



Wootton Community Primary School

9th May 2025

Dear Parents,

Dates for 2024-25
(subject to change)

12.05-15.05.25
Year 6 SATS (Breakfast
from 8.00am)

Mon 19.05.25
Year 1 Wildlife Sanctuary
Visit

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 Visit

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 Visit

Fri 18.07.25
End of year reports
home

Mon 21.07.25 1.15pm
Reception and KS1
Sports Day

Tues 22.07.25 1.15pm
Ks2 Sports Day

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

With it being another four day week, the week seems to have zoomed by! I had the pleasure of joining Year 4 on their visit to Havenstreet on Tuesday, all dressed as evacuees - thank you to all the parents who provided such fantastic outfits for their children. We had a great day and the children were praised for their behaviour and level of engagement with the activities.

During the week in assemblies and classes the children have been exploring VE Day, learning many facts and some songs. The children were particularly engaged with the story shared yesterday when Queen Elizabeth was allowed to 'sneak' out during the celebrations in London to mix with the crowds and experience the atmosphere. The children enjoyed seeing pictures of the event and shared their thoughts. The children were also able to share their knowledge with Jay in Year 6 being an exceptional font of facts - thanks Jay!

Thank you to Amy, Sarah, Ashleigh, Emily and Danielle for giving their time to meet me on Wednesday for a **PTA meeting**. We have discussed holding a family disco with activities on **Friday 18th July 4.30-6pm BUT** this can only go ahead if we have sufficient help. We will need at least 12 parent helpers to run stalls, such as a sweet shop, drinks and games such as hook a duck, however, the event will not go ahead if we do not have enough people committing to help. These events not only raise money for the children but also provide great fun and we are really keen to continue with these. So, we need people to sign up by **FRIDAY 6th JUNE** either leaving a message at the office or by contacting a member of the PTA. If we do not have sufficient offers of help by then we will not be able to go ahead. If we can go ahead we will hold another PTA meeting on Wednesday 11th June at 6.30pm however, there is no requirement that you must come to this if you are able to help at the event. We also discussed whether we can run a **car boot** sale at school. Weather permitting we are hoping to hold one on Saturday **14th June, 10am - 12pm**. Sellers would need to be on site between 9 and 9.45am, buyers entry will be at 10am. Admission will be a donation on the gate with sellers paying £5. If this is successful we will explore holding these more regularly.

We had a busy **assembly** today when we congratulated many children who took part in various sports festivals last weekend. Phoenix E in Year 2, Louis Year in 3, Ralph, Owen, Zach in Year 4, Brody in Year 5 and Theodore and Alfie S in Year 6 all shared their medals and experiences from taking part in a rugby festival competing against teams from the mainland. Phoenix B in Year 2 and Jacob in Year 6 shared their football medals and experiences following their football tournament against mainland teams. It is wonderful to see so many children involved in sports outside of school. We also congratulated Enya in Year 3 who has achieved a swimming grade and also presented the Year 3 children with their swimming certificates and badges from their recent swimming program. Patryk in Year 3 has been awarded the chief scouts bronze award at cubs and Iommi in Year 6 has earned two badges at her horse riding. Well done everyone for your commitment to your clubs. We also celebrated with Lara in Year 3 and her sister Hayley in Year 5 for their incredible fund raising for Wessex Cancer, raising £830.18 at their cake sale on Monday.

Miss Paterson presented five children with their bronze reading certificates and Dominic in Year 1 was presented with a silver certificate for his 175 reads at home, great work everyone!

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1 st	Harry M (Y4)	Patryk (Y3)	Ahbab (Y3)	Kai (Y2)
2 nd	Patryk (Y3)	Matthew D (Y6)	Max (Y6)	Jack (Y1)
3 rd	Harry (Y5)	Eneah (Y6)	Joe (Y4)	Jackson (Y3)
4 th	Matthew (Y5)	Harry M (Y4)	Lucas (Y4)	Ryan (Y1)
5 th	Adiella (Y3)	Adiella (Y3)	Shaantanu (Y4)	Jack (Y1)
Top Class for the week	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Year 1

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

I am receiving more and more requests for children to take holidays during term time, which I am unable to authorise. I am also aware that children are being reported as 'unwell' yet have gone on holiday. Please be aware that the DfE are taking a much tighter approach to any absences now. Frequent absences due to either holiday or sickness are monitored and if absences meet the threshold of concern, further action is taken. There have already been several cases where families have been open to Children's Services due to poor attendance as this is deemed as educational neglect, so please be mindful of this. Whilst I really do appreciate the cost of holidays during term time is significantly less, I do have a duty to ensure that you are made aware of the potential consequence this could bring. Please see details below:

Parents have a duty to ensure their child's regular attendance at school and failure to do so is an offence under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996. As a family holiday is not an exceptional circumstance this absence will be referred to the Local Authority and you may be issued with a Truancy Penalty Notice (TPN) in accordance with the Local Authority's procedures in respect of leave during term time.

