



Wootton Community Primary School

6th June 2025

Dear Parents,

I had the absolute pleasure of joining **Year 6** on their residential before half-term. We had a great time and I was so incredibly impressed with the children's engagement with all the activities, several children really pushing themselves and everyone having a go. We had mixed weather, but that did not stop us having such great fun and we look forward to sharing all the photographs with the Year 6 parents at the leavers presentation on Friday 25th July.

Don't forget that our **school nurse**, Clare Joy, will be in school 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.

You should have received an email this week stating that we have had to cancel the proposed car boot sale next Saturday. Thank you so much to the few parents who have offered help with the event on **Friday 18th July 4.30-6pm**. We will need to have more offers of help prior to the PTA meeting **next Wednesday, 11th June** so please let us know if you are able to help, thank you. Please come along to the meeting at 6.30pm in the Year 5 classroom to hopefully hear about the plan for the family event.

It was a great **assembly** today celebrating our Star Pupils for a range of different reasons. We also congratulated some Year 1 boys who have completed their football season with a tournament, each player receiving a medal. Well done to Luca, Sonny, Jasper, Leo and Charlie in Year 1. Max from Year 6 shared his recent skateboarding experience. His club is at risk of closure due to lack of funding so he took part in a 10k skate from Newport to Cowes to raise money. Great work everyone! William in Year 2 and Patryk in Year 3 were also presented with their Gold reading awards, keep up with all the reading. Cooper in Year 6 represented the Isle of Wight cricket team during the half-term break, what a fantastic experience for Cooper, well done! Year 6 were commended in assembly for their attitude and resilience during SATS and the residential and Year 4 were praised for their positive attitude and drive this week when completing the multiplication check.

Mr Scurr has not been in school today so we will share the top homework achieving children in next weeks' assembly. Keep up the great work everyone!

I know you are all really keen to know who will be teaching your child in September and many of the children have been asking this question too! There will be a few staffing changes in September and we have successfully appointed a lovely new teacher to join the team. She will be attending the transition day on the 8th July so both parents and children will have the chance to meet her. We are still sorting which class will be allocated to which teacher as it is so important to try and match the right people with the right class, including support staff, so this is still work in progress! I am hoping to be able to have this finalised over the next few weeks and as soon as this is done, I will share this with you all. The other implication is also that we are having several new children join us in September from schools being impacted by potential school closures. We are so pleased that so many families want to join our school and look forward to welcoming them into our community.

Dates for 2024-25
(subject to change)

Weds 11.06.25
School Nurse Clinic
9am-12pm

Thurs 12.06.25
UKSA Y6

Thurs 19.06.25
Donkey Sanctuary Y2

Sat 28.06.25
Mardi Gras Workshop

Tues 01.07.25
L.S.O. Medina Y3&Y4

Sat 05.07.25
Mardi Gras

Tues 08.07.25
Transition day

Mon 14.07.25
Monkey Haven Y2
British Museum Y5

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)

The weather continues to be so very varied, not just on a daily basis, but hourly! Therefore please ensure your child continues to **bring a coat** to school every day which **MUST** have their name on. Talking of names, the lost property pile is huge due to items not having a name. With the cost of living crisis still in place, I am sure many parents do not have the extra money to keep replacing lost jumpers. We cannot return these unless they are named so please keep checking that your child's name is still on their items of clothing, thank you.

Despite this being a long half-term, the children have a range of exciting learning opportunities and activities that we hope they will keep the momentum of learning going! Children still have areas of the curriculum to learn and ensure that key skills and knowledge are firmly in place for their next year of learning. In particular, children need to be confident and competent with number facts and reading. We urge you to continue to support learning at home so that children are secure with either number bonds or times tables appropriate for their year group and that they are reading on a daily basis as this develops their vocabulary and spelling. Teachers are currently writing **reports for the end of year which will be sent home on Friday 18th July.**

In the meantime I hope you have a fantastic weekend,



Jane Wilford Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This half term's clubs run from **Monday 9th June to Friday 11th July.**
NO CLUBS for the last 2 weeks of term

School Nurse Clinic



Wednesday 11th June
9am to 12pm

Please ring the office to book in



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week the children in Reception class were very lucky because Mrs Gilbert taught them on Wednesday and Thursday whilst I was on a first aid course. On Tuesday the children spoke about their half term holiday and the fun things they did. We then wrote simple sentences about this and the children were encouraged to write as much as they could by themselves. I always like looking back through their busy books to see what they were writing in the Autumn term and what they can do now.

