



Wootton Community

22nd May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for 2025-2026
(subject to change)

Mon 25th to Fri 29th
May: Half-term

Mon 1st June: INSET
Day, **School closed to**
pupils

Weds 3rd June: Y2
Donkey sanctuary visit

Mon 8th June: Y5 Sailing
sessions begin
PTA meeting - 6.30pm

Tues 9th June: Y3
Brading Roman Villa Visit

Mon 15th June: Y1
Wildheart Sanctuary Visit

Thurs 2nd July:
Year 5 British Museum
Visit

Sat 4th July: Mardi Gras

Tues 7th July: Transition
day, meet the teacher
8.45-9.15am

Fri 17th July: PTA event

Tues 21st July: 1.15pm
Reception and KS1 Sports
afternoon

Weds 22nd July: 1.15pm
KS2 Sports afternoon
Meet the teacher 3.15-
4.45pm

Fri 24th July:
Last day of term

Mrs Wilford is away with **Year 6 on their residential visit to the mainland** this week, so it will be a short update from Miss Paterson. The Year 6 children and the staff team are having a great time away and have been taking part in a range of fun and adventurous activities. They have slept well (eventually!) and are looking forward to seeing their families this evening.

I am sure we will hear all about their time away next week.

Year 4 enjoyed their **visit to the County Show** this week, learning all about the different animals— they even had a go at making their own butter which they then tasted back at school! Well done all for a fantastic day.

A group of **Year 3 and 4 pupils** also took part in a **fun Rugby session** with Vectis Rugby Club through the Jason Robinson Foundation. Mr Exell (parent of Phoenix and Maverick) supported the children and they all had a great time. He praised their great teamwork and support for players who had never experienced rugby before! They scored tries in every game they played, including the overall winners and represented Wootton excellently. Thank you to Mr Exell and Mrs Dew for their support with this session, and a big well done to all the children who took part.

A reminder that **school is closed on Monday 1st June** for staff training. We look forward to seeing all the children back on **Tuesday 2nd June** for the final half-term of the year.

In our **Celebration Assembly** this morning we congratulated our Star Pupils for their amazing work, and a number of other pupils for their achievements out of school. Well done to: Phoenix E, William, Lexi and Alfie from Y3 and Bluebelle, Louis, Jake, Lorelei and Jasper from Y4 for their medals from the fun Rugby session; George F from Reception who has completed the equivalent of a Marathon through his participation in Park Run; Lucia in Y4 who received a Distinction in her recent Ballet exam; Appley and Lexi in Y3 and Jasper in Y4 for their swimming certificates; and Lorelei in Y4 who has earned a medal with her cricket team. It was great to celebrate such a range of achievements.

We ended today congratulating two Bronze and one Platinum reader—250 reads at home this year! Well done to everyone who is building their home reading points—keep up the great work :)

There is not a new **word for the week** due to half-term, but we recapped all the wonderful words we have been learning so far this year. Our **BIG Think** question was: Do you think children should have a say in grown-up decisions? This generated lots of interesting discussion with some strong opinions shared for both sides!

Our **top 5 homework achievers** this week, each earning 5 house points each are:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1st	Freddie J (Y5)	Md Ahbab (Y4)	Md Ahbab (Y4)	Alex (Y2)
2nd	Zachary (Y3)	Patryk (Y4)	Bella (Y4)	Alfie (Y3)
3rd	Patryk (Y4)	Brody (Y6)	Jackson (Y4)	Ava (Y3)
4th	Sophie (Y5)	Daisy (Y6)	Jake (Y4)	Aiden (Y3)
5th	Harry M (Y5)	Emily - Rose (Y6)	Jasper (Y4)	Ollie (Y3)
Top Class for the week	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Year 3

Please pop the date of the next **PTA meeting** in your diary if you can— **Monday 8th June at 6.30pm** in school. During this we will begin our preparations for the last PTA school event of the year which will be held on **Friday 17th July after school**.

A reminder again of the end of term arrangements for your diary:

- **Reception and Key Stage 1 sports afternoon, Tuesday 21st July at 1.15pm**
- **Key Stage 2 sports afternoon, Wednesday 22nd July at 1.15pm.**
- **Final Celebration assembly, Thursday 23rd July**
- **Last day, Friday 24th July** - family picnic and class dances at 12pm with a **finish time of 1.30pm.**

It looks set to be a very warm weekend - we wish you a very happy half-term and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 2nd June.

Best wishes,



Emily Paterson
Deputy Headteacher

There are 44 unnamed cardigans, fleeces and jumpers in our lost property! If you are missing any, please come to the office.