*Please note that a Truancy Penalty Notice is issued by the Local Authority to **each parent/carer** for **each** child taken out of school. A Truancy Penalty Notice is £160 which is reduced to £80 if paid within the first 21 days for an initial period of unauthorised absence. **A second Truancy Penalty Notice issued within three years is not eligible for the reduction to £80** (from August 2024). Thereafter if the Truancy Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days this may result in legal action be taken against you.*

Please note that for absences in excess of 15 days (30 sessions) prosecution under Section 444 Education Act 1996 may be considered, in accordance with the IW Council's Code of Conduct which can be found at <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-attendance/family-holidays-and-school-holidays/>

Next week we will be welcoming our new Reception parents who have children starting with us in September. We are delighted that we have a full class and are so popular. We are oversubscribed with several families disappointed that they have not been given a space here. We have also had many families look around from schools that have been named to close and it is always such a privilege to show the school to visitors and in particular, for them to meet our wonderful children, I am very proud of them all.

Good luck to all the children and families taking part in Walk the Wight on Sunday. I hope it is dry but not too warm, we look forward to hearing all about it next week.

Year 6 have continued to show such positivity this week in the lead up to SATS next week. We look forward to seeing them for breakfast on Monday at 8am.

In the meantime have a lovely weekend,



Mrs Wilford

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have had a busy time clearing our raised bed and the children added 6 bags of compost ready for our vegetable plants. These have been planted and our 'helping hands' are going to be responsible for watering these each day. We shall keep you posted on our vegetables progress.

In English this week we have been choosing a pirate picture to label. We have spent time looking at the clothing and have then described what we can see. From this we have then used our sounds to write the words. We firstly say the word and then write the sounds we can hear.

In our art area we have been drawing around our hands and have then added facial features and a pirate hat. This has been a really good activity for developing strength in our fingers as the children had to cut around the hand template.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we did some more work on facts/opinions. We read lots of sentences about meerkats and decided if each sentence was a fact or opinion. We then sorted facts about meerkats into different groups - habitat, appearance and diet. The children then wrote some fantastic fact files about meerkats! They used lots of super vocabulary and included some interesting information. In Maths we started by looking at hundred squares and talking about the patterns we noticed. The class counted in ones and tens from different numbers and then created number lines. We found one more and one less than 2-digit numbers and solved some tricky problems, before learning about different turns at the end of the week. We all enjoyed giving each other instructions on the playground about directions, steps and turns and loved pretending to be robots! We learnt about the Sahara Desert in Geography. We thought about the weather, animals and plants and wrote information under these headings. In Art we got busy beginning to create collage pieces based on either a hot or cold place inspired by the artist John Piper. These are looking fabulous already and we look forward to putting them on display soon. We continued our work on using the keyboard in Computing and made some posters using the different tools we have learned about so far. Keep up the super work!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

A brilliant week in Year 2!

This week in English, we have been changing the happy endings from fairy tales to unhappy endings. The children have loved this activity, with some endings becoming very gruesome! The children had to write new endings to stories and also use persuasive writing to advertise their new stories. They did a great job with this, with a lot of brilliant quality writing.

In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction, focusing on two digit numbers. This week we moved onto looking and decoding worded problems and recapped several key methods we can use to solve them. The children showed fantastic resilience through this, and were all working independently by the end of week.

The class loved our science this week. We explored micro habitats within the school site, and looked at what minibeasts prefer different locations. The class planned and then carried out an experiment to see where woodlouse like to live. To our surprise, all the woodlouse chose the grass and flower habitat rather than the bark that we had predicted. It was great fun and really engaged the learning of all of the class.

Another great week! Well done Year 2!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Our learning topics have really swung into top gear this week. In English, we have reached a really interesting point in the story where Laura has found a sea turtle washed up on the beach. We have used this writing stimulus to write a set of instructions on how to rescue and care for a leatherback turtle. This writing allowed the students the opportunity to include imperative verbs, adverbs and some fronted adverbials to make their sentences more interesting. In maths, we have focused on lines. Learning how to identify lines of symmetry, parallel and perpendicular lines, vertical and horizontal lines and clockwise and anticlockwise turns. In computing the children learned how to code a set of simple instructions using sprite and in science, which was my highlight of the week, the children learned how a magnet works through explorative play.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a very exciting week in Year 4 this week! Most notably, we kicked the week off with our educational visit to the Isle of Wight Steam Railway. The children looked absolutely magnificent in their evacuee costumes, and many members of the public commented on how wonderful it was to see them all, particularly so close to VE day. The class presented themselves in a mature and sensible manner and were role models for the school.

