Wootton Community Primary School

3rd October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another very busy week and it was wonderful to see two of our ex-pupils return yesterday from **Lift Ryde** , Matthew and Evan, to speak to our Year 6 about their new school and the transition from Primary to Secondary.

Talking of Secondary, our Year 6 and half of Year 5, with the remaining half next week, have a wonderful opportunity to complete a **Science lesson** at Lift Ryde, thank you to the staff for supporting with this.

Another highlight of the week has been the **planetarium space dome** visit for Reception and Year 1 and listening after to the children talking all about what they had found out. Several of the Reception boys were so excited they came to tell me all about going to space, with George F explaining about the craters found on the moon.

Our Year 5 class worked with staff from **MHST** this week exploring how anxiety can impact our lives and looked at a range of strategies to help them if they are ever struggling with worries. We have some sessions during the year for other classes exploring a range of issues.

Next Friday School Council would like to support Mount Batten **'Go Yellow Day.'** Children can wear a yellow accessory to school WITH their school uniform for a donation along with guessing the name of a yellow toy. I am sure most of us have been impacted by the incredible work that the hospice provides so I really hope we can raise lots of money for them next Friday, thank you.

We are looking forward to welcoming **two authors** to school next Thursday and Friday as part of the Isle of Wight Literary Festival. Holly Webb will be visiting years 1 and 2 to share her inspiration for her stories and complete a short creative activity, and Peter Murray will be visiting years 5 and 6 to share his writing process and his latest book based on the myths and legends of the island of Jersey.

I am enjoying meeting with groups of children from Years 1 to 6 to complete our pupil conference scheme '**Golden Ticket'.** Children are selected each week and have the opportunity to share their work and talk about their school experiences - good and bad! When you child receives a Golden Ticket they should bring home a questionnaire for you to complete. This is a really good opportunity for you to share your thoughts and I really encourage you to complete this and return to school, thank you.

On Monday 13th October years 1 to 6 will walking to St Marks church for our **Harvest service**. Unfortunately we do not have space for parents to come and watch, however if you are able to offer your time to walk there and back with us you can stay for the service. We are therefore looking for parents helpers from 9am to 10.30am, please let the office know if you are able to help, thank you

Thank you to the Year 6 parents who were able to attend the **residential meeting** yesterday. I have sent home the letter that was handed out and have also put this, along with the PowerPoint, onto the school website on the Year 6 page.

Our **lost property** is growing due to items not having names; please can you check your child's items are named so if lost they can be returned, thank you.

Dates for 2025-2026 (subject to change)

Mon 6th Oct 6.30pm: PTA - AGM

Fri 10th Oct: Go Yellow Day
Welly Walk YR 2pm
Cauliflower cards MUST be returned by today

Mon 13th Oct: Harvest, St Marks Y1-Y6

Mon 20th to Fri 31st :
Half-term

Mon 3rd Nov: Return to school

Mon 3rd & Weds 5th Nov: Parents evening

Week commencing 10th Nov: Book Fair

Tues 11th & Thurs 13th Nov 9.30am & 1.30pm: New parent tours

Fri 14th Nov: Flu Vaccinations

Sat 22nd Nov: Choir Performance at Medina Theatre

Mon 8th Dec: Christmas performance dress rehearsal

Tues 9th & Thurs 11th Dec: 1.30pm and 6pm Christmas performances

Thurs 18th Dec: Christingle service at St Marks & school Christmas lunch

Fri 19th Dec: Last day before Christmas break

Other dates can be found on the Website

It was a great **Star Pupil assembly** and wonderful to hear from some super swimmers, Felix in Year 1, John in Year 3 and Amelia in Year 4 who shared a range of swimming awards. Phoenix B in Year 3 showed us a lovely trophy after been chosen 'man of the match' at a football match, great work everyone!