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have been busy finishing off lots of work related to our pirate topic. This has included writing simple phrases related to pirates but has included some tricky words as well. We have also concluded our work on odd and even numbers using gold pirate coins which the children grasped quickly and they could give clear reasons as to what makes a number odd and what makes a number even. We have continued to make telescopes in the art area and the children have spent a lot of time creating some very elaborate devices for the magnetic balls to roll down at speed with a trap at the bottom to catch them all! We have also planted some more vegetables so we are hoping these grow well and we can pick and eat them next term. We have had a busy, focused and hard working half term so enjoy the break everyone!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we wrote fact files about penguins. The children organised the information into different sections such as appearance and habitat. They wrote some great sentences, using a range of punctuation including question marks and exclamation marks.

In Maths we recapped 3D shapes. The children looked at groups of shapes and decided which one was the odd one out. They used mathematical vocabulary to explain which shape was odd.

We took part in an exciting online workshop this week based on the book Stanley's stick. We listened to an orchestra play songs to tell the story and joined in with actions. Then we listened to a story about the stick's adventures in different parts of the UK.

In Science we learnt about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We sorted animals into a Venn diagram. The children were really curious about what different animals eat and asked lots of questions. In Art, we built on our collage work from last week. We explored with adding different materials such as fabric and sequins. The class discussed what impact this had and whether the collages were better or worse than our previous attempts.

It has been a wonderful half term! The class have worked so hard and have all made brilliant progress over the past few weeks. We hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing you for our last half term in Year 1!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a wonderful final week of half term in Year 2 as we finished several of our topics. In history, we concluded our learning about the Great Fire of London alongside our artwork inspired by Monet. It was lovely to invite parents into school on the final afternoon to help create Tudor houses. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning and getting creative together. In science, we used our understanding of how animals adapt to their habitats to answer the question "How could a polar bear live in the desert?" The children came up with some fantastic ideas and explanations using the knowledge they have built throughout the unit. In English, we finished our pet fact files. The children worked incredibly hard to present their final pieces beautifully and should feel very proud of all their effort and progress. In maths, we began the week continuing division on a number line. The children mastered this quickly, so we moved on to applying this knowledge to worded problems and missing number questions using inverse operations.

Have a wonderful half term Year 2! We look forward to seeing you back soon for our final half term together.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have made it to half term! This week Year 3 have been working hard to wrap up their learning journeys in every subject. In English, the children have used their knowledge of our class text to write alternate endings. They also applied their understanding of direct speech, prepositions, compound sentences and adjectives to make their stories more interesting. In maths, we spent the week focussing on money. How to create different amounts of money using British coins as well as how to add and subtract in both pounds and pence. In the wider curriculum, the class worked hard to complete their post unit learning tasks and in computing (which was my highlight of the week) the children were able to code their own maze game using the various components we have explored over the last six weeks. Well done for all your hard work this half term and I hope you have a restful and well-deserved break.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We had such a great day at the Schools County Show on Tuesday! We managed to mostly avoid the rain as many of the stalls and activities were thankfully undercover. The children heard from expert farmers and handlers about pigs, poultry, cattle, alpacas and llamas, sheep, horses and ability dogs. My top 3 memories are the children's hobbyhorse relay, making our own butter, and seeing a hen lay an egg right in front of our eyes! As well as the various activities, many of the children were happy to see their friends from other schools. Overall, it was a lovely, informative community event, showing the children the best of our local farming and related industries. Back at school on Wednesday, the children were delighted to sample their homemade butter on a Ritz cracker! We have used our visit to inspire our last piece of writing this half term - a humorous short story called 'The Day the County Show went Wild!' In maths, we are revisiting time. For many children, this started with recapping how to tell the time on an analogue clock face, before moving onto solving problems related to duration and converting between different units. It's often a tricky unit for children, so anything you can do to practise telling the time at various points throughout the day and night would be appreciated! Likewise, any times table practise during half term would be fantastic. The window for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) opens on the 1st June. The check will take place for our children sometime between 2nd and 12th of June. If you would like further information about this, please contact me via the Year 4 email address. In other lessons, it's been a week of finishing off. The children have completed both their World War 2 themed moving pictures using linkages in DT, and their audio podcasts in computing. Great job year 4!



WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Year Five this week the children have shown great adaptability, working with different adults and rising to every challenge. In maths, we have looked at line graphs and tables, reading them carefully to ensure we understood the 'story' behind the data. In English, the children wrote beautiful poems on a nature theme, experimenting with different forms they have met before such as acrostics, haiku and shape poems. We then went on to story-writing, giving everyone a chance to really show off their prior learning around effective description and dialogue. During PSHE, we completed our First Aid topic and in geography we considered ways to conserve resources such as water. I was very impressed with the Y5 knowledge of space in science, as they created presentations to explain how the seasons work. Our art lesson saw us applying watercolour skills to produce fruit artwork and in computing we continued our work on vectors. A big well done to Y5 for coping with change and for helping the week to go so smoothly for everyone.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year Six have been enjoying their residential trip this week and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return.

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍕	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍝	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍗	I.O.W Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy 🍔	Fish Fingers with Chips 🐟
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice 🌯	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍝	Roast BBQ Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍗	Macaroni Cheese 🍝	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🍟
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍝	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍝	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍝	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍝	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍝
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	OPTION 4	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🥪	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🥪	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🥪	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🥪	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🥪
		DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD				
DESSERT		Chocolate Brownie 🍰	Oat Cookie 🍪	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse 🍰	Vanilla Slice with Melon Wedges 🍰	Chocolate Ice Cream 🍦
BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY With a choice of toppings 🍟		AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water 🥗				
🌱 Vegetarian 🌿 Vegan 🐟 Oily Fish 🍌 Fruity! 🌾 Wholegrain 🍷 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

England Reception	Artagán and Thomas
Arctic Year 1	Maverick
Malaysia Year 2	Ocean
Italy Year 3	Alfie
Brazil Year 4	Florence
Japan Year 5	Joe
Greece Year 6	Kenny

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.**



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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	5.93	5.55
Arctic 1	7.78	9.09
Malaysia 2	5.92	5.5
Italy 3	4.21	4.73
Brazil 4	7.54	4.71
Japan 5	11.11	6.03
Greece 6	2.3	4.12
Whole School	6.52	5.71

The class with the best attendance this week is: Greece Class!

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
England R	3	53
Arctic 1	8	167
Malaysia 2	3	70
Italy 3	4	76
Brazil 4	3	128
Japan 5	10	164
Greece 6	3	75
Whole School	34	733

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

ISLE OF WIGHT CATS PROTECTION

Cat Art Competition!

An Open invite to all Isle of Wight School age children



Enter our competition and design your 'Dream Cat' to be displayed at our 65th anniversary fundraiser

June 13th
11am - 3pm

Send your A4 design to 122 Marlborough Road, Ryde PO33 1AW or drop off before June 10th. Your masterpiece will be on show for everyone to see on our open day. Please write your name, age and grown ups contact number on the back!

Prizes!

FREE entry!
Winners announced at our open day.
1st Prize is a Family* day out at Tapnell farm, plus runner up prizes!

CATS PROTECTION

*Limit may apply to number of guests.
The registered charity number for Cats Protection is 208844 (England and Wales) and 9089703 (Scotland).

ISLE OF WIGHT LIBRARIES MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

All of our May half term activities are free. More information can be found at www.iow.gov.uk/thelibrary

27 MAY	Wednesday, 10.30am - 11.30am WANDER - STORY TIME AND CRAFT WITH CHILDREN'S AUTHOR LIZZIE BOYNTON - RYDE LIBRARY Children aged 3+ No need to book
27 MAY	Wednesday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm QUIRKY BIRD CRAFT - FRESHWATER LIBRARY Children aged 3+ No need to book
28 MAY	Thursday, 2.30pm - 4.30pm MAKE YOUR OWN TIGER MASK - LORD LOUIS LIBRARY Suitable for children aged 4+ Booking essential - call the library on 823823
29 MAY	Friday, 2.30pm - 4.00pm TEEN ROCK PAINTING - LORD LOUIS LIBRARY Suitable for young people aged 12 to 16 years Drop-in, no need to book.
29 MAY	Friday, 10.00am - 12.00pm MONSTER MAKING WORKSHOP- COWES LIBRARY No need to book. Please note there are currently no toilet facilities at Cowes Library
30 MAY	Saturday, 2.30pm - 4.30pm MAKE GIANT FLOWERS - LORD LOUIS LIBRARY Suitable for children aged 4+ Drop-in
30 MAY	Saturday, 10.30am - 12.00pm BEE STORY TIME AND CRAFT- RYDE LIBRARY Suitable for children aged 3+ Drop-in
30 MAY	Saturday, 10.30am - 11.30am MAKE A BEAD KEYRING- SANDOWN LIBRARY Children aged 4+ Booking essential - call the library on 402748
30 MAY	Saturday, 10.30am - 11.30am ROCKING SHEEP CRAFT- VENTNOR LIBRARY Children aged 4+ Drop-in

Pool Party!