Back at school, we have been focusing on addition and subtraction in Maths, using inverse operations to solve missing number problems and 2-step word problems. In English, we have remained focused on WW2, writing a recount of our trip and a persuasive letter from an evacuee child, trying to convince their parent or the government not to evacuate them. DT has also remained WW2 themed, as we learned all about the importance of vegetables during the war, and created a poster based on the Dig for Victory campaign. Finally, we ended the week discussing the Big Think question "Do children have the right to make their own decisions?" which prompted lots of discussion and debate as I'm sure you can imagine!

Have a wonderful weekend Year 4.



WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday! It has been another good week for Year 5.

In English, we moved on to explore the Pandora Discovered video, and will be building up to writing a non-chronological report about our own new planet. The children have enjoyed analysing the video and are looking forward to designing their own worlds to write about! In maths, Year 5 have been recapping column addition and subtraction, making sure that they are completely secure on each part of the process.

Science saw the children asking and answering questions about why we have day and night, and in Geography, we thought about how we might conserve resources better.

Again, the highlight of the week was our sailing session and I can confirm that the children were much quicker getting changed! It was a little cooler and fairly windy for this week's session, so Year 5 had to battle against the cold and some waves. But this didn't stop them; they glided across the water and had a good chance at practising their sailing technique for the first time.

We have a break next week and then back again the week after, which the children are already looking forward to!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have had a 'free write' opportunity in English, where the children were given an inspiration picture and made their own choice about what form of writing they wanted to undertake. It was lovely to see the variety of genres chosen and the creativity on display. In maths, we have reviewed long division and found that the children are building an excellent level of accuracy in this area so well done everyone! In geography, the children created travel brochures or websites about the tourism region of Copacabana in Brazil, including information on the local shops as well as climate and more. In art, we made our flip book animation, which the children really enjoyed once they had the hang of making small changes to the picture each time. Our science focus this week was animal adaptations, which will lead to learning about evolution next week. Speaking of next week, we are looking forward to the upcoming SATs papers, during which the children will be able to really show off all their hard work this year as well as their learning and progress since beginning their school journey. The tests only last an hour or so each day until Thursday, so the rest of each day will involve some fun and relaxing activities, as well as their normal subjects like art and PE. On Friday, there will be a fun day and we will be in touch about this shortly. I have the greatest of confidence in their hard work and I hope they know how proud the whole Year Six team is of their progress and resilience. Bring on the SATs breakfasts!

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 1

WED 15/04/2025, 15/05/2025, 05/06/2025, 10/06/2025, 21/06/2025,

04/07/2025, 20/08/2025

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wilted Kale Pasta 	BBQ Chicken Served with Rainbow Rice 	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges 	Fish Fingers Served with Chips 
	OPTION 2	Broccoli and Leek Tart 	Macaroni Cheese 	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges 	Veggie Fingers 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		Chocolate Brownie 	Fruits of the Forest Jolly 	Caramel Mousse 	Strawberry Ice Cream 	Ginger Biscuit with Fruit 

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings  

AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, baked, yogurt and cereal

Chartwells

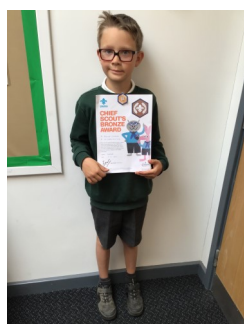
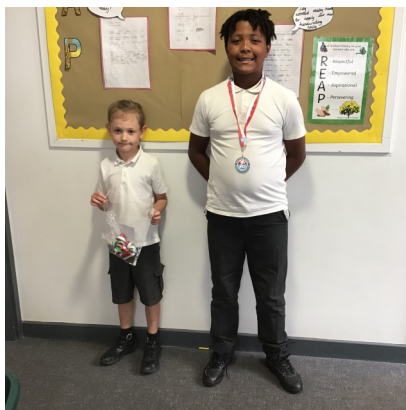
Schools

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all named medical diets and allergen requirements will be strictly followed.

Star Pupils

Donaldson Reception	Hollie and James
Murphy Year 1	Sonny W
Gravett Year 2	Ava
Dahl Year 3	Megan
Sutcliff Year 4	Lucas
Q' Raúf	Max
Rundell Year 6	Rocco

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	4.9	8.19
Murphy 1	4.74	4.97
Gravett 2	0.43	4.31
Dahl 3	4.31	3.92
Sutcliff 4	2.04	5.33
Q' Raúf 5	3.71	6.55
Rundell 6	1.17	3.51
Whole School	3.09	5.23

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

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
Donaldson R	4	77
Murphy 1	9	88
Gravett 2	2	38
Dahl 3	2	142
Sutcliff 4	5	95
Q' Raúf 5	1	126
Rundell 6	2	156
Whole School	25	645

***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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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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ALL PROFITS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE UPKEEP AND ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS TO GODSHILL PLAY PARK

GODSHILL

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SATURDAY 31ST MAY 2025
11AM - 4PM
GODSHILL PLAY PARK, CENTRAL MEAD

FREE ENTRY! DONATIONS WELCOME!

