Wootton Community Primary School

23rd May 2025

Dear Parents,

Mrs Wilford, Ms White and Mr Billington have been having a great time away with Year 6 on their residential and we look forward to hearing all about it when they are back on the Island! We also wanted to say a big well done to our Y6 pupils who have remained in school this week, completing a range of different creative projects, and being excellent helpers during PE lessons across the school - you have been superstars!

We are pleased to have welcomed some of our new entrants from their nurseries for short visits to our Reception class and we look forward to them joining us for our transition day on 8th July :)

A reminder that Monday 2nd June is a development day for teachers so **the first day back for the children will be Tuesday 3rd June.**

We have a rather large lost property mountain growing, so please come and have a rummage at the front office if you are missing something, and refresh any name labels in your child's belongings before the sunny Summer term.

Our school nurse, Clare Joy, will be back on Wednesday 11th June from 9am to 12pm if you wanted to book a session with her. Clare can offer advice on anything health related whether it be sleeping issues, eating, toileting etc. and she has already provided a lot of successful support to many families in school. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a slot for an informal chat.

In last week's newsletter we mentioned about us potentially holding a car boot sale on Saturday 14th June. Please can you let the PTA know via their Facebook page or leaving a message at the office if you would like to book a space.

We also asked for confirmed volunteers for the event on **Friday 18th July 4.30-6pm**. We will need to have sufficient number of helpers in place prior to the PTA meeting on 11th June so please let us know if you are able to help by Friday 6th June, thank you.

Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary on Monday, where they applied their science learning to real life animals! Multiple members of the public praised their outstanding behaviour and listening skills - well done everyone for being such excellent ambassadors for our school, whilst having lots of fun.

We also welcomed Stuart from Wight Music Tuition for an interactive guitar led performance on Tuesday. Everyone enjoyed joining in with all kinds of music from rock to pop to reggae! If your child is interested in learning an instrument from Wight Music Tuition, please contact them directly using the form on their website: https://iwmt.org.uk/apply-online/

The MHST delivered an informative and helpful session to a few parents on Thursday about how to manage and support anxiety for children. We hope to see some more parents at the next session after half term.

Dates for 2024-25 (subject to change)

26.05-30.05.25 Half-term

Mon 02.06.25 INSET day (school closed to children)

Fri 06.06.25 Y5 Planetarium Visit

Weds 11.06.25 School Nurse Clinic 9am-12pm

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

Mon 28.07.25 and Tues 29.07.25 INSET day (school closed to children)

Year 5 have also continued their sailing sessions with Seaview Sailing Club, and this week everything they have been learning began to come together! The children were able to successfully sail around a short race course independently, and once again the class were praised for their excellent determination, behaviour and enthusiasm. Well done for making the most of this amazing opportunity!

It was a great assembly today celebrating our star pupils for a range of different reasons. We also congratulated Felix in YR for his 10m swimming certificate, Harry in Y3 for a successful first football tournament with the Ventnor Volts, Florence in Y3 for her recent show performance, and EmilyRose in Y5 for her recent football tournament. Great work everyone!

Mr Scurr shared the result of this week's **homework**. The top five children each gain 5 House Points—well done.

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1st	Harry M (Y4)	Henry (Y4)	Ahbab (Y3)	Kai (Y2)
2nd	Patryk (Y3)	Patryk (Y3)	Louis (Y3)	Callum (Y5)
3rd	Lucas (Y4)	Harry M (Y4)	Shaantanu (Y4)	Jack (Y1)
4th	Arya (Y4)	Violet (Y5)	Arya (Y4)	Emilia (Y1)
5th	Faye (Y6)	Harry (Y5)	Ralph (Y4)	Kobi (Y3)
Top Class for the week	Year 4	Year 5	Year 3	Year 3

We wish you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend and all the children a fun-filled half-term,

Miss Paterson
Deputy Headteacher

Please see below for a County Press promotion running from Monday 2nd June until Friday 11th July. They are asking school communities to collect tokens printed in the county press to be in for a chance to win some fantastic prizes up to £1000 for their school. The school with the most tokens collected per pupil will be the winner! So if you are a County Press reader, please get snipping, and bring the tokens in to school.
http://www.newsquest.co.uk/prize-competition-rules

