



Wootton Community Primary School

7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a super first week back to school. I hope you had a lovely half-term - it feels so long ago already! We have many exciting things in place for this half-term and look forward to seeing you at these.

Thank you for attending your child's parents evening, if you were unable to do so please make an appointment with your child's teacher as it is really important for us to work together to ensure your child progresses this year.

It has been wonderful to have parents in for various activities this week, **Year 1** making fruit salad and **Reception** celebrating Diwali. Whilst we appreciate that for some parents this is really difficult to attend if you work, please note that we are more than happy for you to send a member of the family or close family friend to work with your child.

I have been asked to share this information with you from the local authority: **Have your say on school transport** 'The local authority is reviewing its school transport services for children who are eligible for free travel to and from mainstream schools. Parents and carers are invited to share their views to help improve future arrangements. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire here: [2026 Transport Procurement - Consultation \(Engagement\) – Parents/Guardians](#) There is a webpage about the procurement, [here](#). Please complete the questionnaire by 24th November 2025.'

Year 6 had a super visit to Carisbrooke Castle yesterday and were able to observe the Remembrance Service that took place. Year 6 will be leading our short **Remembrance assembly** on Tuesday morning, poppies and poppy accessories can still be purchased in school for a donation of at least £1. Please can we ask that children do not bring their snap bands into school as these cause problems and distractions, many thanks.

Our small PTA group met on Tuesday and shared their incredible plans for the Christmas event on **Friday 28th November 3.15-5.00pm**. Due to this being a busy event please note that **buggies/prams etc will not be able to be used in school**. Your child should have come home with a flyer about the super activities that will be taking place. In order for this to go ahead we will need some more parent helpers to set up but also run stalls. This may be making hot chocolate, taking money for a game, supporting children to write a letter etc. We really want to make this event super fun so please volunteer to help so that we can go ahead, thank you. Also on the same day, children will be allowed to wear their own clothes in return for a chocolate (NO NUTS) or sweet donation for a tombola. We will remind you about this nearer the time.

On Monday our **book fair** will be open after school **every day in the library at 3.15pm**. Payment by card only. Please come along as the school receives a percentage of the sales that enable us to purchase books for prizes in school for the children.

Please remember that **school photo orders** need to be returned by **Tuesday** and that **Flu vaccines** will be administered on **Wednesday** if you have given permission to the nurses.

Dates for 2025-2026
(subject to change)

Week commencing 10th Nov: Book Fair

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

Weds 12th Nov:
Flu Vaccinations

Sat 22nd Nov:
Choir Performance at Medina Theatre

Mon 24th Nov:
Y3 Workshop

Thurs 27th Nov:
Y5 Osborne House

Fri 28th Nov: 3.15-5pm
Winter Wonderland Fayre

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

Mon 22nd Dec to Fri 2nd Jan: Christmas break

Mon 5th Jan 2026: Return to school

Fri 13th Feb: Dev Day
School closed to pupils

Mon 16th to Fri 20th Feb:
Half-term

More dates can be found on the school website.

It was a great **Celebration assembly** this morning hearing not only about the reasons the Star Pupils had been chosen but also we heard from the girls and boys football teams who had great successes this week. Miss Paterson also presented George C, Ruben and Jessica in Reception, Jamie in Year 1, Zach in Year 2 and Amira in Year 4 with a book token to use at the book fair following their competition entries, well done. We also congratulated Jasper in Year 2 for being chosen man of the match at his football club, Luisa and Dotty in Year 3 for attending a Theatretrain workshop in half-term and Jasper in Year 4 for his swimming certificates, well done everyone. Kai in Year 3 was also presented with a very special certificate for being the first child to have completed the whole of the Numbots story mode which has 37 levels with over 300 sublevels in each. This is an incredible achievement but also supports Kai's great maths work in class, a fantastic achievement Kai, well done.

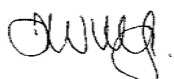
Our **Big Think question** this week is 'Is it possible to be friends with a robot?' This has led to some really interesting debating in many groups in particular with the older children and the link to AI. Talking of AI, I attended some training yesterday about the impact AI is having on young children and I am exploring holding some information sessions for parents as much of the content of the meeting I attended was new information to me. I have been blown away by so many of the children using our word of the week, 'zealous' in their writing today. So many children are rising to the challenge and we are delighted that they are so keen to write. Sophie in Year 5 has used all 7 'word of the week' words accurately today - great work everyone!