Our word of the week, suggested by Jasper in Year 4 is **debatable.** I have been really impressed with several children this week who have come to show me their writing where they have used the word of the week appropriately and spelt correctly, well done!

Our **BIG Think** question today is 'Does breaking something in a game matter as much as breaking something in real life?'

Our **top 5 homework achievers** are shared on the newsletter each week; the children can then add their 5 House Points when they come back to school on Monday.

Well done to:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1st	Patryk (Y4)	Sebby (Y6)	Kai (Y3)	Kai (Y3)
2nd	Kai (Y3)	Dylan (Y6)	Charlie (Y6)	Jack (Y2)
3rd	Phoenix E (Y3)	Oliver (Y6)	Theodore (Y6)	Alex (Y2)
4th	Dylan (Y6)	Lily (Y3)	Isla (Y5)	Caleb (Y2)
5th	Brody (Y6)	Kai (Y3)	Dylan (Y6)	Ryan (Y2)
Top Class for the week	Year 4	Year 6	Year 6	Year 2

I hope to see LOTS of new faces at the **PTA meeting on Monday at 6.30pm** in the Year 5 classroom. We will be celebrating the successes of last year as well as making plans for this year. However, these cannot go ahead if we don't have a sufficient team.

We have **parents' evening** for all classes after half-term on **Monday 3rd** and **Wednesday 5th November** 3.15 to 6.30pm. Please book your appointment on Arbor from next week, thank you.

In the meantime I hope you have a fabulous weekend,

Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have focused on number formation looking particularly at numbers 0, 1 and 2. We have also been singing number songs and during carpet sessions we have done lots of counting — starting and finishing on different numbers with an emphasis on saying the 'teen' numbers correctly.
We have continued to carry out the maths element of the Government Baseline assessment and that is now complete.
We have been learning about Autumn and have been talking about how we know its Autumn, and learning about evergreen and deciduous trees! In the art area the children have been creating their own Autumn pictures using their finger tips to make the leaves.
A wonderful week with lots of focused learning. Well done Reception class.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we practised joining words using 'and', as well as writing sentences using full stops. We talked about why full stops are so important and found lots of full stops in books.
In Maths we learnt the vocabulary greater/fewer. We used the symbols < > and = to compare numbers.
The children enjoyed our Science lesson this week, learning about the sense of smell. The children smelled some different pots and guessed what was inside each pot. They made some great guesses!
In Geography we watched some drone footage of the school, the children found it very exciting looking at the different parts of our school. They then drew their own maps of the school.
On Thursday we got to visit the Space Dome. The children really enjoyed this experience and we were amazed by some of the knowledge and questions the children had. We got to see lots of different star constellations and learn how to spot them in the night sky. We also pretended to be in a rocket and fly through space.
Another fun-filled week, with some fantastic work from all the children! Well done Year 1!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It was lovely to see so many children return to school this week after having chickenpox - welcome back!
In maths, we have been partitioning numbers up to 20 using Numicon, bar models, and part-whole models.
In writing, the children completed their toy adverts, showing off their expanded noun phrases, proper noun capitalisation, and use of conjunctions.
In science, we tested different materials to find the best one for Traction Man's tent, and in computing, we talked about how to use information technology safely and why rules are important.
We have also been practising our Harvest song in music ready to perform at the church in a couple of weeks. Another fab week Year 2!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a creative week we've had. In English, the children have been learning how to write and perform acrostic poems. They have explored alliteration and performance techniques to enhance their BFG inspired poems. In maths, we have spent the week exploring addition. The children have been practising using the place value method to solve up to 3 by 3 digit addition calculations with exchanges. The creativity does not stop there though: in science the children investigated how and why shadows change shape, using torches and toys to explore what happens when a light source gets closer to or further from an opaque object. In geography, the children created advertising posters for London to show their understanding of human and physical features.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

