily Fish

Wholegrain

Fruity!

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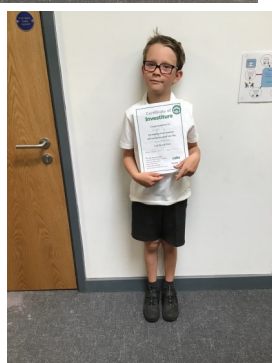
Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be contact if we all need medical diets and allergy requirements will be fully catered for.

Star Pupils

Donaldson Reception	Ivy and Archie
Murphy Year 1	Nancy
Gravett Year 2	Arlo
Dahl Year 3	Pippa
Sutcliff Year 4	Ralph
Q' Raúf	Chloe
Rundell	Jack

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	7	8.31
Murphy 1	6.55	4.97
Gravett 2	1.39	4.39
Dahl 3	0.34	3.91
Sutcliff 4	4.66	5.39
Q' Raúf 5	0.37	6.64
Rundell 6	0.63	3.58
Whole School	3.01	5.29

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

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
Donaldson R	7	73
Murphy 1	8	79
Gravett 2	0	36
Dahl 3	11	140
Sutcliff 4	3	90
Q' Raúf 5	3	125
Rundell 6	2	154
Whole School	34	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.

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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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Occupational therapy Parent advice sessions

The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks - e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- Preschool / school readiness



Session Dates for 2025

(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 18 September, 16 October, 20 November

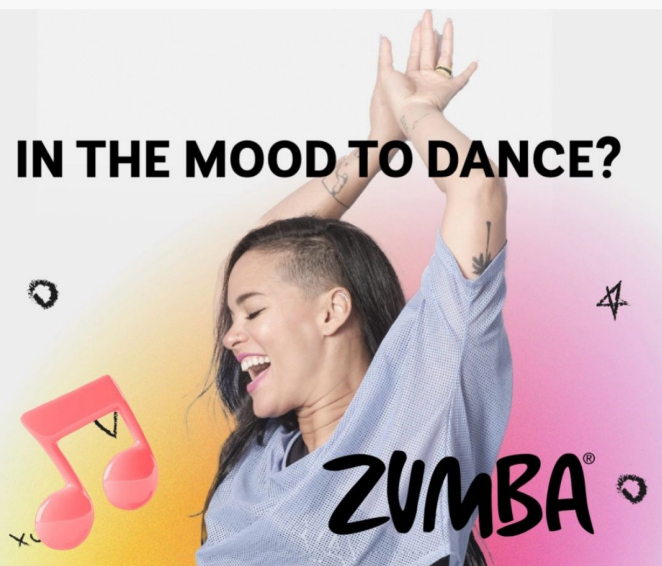
Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on **01983 534520** or via email to iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net

Sessions will take place at the Childrens Therapies Department, St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight

IN THE MOOD TO DANCE?



I KNOW A PLACE.

Bringing a class to you at Wootton Primary School, Starting Thursday 8th of May, 6.30pm! Come join the Fitness party! 🥳👟🏃‍♀️
Sarah 07773916886

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PROJECT WIGHT HOOPS PRESENTS.....

BASKETBALL CAMP

YOUTH AGE 5-18

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MAY 30th & 31st 10am - 4pm

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COST... 1 Day £30 Both days £50 Inc T-shirt

Book at...
<https://spond.com/invite/CZOUJ>

May Bank Holiday Fun!

FAMILY FOOTBALL FUN DAY!



Join us for an exciting family event, watch the grown-ups battle on the pitch in a full-length football match and you can play in one of our mini-matches (under 10s & under 14s)

FOOTBALL • INFLATABLES • DEREK SANDY • DRINKS • FOOD • ICE CREAM • MUSIC • STALLS • ACTIVITIES • FUN • SPORTS • CHARITY!

BRADING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Vicarage Ln, Brading, Sandown, PO36 0AR

SUNDAY 25TH MAY

from 10am - k/o at 2pm



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SUPPORTING: Mountbatten

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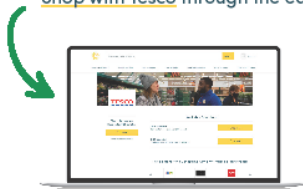


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Little Baddow WI - last year's winner

We're hosting a bake sale for



Wessex Cancer Support

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.
xx



Please come along and support us!