Our **top 5 homework achievers** 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
1 st	Kai (Y3)	Harry (Y6)	Ahbab (Y4)	Alex (Y2)
2 nd	Harry M (Y5)	Kai (Y3)	Florence (Y6)	Ryan (Y2)
3 rd	Ahbab (Y4)	Jenson (Y6)	Lucas (Y5)	Milo (Y2)
4 th	Kai (Y3)	Lily (Y3)	Lara (Y4)	Darci (Y2)
5 th	Daisy (Y6)	Emily - Rose (Y6)	Adeline (Y3)	Emilia (Y2)
Top Class for the week	Year 4	Year 6	Year 4	Year 2

I am so looking forward to showing **prospective families** around school next Tuesday and Thursday. If you have a child due to start school next September please do join a tour, phone the office to book one.

In the meantime, I hope you have a super weekend and enjoy any firework celebrations you may be attending.



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a fantastic first week back at school. The children really enjoyed talking about all the wonderful things that they did over the holidays and it was great to see them all well and ready to start the half term. This week we have been learning about Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. We welcomed the parents into class today to learn about Diwali and complete a range of craft activities with the children. Thank you so much for supporting us with this and for providing your child with a costume. They looked amazing.

In maths we have been making repeating patterns. Part of the task involved the adults setting up the pattern for the children to copy and complete which then progressed to the children creating their own patterns and completing it.

We have also used the chunky chalks, dipped in water to make firework pictures.

The children have been very keen to write their sounds by themselves and as I watched on I was very impressed by the accurate formation of the letters.

Well done everyone for a great week back.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year One have made a great start to the term and settled back into school quickly.

In English we read the book *Whatever Next*. The children made predictions, shared their opinions on the story and wrote questions for the characters. We are working on building independence when writing and the children are all trying really hard with this!

In Maths we practised counting in tens to 100. We used numicon and 10p coins to help us count. We set up a shop and the children used 1p and 10p coins to pay for items.

In History we started our new topic about explorers. We learnt about Neil Armstrong and the children thought of some questions about his journey to the moon.

On Thursday we had our parent share afternoon. The children really enjoyed making a fruit salad and being able to take their final product home to share with their families.

In music the children started to learn their song ready for the Christmas performance. This was very exciting. They all made a brilliant start to learning the words and coming up with some moves to go along with the music.

A fantastic first week back! Well done Year 1!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It was wonderful welcoming all the children back to school this week. As it is the beginning of a new half term, we have new topics which we have begun learning about this week. In English we have been reading the story "Wolves" by Emily Gravett. From this text, the class have been identifying fiction and non-fiction and comparing the story to similar traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. In Maths, we have been focused on measurement. The class began the week measuring various objects in the classroom using centimetres. They thoroughly enjoyed the practical element of this task and subsequently, they have mastered how to use a ruler accurately by ensuring they start from zero. By the end of the week, the class moved onto money and revising the value of UK coins. We kicked off Geography this half term by recapping our knowledge of continents and countries to identify where in the world we are on a macro-micro scale. Taking photographs was the focus of our Computing lesson this week and the class sorted devices dependent on whether they could take photographs or not. Finally, we got excited in our PE lesson as we began learning our song and dance for the performance.