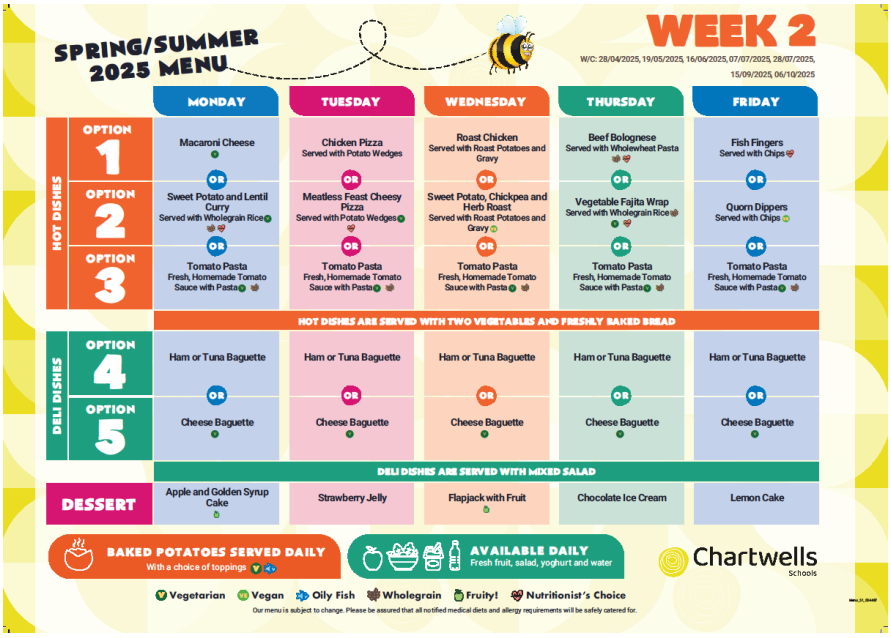
This week, the children had the opportunity to show off the writing skills that they have learnt so far during year 4. They chose an image to inspire their own suspense narratives featuring rich vocabulary, expanded nouns phrases, prepositions, direct speech and fronted adverbials. I was really impressed with their focus and writing stamina. We have so many budding bestselling authors! In maths, we have been decomposing the numbers 100 and 1000 using related facts. We are now moving onto addition and subtraction in the context of money, including multi-step problems. In history, we used Venn diagrams to compare and contrast the beliefs of Romans and Anglo-Saxons. We have been learning about the infrastructure behind the Internet in computing. This week, the children explored the school website, paying attention to the hyperlinks and navigation menus that allow people to quickly find the information that they need. The children even designed homepages for their favourite animals and hobbies! In music, we began a unit of work featuring Electronic Dance Music (EDM). The song we played (and particularly the vocals!) attracted mixed opinions, but most of the children agreed that the music gave them the urge to move their bodies! In future lessons, we will look at the song's musical notation. Overall, a great week in year 4!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week, the children have explored both Haiku and Kenning poetry. They have enjoyed looking at these different forms of writing and having a go at creating some for themselves. I have been extremely impressed by their fantastic use of language within their poems! During maths, we have been using our understanding of inverse operations to solve addition and subtraction word problems, first scanning the question for key information and then identifying which operation to use to find the answer. This learning has focused on children showing all of their working out in a clear, step-by-step way. In science this week, the children have made predictions about which methods (picking out by hand, decanting, filtering, sieving, evaporating or using a magnet) they think will be best to separate different mixtures from each other. The children thought carefully about why they were choosing each method and are keen to see whether they prove their predictions correct! In art, the children used their creativity to explore collage techniques that they might use for their final pieces of Hokusai's Great Wave, and in computing, they created their own webpage. We also had a great mental health workshop, which was very beneficial to the children, and finally the first half of the class enjoyed their visit to Lift Ryde. Super week, well done Year 5!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six we have been working on multiplication in maths, most of us tackling the long multiplication method. This has reminded us how important quick times table recall is! Keep up the 'little and often' approach to TTRS at home, so that you can recall times tables facts quickly and with ease - this will also be essential for the division methods we will soon be moving on to. In English, we have looked at non-fiction texts and started preparing to write our own. The new grammar we have learned this week (which we will be implementing in our non-fiction texts) is the use of semicolons in longer, more complex lists. You could read some non-fiction books at home to become more familiar with successful layouts and language - can you spot any 'technical language'? In history, we enjoyed a fierce debate around whether Athens or Sparta was a better place to live in ancient Greece! The children were very passionate about the importance of culture in Athens, the role of women, and the effective military defence of the Spartans. In art, we sculpted our clay mythical creatures and in science we applied our learning about light to some questions around different investigations. We also enjoyed a visit from former pupils now at Lift Ryde, to discuss secondary school and answer questions.