COME ALONG FOR LOTS OF MERRIMENT, MUNCHING AND MINGLING ON THE MEAD!

Limited pre-booked accessible parking ONLY!
We are on a main bus route! If coming by car please consider car sharing and park responsibly.

GODSHILL

Play Fest!

SATURDAY 31ST MAY 2025
11AM - 4PM
GODSHILL PLAY PARK, CENTRAL MEAD
WWW.GODSHILLPLAYPARK.CO.UK

2KM KIDS FUN RUN! (START LINE 11AM!)

GET YOUR TRAINERS ON!
AND JOIN US FOR OUR FAB 2KM KIDS FUN RUN!
MEDALS FOR ALL OUR RUNNERS!

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Scouts Isle Of Wight

Corf Scout Campsite

Open Day

Corf Road, Shalfleet, PO30 4NT

Saturday 17 May 2025
10:00am - 4:00pm

All welcome. Bring the family. Many activities.
Refreshments. Parking £5 per car. Free entry.
Sorry, no unaccompanied children & no dogs (except assistance dogs).



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Our Newport hub is now open!

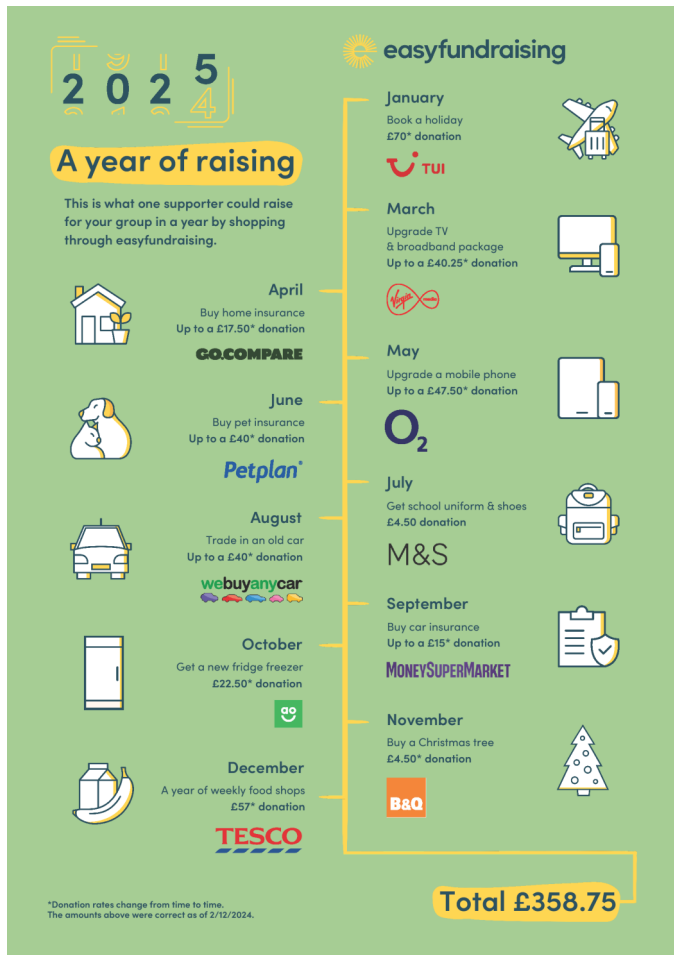
Foster carers turn children's lives around

Story Time with...

Wednesday 14th May 9.30-11.30am 	Wednesday 21st May 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 28th May 9.30-11.30am 	Wednesday 4th June 9.30-11.30am

Included in your entrance or all 4 story times for £22

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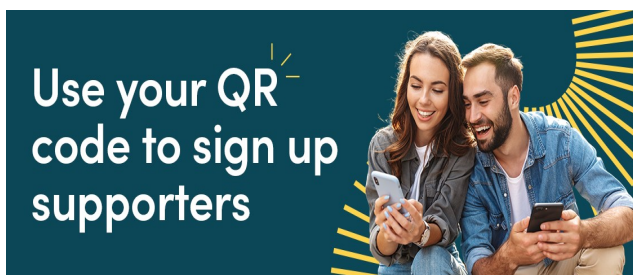
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Little Baddow WI - last year's winner