A great start to a new half term! Thank you Year 2.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back to a busy festive half term season. The children all settled very well back into our classroom routines and have made a solid start to their new units. This half term we will primarily be focusing on the Stone age. As a result of English, history, computing and DT will all link to this topic. In English this week the children were introduced to our new class text - The Stone Age Boy. The children made predictions based on the front cover and blurb and used their understanding of simple and compound sentences to write wonderful character descriptions. In maths, we have continued our focus on times tables by recapping the 2,3, and 10's before starting to learn the 4 and 8 times tables. Remember to continue to practice learning these at home through the use of TTRS. In computing, the children were introduced to our new unit - Stop frame animation. During this half term, the children will create their own short animated films based on our class text. My highlight of the week was music. This half term, we are lucky enough to welcome Mr and Mrs Grimshaw who will be delivering professional music lessons. Teaching the children how to read music sheet music and play the recorder. It was my highlight because the children listened well and enjoyed their first lesson.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back to what's shaping up to be a busy half term already! It was so lovely to talk to you during parents evening about the progress and work that the children have already achieved in year 4. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting up to 4-digit numbers using formal written methods. Some of the children have needed a little convincing to follow the taught methods, but I think I am winning them over as they see their calculation accuracy improving! In English, we are using a poetry book called The Wild World to explore imagery as a way of creating vivid descriptions of different habitats. Over the coming weeks, the children will use their skills to write their own poems on the theme of rainforests, using all of their senses and skills such as similes, metaphors and personification. We have begun a coding unit in computing and the children are learning the importance of being accurate when they write their programming commands. In geography, we will be learning about different biomes with a focus on rainforests, including the threats posed to them and what conservation actions we can take. Our design technology unit has a focus on cooking and nutrition and we have started to explore seasonality and where various ingredients are grown, reared and caught. In the coming weeks, we will be designing and making some savoury food items, using a range of food preparation and cooking techniques. Hopefully some of the children's knowledge and skills will mean you might be catered for at home! Finally, school photographs and information about our Christmas performance were sent home this week. Please let me know if you didn't receive either or have any questions. Have a great weekend.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It has been lovely to see the children back after half term and start some new topics across the curriculum! In English, we have begun exploring Oliver Twist by looking at the opening scene and gathering some powerful language to describe the workhouse. We have spent time focusing on relative clauses and understanding how to develop these within our sentences. The children will be using this learning to enhance their writing as they progress throughout the unit. In Maths this week, the children have learnt what prime, square and cube numbers are, and solved questions involving these. I have been impressed with how well the class have persevered this week when finding questions challenging so keep up the great work Year 5! The children enjoyed their first lesson of ukuleles with the Grimshaw's, although they did moan of sore fingers afterwards! As they play more each week, their skin will become stronger and their muscle memory will start to remember the chords they have learnt. Within Computing, we analysed different types of videos, looking at camera and editing techniques, and in History, the children have been introduced to the Victorian period. Science found the class learning about the force of gravity, and our DT topic has begun with exploring pulleys and how they work.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six we really enjoyed our visit to Carisbrooke Castle for a session about World War One on the Isle of Wight and to attend the Field Of Remembrance service. The children got to handle some interesting WWI artefacts and we learned about some real Isle of Wight people whose lives were affected by the Great War. The children stood very respectfully during the service and listened to the prayers, poems and music of the commemoration.

In English lessons, we have been reading WWI poetry and writing our own poems about the experiences of soldiers in WWI, in preparation for our Wootton remembrance service.

In maths, we have dived into division with some great mathematical thinking and fantastic use of times tables. We are very close to mastering long division already, and after some practice I am confident we will soon see great success.

In science, we began our electricity topic by thinking about safety, about the impact of electricity on our lives, and some revision of electricity knowledge from prior years. In geography, we began our London topic by creating either mood boards or word clouds about our knowledge of the city. Our French topic is football, and we played bingo to help us remember the new vocabulary. In art, we looked at the work of Banksy and discussed what messages we took from his work and debated the role of graffiti in the art world.

It was a pleasure to speak to so many of you at parent meetings this week, and the Y6 team looks forward to working alongside you all for the rest of the year.

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU		WEEK 2				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	OPTION 4	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Raspberry Jelly	Strawberry Ice Cream

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

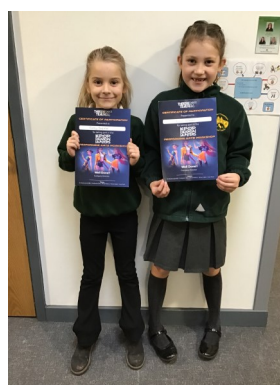
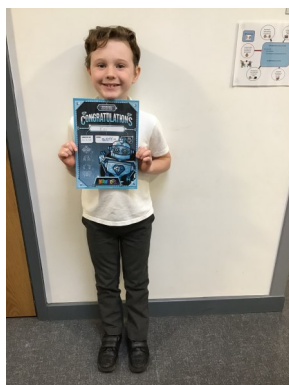
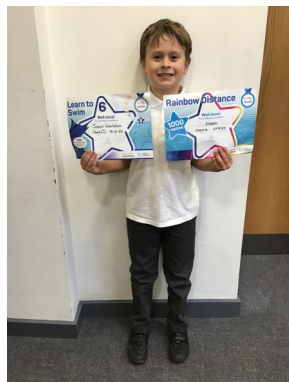
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Chartwells
Schools

Star Pupils

Arctic Year 1	Asher
Malaysia Year 2	Emmy
Italy Year 3	Aiden
Brazil Year 4	Patryk
Japan Year 5	Emire
Greece Year 6	Ellie

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	2	10.93
Arctic 1	6.8	9.88
Malaysia 2	2.68	8.96
Italy 3	4.19	5.57
Brazil 4	5.78	4.97
Japan 5	4.67	5.19
Greece 6	5.55	3.22
Whole School	3.54	6.97

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

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
England R	2	5
Arctic 1	5	20
Malaysia 2	1	12
Italy 3	2	21
Brazil 4	7	32
Japan 5	3	35
Greece 6	3	12
Whole School	23	137

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

Sports News

U11 Girls League Football vs St Thomas

Our year 5/6 girls' team played their second league game of the season on Wednesday against St Thomas. Unfortunately, St Thomas could only muster a team of five players, which made it tricky to play a full competitive fixture. We decided the best way to keep a fair result and get some important game time was to play the first half as 5-a-side and then shuffle the teams and have a friendly for the second half.