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 2

W/C: 28/04/2025, 19/05/2025, 16/06/2025, 07/07/2025, 28/07/2025, 15/09/2025, 06/10/2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES – OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
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					
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					
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

Chartwells Schools

Vegetarian · Vegan · Oily Fish · Wholegrain · Fruity! · Nutritionist'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

Arctic Year 1	Arthur
Malaysia Year 2	Archie
Italy Year 3	Alfie
Brazil Year 4	Enya
Japan Year 5	Sophie
Greece Year 6	Violet

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.

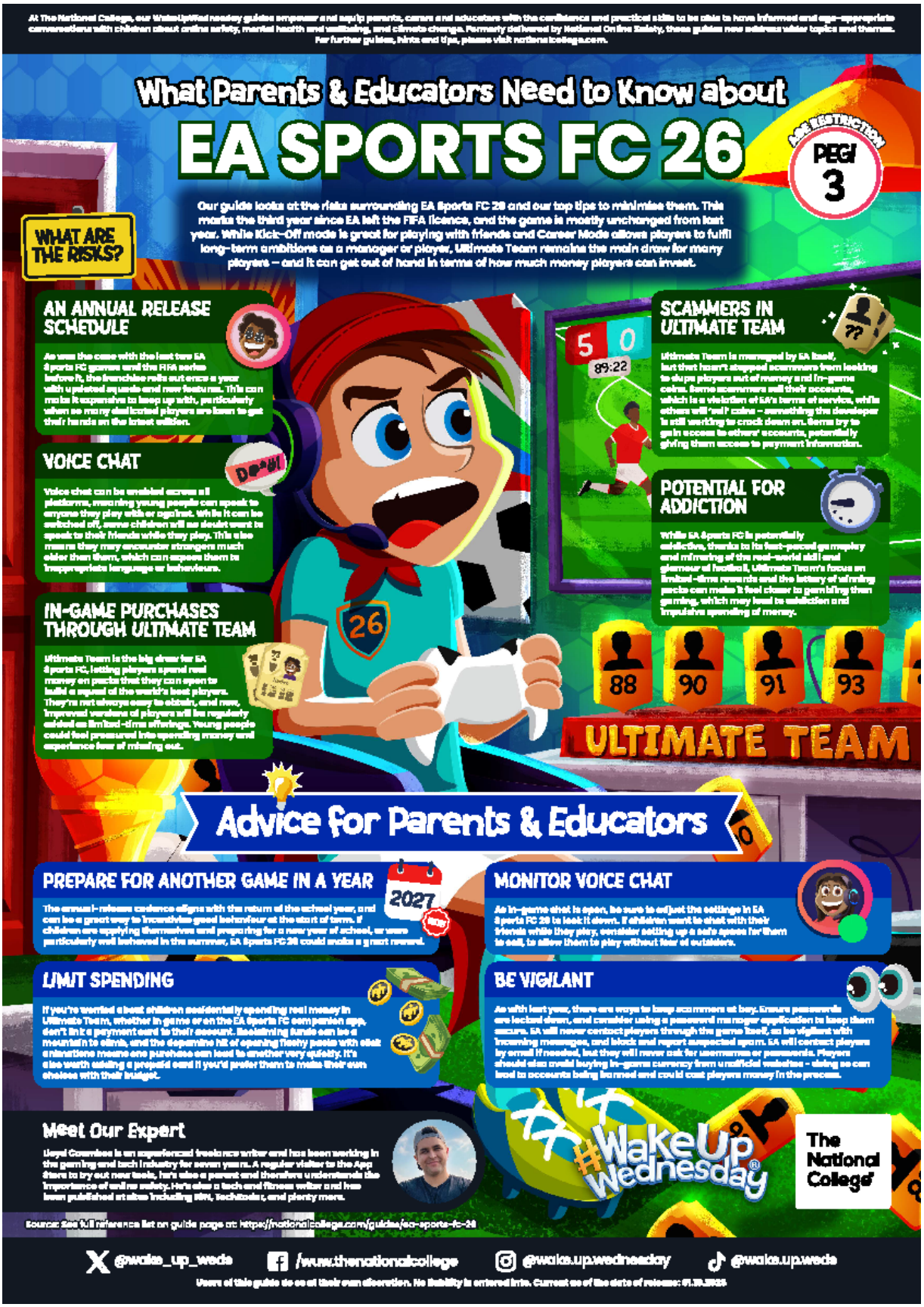
	Pupils Absent this week (%)	Rolling Absences since Sept (%)
England R	4	2.86
Arctic 1	5.86	3.97
Malaysia 2	19.31	11.39
Italy 3	5.16	4.3
Brazil 4	2.07	4.12
Japan 5	4	3.78
Greece 6	6.43	5.37
Whole School	**6.51**	**5.12**

