



Wootton Community

06th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Dates for 2025-2026
(subject to change)

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

Weds 24th June: Y3
Roman Activity Day & Y3
Parent DT session 1.45pm

Fri 26th June:
Teddy Bears' Picnic

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

I hope you had a fantastic **half-term** and enjoyed the beautiful weather. The children have returned looking refreshed and are full of excitement for our last half term of the school year. I shared in assembly on Tuesday how we have lots of different exciting events planned over the next few weeks but that we need to keep on striving to be the best version of ourselves so that we can be ready for the next stage of learning in September.

Talking of September, I am working with the leadership team to try and place staff in classes for September ensuring that we are meeting the needs of the class and the learning environment. Due to some movement of children and budget cuts we are currently needing to make changes to our **staffing structure** and therefore we are not in a position at present to finalise where staff will be. Please be assured that as soon as we have this all in place we will let the children and yourselves know. Please ensure that you update your Arbor App with any contact detail changes so that you receive all the emails we send out, thank you.

We had a fantastic time away with the **Year 6 at Runways End in Aldershot** before the half-term break. It was an absolute pleasure to spend time with the children and a real privilege to watch them grow in confidence and develop their resilience as they completed a range of new and challenging activities. EVERY child tried all the activities with some children also eating food they would not usually eat at home. Well done Year 6. Also a really big thank you to the staff who supported this, to Mr Billington, Mrs Menzies and Miss Adams who gave up family time to come along.

School Council met this week to make plans to support the **Wildheart Animal Sanctuary**. To celebrate Benji and Balu's first year at the sanctuary, we will be having a Teddy Bears' Picnic on **Friday 26th June**. The week before this, your child will come home with a word search and T-shirt design competition which will need to be returned on Friday 26th. On this day, children will also be able to bring their favourite bear to school who will join them at lunch time all for a donation of at least £1. We will send more details out nearer the time.

Year 2 had a super time at the donkey sanctuary on Wednesday and despite the rain all engaged brilliantly. Well done Year 2 and thank you to Bella's mum and Tilly's dad for supporting this.

It was a super first **Celebration Assembly** of this half-term when we congratulated our Star Pupils for their amazing work, and a number of other pupils for their achievements out of school. Well done to: Harry in Y1 and Willow in Y2 who have both earned swimming certificates, Zak in Y1 who has been working hard at his football club and earned a Blue Card, Isla in Y5 and EmilyRose in Y6 who shared their recent football tournament medals, and Patryk in Y4 who also shared a football medal, and a certificate for his short story entry linked to The Royal Mint. We also congratulated the school Coding Club for their achievements, and our Year 3 class for their swimming lessons. Walk the Wight participants also received their certificates this week. Our **Top 5 homework achievers** will be shared next week.

Our **word for the week** this week is 'elite' and our **BIG Think** question is, 'If a robot makes a picture, is it real art?'

I hope to see lots of people at the **PTA meeting** on **Monday at 6.30pm** in school, in the Year 5 classroom. 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**.

In the meantime I hope you have a super weekend.

Jane Wilford

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES



TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)



THESE CHANGES WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE START OF THE
2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR.





The current **£7,400** income cap for Universal Credit claimants will be removed, meaning **all households** receiving Universal Credit will become eligible. Additionally, all previous 'transitional protections' will permanently end.



TARGETED FSM

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of **£7,400 or less** (the existing FSM threshold prior to expansion) will be eligible for Targeted FSM.



Pupils eligible under this category will continue to receive **free meals** and will also attract Pupil Premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools.





EXPANDED FSM (NEW CATEGORY)

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings **above £7,400** will be entitled to Expanded FSM.



This provides **meals only** and does not attract Pupil Premium funding.



EXTRA SUPPORT FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

Only children eligible for Targeted FSM will receive:

-  Holiday Supermarket Vouchers 
-  Free access to holiday clubs (Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)) 

 Important: Only children eligible for Targeted FSM will receive Holiday Supermarket Vouchers and free access to holiday clubs (HAF).



PLEASE NOTE:

Pupils who are currently eligible for FSM, or who have been eligible previously, will no longer be protected under transitional arrangements.



All families will be required to submit a new application, as transitional protection will cease at the end of the **2025/26 academic year.**



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WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a wonderful first week back. We started our 'Dinosaur' topic and have begun by learning some simple facts about dinosaurs and have then applied this knowledge to some dinosaur fact writing. We will do this over a series of weeks and build up our knowledge of dinosaurs. We have been working in the tough tray dinosaur world and have been identifying different dinosaurs and the adult encouraged the children to talk about the facts we had been learning. In maths we have been doing

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back everyone. We can't believe it's our last term of year 1!

In Maths this week we partitioned numbers to 100. We thought about tens and ones and used dienes and drawings to help us represent numbers.

In writing, we looked at the front cover of our new story 'Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine'. The children made some great observations about the front cover and wrote a list of questions. We then looked at the first couple of pages of the stories and considered how The Queen must have been feeling. The children then pretended to be The Queen and wrote their thoughts in a thought bubble. To end the week, we all took part in a big phonics session. We played lots of games designed to find and spot the tricky digraphs and trigraphs in words. We all practiced our decoding and blending and sorted words into real and nonsense.