School Nurse Clinic

Wednesday 11th June
9am to 12pm

Please ring the office to book in

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have spent most of the week carrying out phonics assessments ready for the second part of the summer term. I have been really impressed at how hard the children worked and the fact they could apply their knowledge of diagraphs and trigraphs to longer words.
In Maths we have continued to look at odd and even numbers and on the carpet - the children have been able to explain what makes a number odd and what makes it an even number.
The children have also enjoyed helping the staff set up our dinosaur area ready for next term.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We had a fantastic day at the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary on Monday! We had a guided tour and found out some really interesting information about the animals. The children answered lots of questions about the different types of animals, I was very impressed with how much they have remembered from our Science lessons - well done Year One! In English we made inferences about the character's feelings then the children wrote a letter in role explaining how Blue Penguin felt. The class also found out more about penguins and their habitat and wrote independent fact files to showcase their new knowledge. We learnt to name 3D shapes in Maths and thought about the differences between the shapes. The children made some 3D shapes and looked for different 3D shapes in the classroom. They also began to create patterns using 3-D shapes, beginning to describe their properties to find the mystery shape. We did some fieldwork in Geography linked to our topic of hot and cold countries. We predicted which areas of our school are hot/cold then used thermometers to find the hot and cold areas. We created a map to show our findings. In Art we created our own Gallery and evaluated the effect of our collage scenes compared to the work of the Artist John Piper. Finally in Computing we compared writing on paper to writing using the computer and thought about which jobs each method would be useful for. Keep practicing that typing, you have all done a super job!
Well done on a brilliant (though short!) half-term - we are looking forward to spending the final term of Year 1 together after the break :)

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow, this half term seems to have flown by!
Due to a couple of bank holidays and it being a shorter half term, we will be continuing to learn about the same topics for the first 2 weeks back in June.
In English, we started looking at a new book, The Tale of Two Beasts. This is a lovely story which tells the events from two different points of view. The children have really enjoyed the book and have planned and written a new innovated version, with their very own beast character. We've seen brilliant writing all of this half term, so a huge well done Year 2!
In maths, we have been looking at time. We have been learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. The class were incredible with this, using their 5 times table knowledge to help them. Any practice of this over half term would greatly benefit the children!
In History, we thought about how we know so much detail of the events before, during and after The Great Fire of London. We looked closely at the diary of Samuel Pepys and at some art work that was created at the time of the fire. We thought about the reliability to these sources and how things have changed over time.
A brilliant week to end the half term! I hope you have a lovely week off, ready for a rather lengthy final half term in Year 2!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have finished the half term in style! This week, the children finished their studies in several subjects. In English we concluded reading our class text - The Wreck of the Zanzibar and I am so glad the majority of the class enjoyed learning from this book. We ended the unit by writing a persuasive letter to the government, asking for aid after the winter storms destroyed so much. In Maths, we have recapped time - something which is notoriously challenging to master. The children have worked extremely hard to improve their understanding of time. Please continue to practice telling the time at home to cement their understanding. In computing, the children finished their first coding unit by creating, and coding, their own music concert. In RE, we compared features of several different places of worship including: a church, mosque and synagogue. We then were able to answer the question: Why are places of worship special? However, my highlight of the week was art. Over the last two weeks the children have designed and sculpted their own Gaudi inspired building and creature.

I hope you have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to a productive end to the academic year!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow! Where did that half term go? For our final week in Year 4, we have been concluding our WWII topic and we finished the week by completing our class book "Friend or Foe" by Michael Morpurgo. The topic has certainly sparked a lot of interest among the class, and on Thursday, we made some delicious carrot cookies using our rationed food items which was an exciting end to our DT topic, and to a great half term.

We also completed our diary entries from the perspective of David from our class book, to give insight into his experience of discovering German airmen on British territory during the war. Bringing their diary entries to life, the children used informal language and conjunctions to expand on why David was feeling the way he was.

In Maths, we have been practicing our methods of addition and subtraction without using formal methods such as the column method. This has proved quite challenging for some of the class who excel using the column method, as they truly master the concept using numbers lines and partitioning.

Finally, in Science, we have been having lots of fun with our electricity topic which we will continue next half term also. The children have been creating circuits and exploring each component, the effect of adding additional batteries to the circuit, switches and buzzers. Overall, it has been a very busy and fun-filled half term and I look forward to welcoming the class back for our final half term together in Year 4.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

I cannot believe it is half term already!

We have had a lovely week in Year 5, finishing off our learning units across the curriculum. In English, the children completed writing their non-chronological reports based on their planet, and then created videos with their own voiceover. The class have worked extremely hard on these and they have been brilliant to read and listen to, well done Year 5! Within Maths, the children have been practising their multi-step problem skills, focusing specifically on choosing the correct operation to solve the questions. They are now very secure on their addition and subtraction methods, ready to consolidate their multiplication and division after half term. In computing, the class experimented with the learnt tools on slides to create a vector drawing, and in PSHE, we explored what it means to be grown up. We also watched and participated in a live concert from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in music, and finished making our frame structures in DT. My highlight, however, has to be our sailing session which we received great feedback from the instructors on. They said that the children's attitudes, listening and perseverance was brilliant, especially when some fell off the boats! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves again this week, and we are excited for our last two sessions next term.