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

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
England R	2	3
Arctic 1	3	8
Malaysia 2	1	8
Italy 3	1	1
Brazil 4	4	14
Japan 5	6	23
Greece 6	1	5
Whole School	**18**	**62**

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

Wake up Wednesday



Sports News

U11 Open Football League vs Dover Park –

Yesterday, our U11 boys travelled to Dover Park to play their first league game of the season. After the disappointment of not progressing to the next round of the Pokémon Cup, the team were itching to get a good result.

They started brilliantly! Quick passing and great control on another small pitch put the opposition on the back foot. Wootton
always looked like scoring when they pressed forward and it meant our defence had a quiet, but well-disciplined game.

A hat-trick from Lucas, decisive punching from Calvin and superb dribbling from Harry were a few of the many game highlights.
The final score was a 6-1 win for Wootton.

Super result and thank you to Sebby R, Calvin R, Charlie H, Dylan J, Harry D from Year 6 and Teddy B, Eden D, Shaantanu S and Lucas C from Year 5.

Upcoming Fixtures:

Football –

U11 Girls League vs Dover Park – Thursday 9th October (A)

U11 Open Cup vs St Thomas - TBC

Tag Rugby –

U11 Mixed Competition @ Queensgate Primary – Wednesday 8th October

QUIZ NIGHT

7PM QUEENSGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

MAX 6 PEOPLE PER TEAM
£5 PER PERSON

PIZZA AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

RAFFLE

MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS MOUNTBATTEN 'GO YELLOW'

MOUNTBATTEN HOSPICE

Priory School of Our Lady of Walsingham

Independent 4 - 16 Co-educational School

OPEN DAY

Thursday 2 October 9.30am - 12pm

What people say about us...