In Science, we finished our learning from last term by sorting animals into mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and birds. We were so impressed with how much knowledge the children remembered about the different groups of animals!

In Big Think, we looked at the question 'If a robot makes a picture, is it real art?'. The class found this a really interesting concept and we had lots of discussion about what art is, can anyone be an artist? Who decides if art is good or not? It was lovely to see some great meaningful conversations going on, with everyone listening and accepting differing opinions.

A great first week back! Well done Year 1!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week, we were delighted to welcome the children back for the final half-term of Year 2. In English, we have begun exploring our new text, *Tidy* by Emily Gravett, and the class have been practicing writing sentences using conjunctions, learning how different conjunctions can completely change the meaning of a sentence. In Maths, we have continued our work on addition and subtraction, using inverse operations to check our answers and developing our understanding of what the inverse is and how it helps us. In Art, we have started exploring Batik art, inspired by our Geography topic on Malaysia, and the children have enjoyed creating their own patterns. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our visit to the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary. Despite the rainy weather, the children had a fantastic time learning about the different parts of a donkey, examining donkey teeth, discovering more about their diet and care, and even having the opportunity to stroke some of the donkeys. Thanks Year 2!



WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Welcome back to our final half term in Year 3. We dived straight into our new learning topics this week and it was great to see the children's enthusiasm for learning return after a much-needed break. In English we began our study of the new class text 'I was there: Boudicca's Army'. The children spent time exploring and analysing the front cover and blurb and applied inference skills by writing wonderful predictions about the story. Later in the week, we began to explore Kassy - the main character - and what her traits are. In maths, we recapped place value of numbers to 1000 and missing number bonds within 100. In the wider curriculum, we began to study Roman Britain by recapping what life was like here before the Romans arrived (Iron age link). In computing we explored how and why text and images are used interchangeably as a means of communication. Finally, my highlight of the week was RE. This week we started our new learning focus of Purim/Identity. During this lesson we explored what the term identity means. The children showed this by creating images of themselves so how they wish to share their own identities.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow, even with it being a short school week, we have jumped right back into some great learning! I want to commend all of the children again on their hard work and determination with times tables. We have been working with fractions in maths this week, and the close link with multiplication and division facts has really been apparent. We have ended the week looking at fractions of amounts, including applying our skills to multi-step problems, which has required some serious brain power! In English, we approached things a bit differently this week. We are starting a new class text - Podkin One Ear - but before we revealed the book and started reading, the children used some clues to write a predicted blurb for the book. There were some very creative and intriguing ideas! We had a very informative lesson on Asia, and specifically Nepal, as we kicked off our Geography topic on mountains and earthquakes. Comparing the height of Tennyson Down to Mount Everest, certainly made us think! In DT, the children completed an evaluation of their moving pictures from last half term, and if they haven't already, the finished products will be making their way home very soon...

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 half term of Year 5. In English, the class have been introduced to their new text ('The Red Pyramid' by Rick Riordan) and have begun making predictions about the story at various points. The children have also explored the different characters within it, drawing out information about their appearance and personality. In maths, we have been revising our understanding of the four operations, particularly focusing on the most efficient method to use when answering arithmetic questions. History saw us beginning our new topic of Ancient Egypt and the class were very engaged when pretending to be Egyptologists! The children concluded their science topic of Space by making engaging presentations about what they have learnt throughout the unit, whilst computing involved revising our knowledge of selection, conditions and actions within Scratch.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six the children have made a fantastic start to the term with some super writing in English, great effort in maths, and enthusiasm for their new topics. In English, we watched a short video (Broken: Rock, Paper, Scissors) and the children wrote some really effective descriptive pieces. In maths, we came back to our work on angles and dug a bit deeper into polygons. Our new history topic is Black Civil Rights in America, so we started by discussing what the children already know about this subject, such as Rosa Parks' bus boycott, and completed some timeline work for context. In art, they began developing their cartoonist skills and in French we started putting together lots of different vocabulary to form sentences in the near future tense ("Je vais aller..."). We have almost finished our evolution science topic from last half term, learning more about the process of fossilisation, and will soon be able to enjoy some fun end of year investigations. We also look forward to beginning our end of year Friday programmes: an author project and an entrepreneur project.

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		WEEK 2 W/C 20/04/2026, 11/05/2026, 08/06/2026, 25/06/2026, 20/07/2026				
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍕	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges 🍔	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍖	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🍛	Fish Fingers with Chips 🐟
	OPTION 2	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita with Wholegrain Rice 🌮	Beany Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges 🍔	Bean and Cheese Pastry Turnover 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		Banana Oat Bite 🍌	Lemon Cookie 🍪	Caramel Mousse 🍰	Chocolate Brownie 🍫	Strawberry 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 modified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.						