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FUND RAISING QUIZ NIGHT

RAISING MONEY FOR DYLAN AND REUBEN'S SCOUT EXPEDITION TO GERMANY

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE
7pm

£5 per person entry
Teams of up to 6
Cash prize for winners
We will also be holding a raffle on the night, tickets £5 per strip.
Bar will be open.

Please bring plenty of cash!

Booking advised, but not essential!

To book your place please email expeditionfundraising26@gmail.com
Ryde Social Club, King George Close,
Ryde, PO33 3DE



DINOSAUR ISLE MAY HALF TERM

What's On...

Monday 17th
 @ 11 am – Talk / Q&A / Fossil Handling: Meet Vectipos and the awesome ornithomimid dinosaur!
 @ 2-3 pm – Fossil Handling

Tuesday 18th
 @ 11 am – Talk / Q&A / Fossil Handling: Meet Gorgonops and the terrifying cynodonts and uposaurus!
 @ 1 pm – Yewent and Public Fossil Walk
 @ 2-3 pm – Fossil Handling

Wednesday 19th
 @ 11 am – Hands-On Activities / Fossil Handling: Education Activity
 @ 2 pm – Sharnkin Public Fossil Walk
 @ 2-3 pm – Fossil Handling

Thursday 20th
 @ 11 am – Talk / Q&A / Fossil Handling: Meet Eucercator and the gigantic sauropod dinosaurs!
 @ 2-3 pm – Yewent and Public Fossil Walk
 @ 2-3 pm – Fossil Handling

Friday 21st
 @ 2 pm – Talk / Q&A / Fossil Handling: Meet Coeloccephalus and the amazing reptiles that lived alongside the dinosaurs!
 @ 3 pm – Sharnkin Public Fossil Walk



Our fossil walks are super popular, so you need to book your spot! – Ring the team on 01903 404344



DINOSAUR ISLE MAY HALF TERM

'Meet the...' Dino Safari – Family Friendly Talks, Q&A, and Fossil Handling Meet the museum's new Curator, Dr. David Bates, as he explores the biology and evolution of the Island's dinosaurs that roamed here on the Wealden Roadplain in the Early Cretaceous, 136 million years ago. Dive into how we know so much about their lives and finally get answers to the questions you have always wondered about With real specimens and years of experience in dinosaur research across the world, this series of talks is not to be missed! Explore a different dinosaur group each day, and vote for your favourite! Talks are free for museum visitors, do not need to be pre-booked.

Fossil Handling & Activities
 Get the opportunity to handle some of the incredible (and really) bones, fossils, rocks and artefacts that can be found on the Isle of Wight's coasts. Ranging from Ice Age beasts, to 66-million-year-old marine fossils, and of course our Cretaceous dinosaurs, an experienced member of the team will be on hand to guide you and answer your questions. Throughout the week there will also be other hands-on activities including drawing activities, finding and identifying fossils with our microscope, and testing your knowledge of habitats! These activities are free for museum visitors, and do not need to be pre-booked.

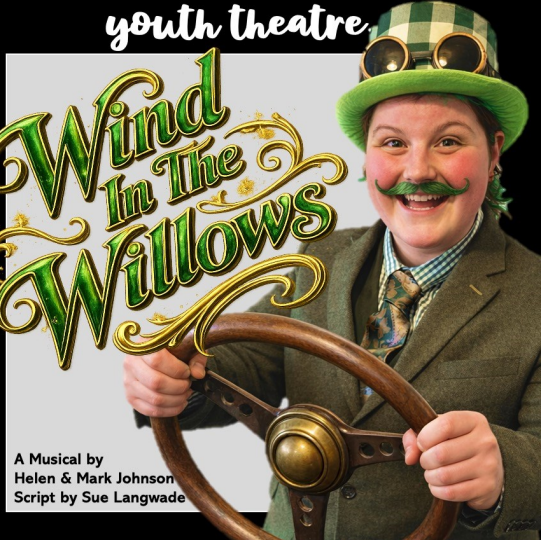
Public Fossil Walks
 Join one of our experienced staff for your very own fossil hunting experience (dates, times and locations above). Learn about the Island's palaeontology and geology, unique fossil heritage, and of course what to look for to find and identify your own Island fossils, safely and responsibly. Our fossil walks are super popular, so you need to book your spot! – Ring the team on 01903 404344



GET ON STAGE

youth theatre

Wind In The Willows



A Musical by
Helen & Mark Johnson
Script by Sue Langwade

Trinity Theatre
The Grove, Cowes.

Sat 6th June 2.30pm & 6pm
Sun 7th June 2.30pm

All Tickets £12

Bookings at
www.GetOnStage.co.uk

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23 to 31 May

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