Small Class Sizes
"The school is a peaceful and calm haven"

Excellent Pastoral Care
"We could not be happier with the teaching and pastoral care. Our son is thriving, getting good grades, and is so happy and feels safe"

Academic Enrichment, Drama, Music and Sport
"We are extremely grateful for everything that your wonderful school has offered - a fantastic education with so many opportunities on offer"

"Our daughter is such a happy and engaged girl since she started at your lovely school"

92% at Grades 9-4
"We are delighted with our son's exam results. He is thrilled and has reflected on his time at Priory with great fondness and gratitude"

Intellectual Curiosity, Kindness and Respect
"You have the most polite and engaging pupils I encountered"

100% Pass Rate Year on Year
"We are overjoyed by our children's exam results. Thank you for your unwavering support, generosity, flexibility, empathy and compassion"

All Round Outstanding Education
"You taught us not only academic subjects, but also so much emotionally, and that means the world"

Affordable Fees with Junior and Senior Scholarships Available
"It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to you all but firmly feel that you have helped shape a secure, driven and capable pupil, who is very much looking forward to setting out into the wider world"

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Parent and Toddler Club

Wootton Methodist Church
Station Road
Wootton
PO334RE

9.30-11.30am every Tuesday term time
£2 per family including refreshments
Contact Sue Groves on 01983 565813

Pumpkin Patch Playtime for Little Pumpkins

Join us on Friday mornings for a special Pumpkin Patch Playtime session for Little Pumpkins.

Fridays 10am - 12pm

Tickets cost £10 per child and include:

Entry to the pumpkin play patch
Hot chocolate and storytime
Pumpkin crafts
Patch scavenger hunt
Goody bag

To book: https://westover-farm-pumpkins.sumupstore.com

WESTOVER FARM PUMPKINS

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Westover Farm, Calbourne, IW, PO30 4JW

Patch may close in bad weather, updates are posted on social media.

Are you a Parent or Carer of a child aged 6-12 years?

Does your child have a diagnosis of ADHD and are they experiencing sleep problems?

SleepBuddy

The University Hospital of Southampton and Southampton Clinical Trials Unit are running a study. The study aims to test whether a new **website Sleep Buddy**, which has been designed by medics and psychologists, improves sleep problems in children aged 6-12 years with an ADHD diagnosis.

You can take part if...

- ✓ Your child is aged 6-12 years.
- ✓ Your child has a diagnosis of ADHD (including ADD).
- ✓ You have noticed that your child is experiencing problems falling asleep.
- ✓ You can read and understand English without assistance.

How do I find out more?

Visit the **study website** by scanning the QR Code, or follow this link: **https://www.trial-deck.com/trial/sleepbuddy?reg_code=PTWrxDdl5a**

You can also **contact the study researcher** by calling 0330 1334 689 or emailing sleepbuddysupport@soton.ac.uk.

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust | NIHR | DISCA | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Sleep Buddy Flyer Southampton Hub- Community Paediatric Nursing (Schools)
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WESTOVER FARM PUMPKINS

PICK YOUR OWN PUMPKIN PATCH

Hot & cold refreshments
Free entry & parking
Photo opportunities
Kids scavenger hunt
Play area
Pumpkin carving
Face painting
Pick your own sweetcorn

October 2025
4th - 5th
10th - 12th
17th - 19th
22nd - 26th
29th - 31st

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Please note: Patch may close in bad weather, updates are posted on social media.
Friday mornings are ticket only-payable in advance.

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This activity is funded by COMMUNITY FUND

EMPOWER

4wk course

Supporting Your Child with their Anxiety, Fears and Worries

16 October 2025 and 6, 13 and 20 November 2025
10am - 11:30am

FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF 5 TO 12YR OLDS

We believe that parents and caregivers are the experts when it comes to their children. They are often the ones who are present during the challenges that their child is facing, and they are eager to understand how they can support their child during these difficult times.

This four-week, evidence-based intervention group will be facilitated by two low-intensity cognitive behavioural therapists, and it is aimed at parents and caregivers of young people aged five to twelve years whose presenting difficulty is anxiety. This will be presentation-based, with dedicated time for group discussions and engagement.

To Book your place please go to our Eventbrite page:
https://4wkFearsandWorriesforparentscarers.eventbrite.co.uk

Where: Youth Trust House, 114 Pyle Street, Newport PO30 1XA

If you have any queries please call us on 01983 529569