Have a super week off and a well-deserved break!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

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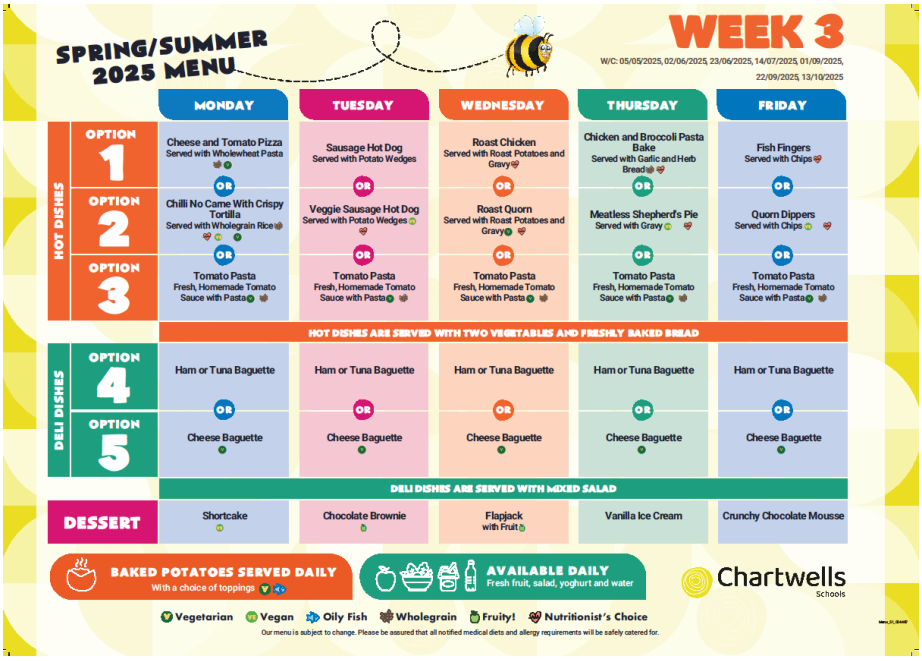
We will give you more of an update in our next Newsletter.



Star Pupils

Donaldson Reception	Dean and Jayden
Murphy Year 1	Grace
Gravett Year 2	Clara
Dahl Year 3	Ellie
Sutcliff Year 4	Zach
Q' Raúf Year 5	Harry
Rundell Year 6	Whole class!

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	9	8.16
Murphy 1	11.04	5.28
Gravett 2	4.48	4.3
Dahl 3	2.07	3.92
Sutcliff 4	9	5.46
Q' Raúf 5	3.33	11.93
Rundell 6	0.78	3.33
Whole School	**5.71**	**5.23**

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

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
Donaldson R	11	92
Murphy 1	7	99
Gravett 2	5	43
Dahl 3	4	147
Sutcliff 4	10	109
Q' Raúf 5	5	133
Rundell 6	1	158
Whole School	**43**	**688**

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

Isle of Wight Neurodiversity Multidisciplinary Team

First point of contact for parents/carers and professionals

Parent Drop-in Sessions

Friday 21st March at 11am
Friday 25th April at 10am
Friday 23rd May at 10am
Friday 27th June at 10am
Friday 25th July at 10am

Look out for us at Parents evenings

Webinars/Workshops Available

Child to Parent Violence
Navigating Neurodivergence
Re-establishing Routines
Boundaries and Expectations
Accepting Adolescence
Break-through Behaviour
Feel without Fear

Please enquire using

IOW NDMDT Enquiry

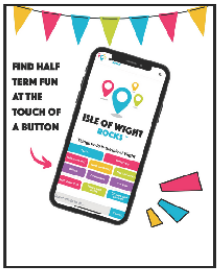
ISLE OF WIGHT ROCKS™

MAY 2025

WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

www.isleofwightrocks.co.uk



FIND HALF TERM FUN

Half-term fun made easy! The Isle of Wight Rocks website is packed with family-friendly activities, from exciting parks and scenic walks to our holiday club guide. And to make things even simpler, we've added a handy button to help you find it all in a flash!

- HALF TERM FUN
- PARKS & WALKS
- HOLIDAY CLUBS

OUR FAVOURITE HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

- SHAUN THE SHEEP FARMATHLON LIVE! - at Tapnell Farm Park
- TICKET TO RYDE - at Ryde Beach
- PLAYFEST - at Godshill Play Park

www.isleofwightrocks.co.uk

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Wise Owl Holiday Club

8 - 14 yrs

Naturezones.org.uk I am a wise owl

Come and have a great time outdoors! Go on a nature safari, look for wildlife in our ponds, woods and meadows. See if you can charm worms out of the ground. Get creative in our guided art sessions and try some crafts using willow and other natural materials. Play games based around wildlife and tackle a challenge! Various different fun activities during each session.

Half Term 29th May 10am - 1.30 pm
£5 (bring packed lunch)

Funded by Heritage Lottery

MUST BOOK - Limited places

Full details on booking form

Where: Blackwater

www.naturezones.org.uk

Schools Walk the Wight Leaderboard		
1st	Carisbrooke Primary	£3418.40
2nd	Lanesend Primary	£3098.10
3rd	Wootton Primary	£2877.25
4th	Binstead Primary	£2622.30
5th	Broadlea Primary	£2299.05