Star Pupils

England Reception	Farrell & Jessica
Arctic Year 1	Harry
Malaysia Year 2	Luca
Italy Year 3	Mabel
Brazil Year 4	Lucia
Japan Year 5	Henry
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.**



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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	0	5.34
Arctic 1	19.57	9.37
Malaysia 2	8.33	5.84
Italy 3	7.33	4.82
Brazil 4	6.47	4.79
Japan 5	7.91	6.10
Greece 6	5.10	4.12
Whole School	8.05	5.80

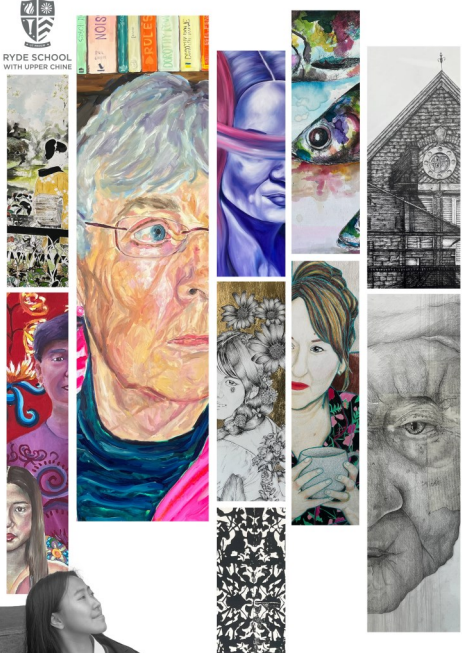
The class with the best attendance this week is: Reception Class!

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
England R	1	54
Arctic 1	8	175
Malaysia 2	2	72
Italy 3	3	79
Brazil 4	1	129
Japan 5	2	166
Greece 6	6	81
Whole School	23	756

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

RYDE SCHOOL WITH UPPER CHINE



SUMMER 26 EXHIBITION

5-8:30pm
Thursday 11th June
 Ryde School with Upper Chine
 GCSE and Upper Sixth
 Art, Art Textiles and Design Technology





Summer 2 Schedule

Class Title	Age	Cost	When
Beginners	6+	£6	Tuesdays 6pm-7pm
Ryde Company	7-16	£13	Fridays 5pm-7pm

All sessions @ Department, Ryde
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- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

2 JUNE 12:00	Alternative Provision What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act	8 JUNE 12:00	Appeals to SEND Tribunal A step-by-step guide through the appeals process
9 JUNE 12:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	11 JUNE 13:30	Considering an EHC Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process
17 JUNE 12:00	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support	24 JUNE 13:00	Responding to a draft EHCP If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft
27 JUNE 13:00	Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP		

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Sunday, 5th July

Join the stampede!

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Isle of Wight
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www.wildheartanimalsanctuary.org
Yaverland Road, Sandown, PO36 8QB

ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2026
WILDHEART ANIMALS SANCTUARY

TRAINING
SEA VIEW YACHT CLUB

SATURDAY CLUB SAILING
FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

For young sailors with previous experience who want to take their sailing skills to the next level!

These sessions follow the same format as the Schools Sailing Programme. The aim is to further participants' sailing knowledge and skills.

FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY
Due to the high demand, sessions are only open to Year 6 pupils.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED
For children who have already completed, or taken part in, an RYA Stage 1 course or equivalent.

LIMITED SPACES
Places are limited to just 24 participants per session. Book early to avoid disappointment!

HOW TO BOOK
Email: sailing.support@svyc.org.uk to secure a place.

£1 WE ASK FOR A £1 PER WEEK CONTRIBUTION towards the Seaview Sailing Trust charity that funds these sessions. (Further cost details are not shared with children.)

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2026 SATURDAY CLUB SAILING SESSIONS

SESSION	TIME	DATE
SESSION 1	0900 – 1200	SAT 6 TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 2	1300 – 1600	SAT 6 TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 3	0900 – 1200	SAT 13 TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 4	1300 – 1600	SAT 13 TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 5	0900 – 1200	SAT 20 TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 6	1300 – 1600	SAT 20 TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 7	0900 – 1200	SAT 27 TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 8	1300 – 1600	SAT 27 TH JUNE 2026
SESSION 9	0900 – 1200	SAT 4 TH JULY 2026
SESSION 10	1300 – 1600	SAT 4 TH JULY 2026

MORE SAILING OPPORTUNITIES
There are also several local clubs and centres offering sailing for young people:

- Brading Haven Yacht Club (Bembridge Harbour – St Helens end)
- Bembridge Sailing Club (Bembridge Harbour – Bembridge end)
- Royal Victoria Yacht Club (Fishbourne)
- Gurnard Sailing Club
- Yarmouth Sailing Club
- Wight Water Sports (Sandown)
- Tackit-Isle (St Helens Duver & Bembridge Marina)
- UKSA (Cowes, Arctic Road)

NEW PARTNER
SEA SCOUTS
We have teamed up with the local Sea Scouts who can now support further sailing opportunities too.

DEVELOP SKILLS. BUILD CONFIDENCE. ENJOY SAILING!