The team played brilliantly. They won the first half 3-0 which will count as the league result and gets them back on track for the season. Who knows what could happen if the results keep improving.

In the second half, we shuffled the teams up a little bit and played ten minutes of even sided, friendly football. It was great to see some of Wootton happy and willing to help another team.

Well done and thank you to Daisy L, Autumn P, Willow C, Emilyrose S, Gracie R and Hayley W from year 6 and Emire H, Daisy F, Frankie T and Isla F from Year 5.



U11 Boys Football Cup vs St Thomas

The boys then had their turn to play against St Thomas, who had very kindly arranged to bring both teams on the same afternoon. We have already played St Thomas in the Pokémon Cup and that game ended 0-0, so we knew this would be a close match.

The prediction proved accurate and it was very even in the first half. Neither team could be separated until the last minute. St Thomas were quick to break forward on a counter attack and their striker tucked away a good finish. One nil down at half time.

I said in celebration assembly today that this team's greatest improvement is their resilience. In the past, going behind would have been hard for this team, but they've worked on this in training and it's now beginning to show in matches. They were the better team in the second half and only a string of saves from St Thomas' keeper kept them in the game. With very nearly the last kick of the game Harry managed to score an equaliser. This meant the game went into extra time. St Thomas were clearly tiring and the team took advantage of this. They moved the ball quickly and made good runs into the space. Luckily, Harry scored again to secure progression to the next round. I'm not sure we would have had enough light for penalties!

Thank you and well played to Charlie H, Calvin R, Sebby R, Dylan J, Harry D, Jenson C and Kenny P from Year 6 and Lucas C, Teddy B and Eden D from Year 5.



Upcoming Fixtures:

Football

U11 Girls Pokémon Cup Island Finals @ CEC – 7.11.25

U9 Boys vs Priory (A) – 12.11.25

U11 Girls vs Priory (H) – 13.11.25

U11 Boys (Cup) vs Gatten and Lake - TBC

The School Nurse can offer face to face appointments twice a term. We can support with the following health concerns:

- Physical Health concerns related to school absences: not chronic or persistent absenteeism.
- Long term conditions e.g. asthma, eczema, impacting on schooling.
- Support for healthy lifestyles:
 - Diet and exercise.
 - Growth concerns.
 - Support around sleep.
 - Continence i.e. night/daytime wetting, soiling, constipation.

There will be a **Sleep Workshop** on **Monday 26th January** from **09:00-09:30** at school to discuss sleep hygiene.

The next face to face appointments available at Wootton Primary School are on **Monday 26th January at 09:30 and 10:00.**

Please speak to a member of school staff to book.

For further information and dates available to see the School Nurse please speak to a member of the school staff or call the School Nurse service on 0300 123 5224.

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- 11th November

- 18th November

- 25th November

- 2nd December

- 9th December





Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday evenings

6:00-7:30PM

Booking & enrolment required to secure a place on any or all these sessions.

enrolment required **just once (for any number of sessions) per academic year*



FREE GIRLS CRICKET TRAINING

SUNDAYS

Starting Sunday 9th November

AT
THE BAY SPORTS HALL
3-4PM (U11 GIRLS)
4-5PM (U13/U15 GIRLS)



IF YOU'D LIKE TO COME ALONG TO THESE SESSIONS
PLEASE CONTACT KIM 07368937817



THE LITTLE MERMAID



Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN
& GLENN SLATER

Book by
DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements

13 - 16 NOV 2025 SHANKLIN THEATRE

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PAINTING COMPETITION



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Christmas Drive-in Cinema 2025

Robin Hill Country Park

Friday 12 December

The Muppet Christmas
Carol | 6:30pm

Die Hard | 9pm

Saturday 13 December

Elf | Midday

Home Alone | 3pm

Love Actually | 7pm

Sunday 14 December

The Polar Express | Midday

How The Grinch Stole
Christmas | 3pm

The Holiday | 7pm

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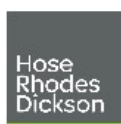


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