Mrs Gilbert supported the children to draw their own dinosaurs and spent time colouring them neatly. Next week they will do some writing around this. We also recapped work on odd and even numbers and some of the children said they did extra work on this over the holidays!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We introduced a new book in English this week called Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine. We started by looking at the front cover and making predictions about the story. The children made some great observations about the picture and made some super predictions. They then wrote questions about the book. We focused on the spelling of our tricky words such as where. Then we explored how Victorians were expected to cover up even in hot weather and wrote diary entries from Queen Victoria's point of view, wishing she could go for a swim! In Maths we practised counting in twos, fives and tens. The children used coins and numicon to support their counting and started to write repeated addition sentences such as $2+2+2=6$. In Science we finished our learning about the different types of animals e.g. mammals and amphibians. The children sorted pictures of animals into different groups and explained how they know which group the animals belong to. In Geography we created posters about the Sahara Desert and the Arctic to show everything we have learnt about hot and cold places. We started our new topic in DT - freestanding structures. The children enjoyed exploring the tallest freestanding structures in the world, and then explored which building techniques made the strongest block tower wall. Finally, in Computing we were all excited to start our programming unit using Scratch Junior and learned how to move the sprite around the screen using different commands. A super first week back; well done everyone!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back everyone! Our last half term of Year 2!

This week in English, we have continued to look at The Tale of Two Beasts. The children had to re-tell the narrative from two different points of view. The class did a brilliant job of this, using great vocabulary and really demonstrating how far their writing has come during this academic year.

In Maths, we have started to look at addition. At the beginning of the week, we had a quick reminder lesson on place value before moving onto addition of two two-digit numbers. The class picked this up really quickly meaning that next week we will start to look at additions involving bridging tens.

In Science the children completed a post unit task. They were given the question 'How could a polar bear survive in the desert?'. The children had to think about adaptations a polar bear would need in order to survive. They came up with some fantastic ideas! We had long eyelashes to keep the sand out, a hump to store water, get smaller in size to allow them burrow like a meerkat and many, many more.

Next week we will be designing our Tudor houses ready for our parent share event on Friday. Any donations of boxes would still be very much appreciated.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend, and look forward to seeing you next week!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Hello and welcome back to the last half term of the year! For our final half term we have planned some exciting new topics as well as the opportunity to recap and delve deeper into previously covered modules. In English, we will be studying the text *Boudicca's army* by Hilary McKay. This text lends itself well to our history topic - Roman Britain. In English this week, we are learning how to use simple, compound and complex sentences to make our writing more interesting. In maths, we have recapped place value - understanding the value of any digit in a given number up to 1000. In history, we began by exploring what Britain was like before the Romans came. My highlight of the week was DT. This week, the children explored a range of roman shield designs and patterns and let their creativity fly by creating their own designs.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It was wonderful welcoming the children back this week for our final half term together before summer. We have begun our new class text *Podkin One Ear* by local author Kieran Larwood. This adventurous tale has captured the children's imaginations, influencing their descriptive writing in English this week. This has given the class the opportunity to showcase the skills they have developed throughout the year, and they are becoming increasingly independent writers as a result. In DT, we took some time to evaluate our WWII- inspired carrot cookies from last half term, reflecting on what worked well and what we might change next time. In Geography, we started an exciting new topic on mountains and earthquakes. The class are exploring how these natural features are formed and the impact they have on people and the environment. Lastly, Year 4 have been busy sharpening up on their multiplication skill in maths, especially focusing on efficient methods to solve larger multiplications. Times tables have been the highlight this week with the class sitting their Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC). I have been so impressed by the progress and hard work all of the children have made with their times tables. Each child displayed confidence and eagerness and did their best. Well done Year 4!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It has been lovely to see the children back in school this week! We have taken a few days to settle, ready for the last few weeks of Year 5. In English, the class have been introduced to their new text ('*The Red Pyramid*' by Rick Riordan) and have begun exploring the different characters within it. We have recapped parenthesis and the children have practised this within sentences to add extra information. In maths, we are revising our understanding of multiplication using the grid method. This week began with 2-digits multiplied by 2-digits, but has ended with 4-digits by 2-digits, showing the children's quick progress. History saw us beginning our new topic of Ancient Egypt and the class were very engaged when pretending to be Egyptologists! Unfortunately, we were unable to go in the water during our sailing session this week, but instead learnt how to tie different knots and problem-solve. Although it was a shame we missed sailing, we ended the week on a high with our trip to the Planetarium! The children had two workshops, which included a fascinating Tim Peake tour of ISS and a range of exploratory learning about our Solar System. The class thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was a super way to finish off the week!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In year 6 our English topic has been poetry. After using some prompts to write thoughtful poems using figurative language to compare ourselves to animals, the children then wrote their poems up in best to demonstrate how far their handwriting has come. We then performed some other poems for the class so we could practise our public speaking skills.

In maths, we have begun an ongoing project that started with some work around measure, applying our ratio and scaling skills to adjust recipes and find the best value ingredients.

In geography and science, we are continuing our topics from last half term - since it was such a short one. In geography, we completed our Copacabana projects on the computer and in science we continued to develop our understanding of the process of evolution, including designing a new animal, adapted for the rainforest!

In art, the children used watercolour paints to produce some very effective sea creature artworks and in PSHE we spoke about the use of photoshop and other editing techniques that present an unrealistic idea about people's appearance.

A great first week back and lots to look forward to, well done everyone!

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU		WEEK 1				
		W/C: 21/04/2025, 12/05/2025, 09/06/2025, 30/06/2025, 21/07/2025, 08/08/2025, 29/09/2025				
						
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholewheat 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 	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		Chocolate Brownie 	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Caramel Mousse	Strawberry Ice Cream	Ginger Biscuit with Fruit 
 BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY With a choice of toppings  		 AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water				
 Vegetarian  Vegan  Oily Fish  Wholegrain  Fruity!  Nutritionalist's Choice Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.						

Star Pupils

Donaldson Reception	Matilda and Marley
Murphy Year 1	Milo R
Gravett Year 2	Leanne
Dahl Year 3	Ella
Sutcliff Year 4	Ivy
Q'Rauf Year 5	Calvin
Rundell Year 6	Isabelle

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	6.25	8.12
Murphy 1	13.79	5.49
Gravett 2	9.49	4.44
Dahl 3	10.77	4.06
Sutcliff 4	5.17	5.56
Q' Raúf 5	3.74	6.26
Rundell 6	8.98	3.49
Whole School	8.44	5.32

***The class with the best
attendance this week is:
Q' Raúf Class***

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
Donaldson R	4	96
Murphy 1	8	107
Gravett 2	3	46
Dahl 3	6	153
Sutcliff 4	8	117
Q' Raúf 5	2	135
Rundell 6	6	164
Whole School	37	725

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

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



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Spare Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2025/2026

This notice applies to those parents of current year 6 students who are moving up to secondary school next year and wish to apply for a place on a Council-contracted school bus service.

Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the spare seat application window for academic year 2025 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a spare seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply between **9am on Monday 30th June 2025 and 4pm on Friday 11th July 2025**. Please note that the online form will only be live between the above times and that applications received outside of this window will not be accepted.

Further information on the spare seat process can be found online, here: [Spare seat scheme \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk/school-transport/school-bus-spare-seat-application). Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage. If you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage you will see the bus services for which you can apply. **This information will be live from 9am on Monday 16th June 2025**. Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.

Do bear in mind that making an application for a spare seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Ticket costs and payment

The cost of a ticket will increase from academic year 2024. This was agreed following a Cabinet decision made on 9th May 2024 following the recent [School Transport Policy Consultation](#).

Spare seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

- Up to a full term £194.18
- Up to half a term £97.09
- Up to a full-term AM or PM only £97.09
- Up to half a term AM or PM only £48.54

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: transport.info@iow.gov.uk or telephone: 823780.

Important Points to Note

- There will only be 1 application window before the start of the academic year so please ensure you apply during this window for your child to be considered for a seat.
- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Monday 16th June 2025**.
- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.
- There is a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.
- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.