



Wootton Community

25th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers.

Dates for 2025-2026
(subject to change)

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

Thurs 16th July: Y5 Art
Afternoon

Fri 17th July: PTA
Summer event 3.10-4.45pm

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

Thurs 23rd July: Last
celebration assembly
@8.45

Fri 24th July:
Last day of term

11am Y6 Leavers
presentation (Y6 families
only)

12 noon family picnic - all
welcome, followed by class
dances & finish at 1.30pm

Autumn Term:
Will start on **Fri 4th Sept**
for Years 1-6

Reception class will start
on **Mon 7th Sept**

What an interesting week it has been! Thank you so much for all your support and kind words over the last few days. Thank you to the **PTA** for providing us with ice pops but mostly thank you to all the staff for managing to teach the children, adapting learning so that the children stayed safe in the extreme weather. We ensured that we implemented the guidance given to us from both the DfE and Local Authority and I am so pleased that the vast majority of parents followed the process correctly.

Talking of parents, many children were excited to share their festival experiences with us all at the start of the week yet it became apparent that quite a lot of children were embarrassed that their parents hadn't been quite honest about their attendance last Friday and Monday. This also happens when children have been on holiday yet school is notified that they are unwell. It saddens me that we work so hard to teach the children to be honest and yet some of the children are put in a compromising situation in school and naturally want to share their experiences with their friends. Please ensure that any absence, whether this is for an event or holiday, is reported correctly to school and be aware that **attendance at school** is compulsory. For any emergency appointments within the day a letter or text message **MUST** be presented to the office, thank you.

It was a great but warm **Celebration Assembly** today hearing all the wonderful varied reasons as to why children were chosen as **Star Pupils** this week. We also congratulated Emilyrose in Year 6 for her end of season football trophy and also Lilah-Mae in Year 3 who showed her Quarr explorer badge.

We also presented some children with prizes from **Wootton Tesco Express** following the fruit and vegetable colouring competition most classes took part in before half-term. The manager Andy had a very tough decision choosing the winners and runner up pieces of work but well done to everyone for taking part. Children's work will be displayed in the store in the next week or so. Prizes were given to Lacey and another child in Reception, Zak and Matilda in Year 1, Sonny S and Maggie in Year 2, Alice and William in Year 3, Jessica and Casey in Year 4 and Sydney and Lucy in Year 5. Year 6 were on residential so did not complete the activity.

We continue to congratulate children with their **reading achievements** at home and presented one Gold certificate today.

Our Top 5 homework achievers all earning five House Points each are:

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1st	Patryk (Y4)	Patryk (Y4)	Id Ahabab (Y4)	Tilly (Y2)
2nd	Theodore (Y6)	Callum (Y6)	Harry M (Y5)	Alex (Y2)
3rd	Oliver (Y6)	Emily-Rose (Y6)	Bella (Y4)	Phoenix B (Y3)
4th	Willow (Y6)	Charlie (Y6)	Ivy (Y5)	Aiden (Y3)
5th	Caleb (Y6)	Max (Y6)	Sebby (Y6)	Zachary (Y3)
Top Class for the week	Year 6	Year 6	Year 5	Year 3

Our **word for the week** this week is 'tolerant' and our **BIG Think** question is, 'Is it OK to bend the rules of a game to make sure everyone has fun?' Mr Scurr's group gave some really interesting thoughts in our feedback assembly.

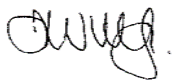
Thank you so much for all the donations to support the Wildlife animal sanctuary. We have raised £154.70 to help towards the cost of the care for Benji and Balu, thank you for all your donations. The children had great fun with their bears and toys at lunchtime and were very excited to meet the mascot from the sanctuary.

Talking of assembly, please check the dates column for reminders for the arrangements for the end of the school term.

Thank you so very much to **Hamilton Events**, Sydney's in Year 5 dad, who has kindly donated some wonderful food that we can use in school.

I am looking forward to joining **Year 5** on their visit to the British museum in London next Thursday. It will be a long day but having done this visit several times before it is so worth it!

In the meantime I hope you have a super weekend.



Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow what a hot week it has been in class, but I am so proud of our little people who have coped so well and have managed to continue to learn through their play whilst enjoying lots of drink breaks and regular cool downs from our outside hose!

This week we have completed some writing tasks and have started to work on the end of year phonics assessments, but we have done this at a steady pace. We also drew our self- portraits for our end of year school reports.

The children have been drawing some pictures for the Wildheart Sanctuary as well as part of a competition. We have observed the children creating Lego models and in the small world area there have been lots of animals enclosures created and the children have also used our inside den resources to create places for them to cool and rest.

Well done Reception class for coping with the heat and continuing to be so sensible and amazing.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow what a hot week! Well done to all the children for coming to school and continuing to work so hard in the sweltering heat!

In English this week we looked at pictures from the story and thought about all the details in the pictures. The children wrote sentences about the pictures and tried to extend their sentences with the words 'and' and 'because'. At the end of the week, we used these skills to write letter about the bathing machine. The children all did a brilliant job.

In Maths, we worked on number bonds to 20. We used tens frames and pictures to help us find number bonds then the children filled in part-whole models and wrote a number sentence. Then, they wrote all the related facts, including subtraction facts and number bonds to 10.

In History we learnt about what life was like in victorian times. We learnt about Queen Victoria, schools and transport and the children drew pictures and wrote sentences to explain what they learnt. We spoke about Osborne House and the children shared their experiences of visiting there. In Science we learnt about what plants need to grow. Then we planted beans which we will watch grow over the next few weeks.

In DT. We repeated our task from the previous lesson, trying to use what we'd learnt to create a stronger and more stable structure. The class used great team work and used shared ideas to come up with some great designs.

Another lovely week! Well done Year 1!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow - What a week it has been! Firstly, I would like to recognise how amazing Year 2 have been during this week's heatwave. Trying to learn whilst being hot and uncomfortable is no easy task, and I am so proud of how they have all persevered this week.

Money was the focus in Maths this week. We started the week recapping the names and values of UK coins and notes, and as the week progressed, we were finding change when paying with different amounts. In English, we created a character description of Rat from *Fantastic Mr Fox*, applying our knowledge of expanded noun phrases and varied sentence openers. By the end of the week, we began planning our own adventure story based on the story, which we will continue next week. In Science, we explored ways that we can help or harm the environment. The class were very knowledgeable with their responses, demonstrating their understanding of the importance of looking after our world. Finally, in Art, we continued our printing unit and created some negative prints using leaves. Using pencil, the children then created intricate and detailed designs inside the leaf shapes, inspired by the batik artwork of Malaysia. The end result was fantastic! Thanks for a great week, Year 2

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Good afternoon, everyone. I will keep this week's entry short and sweet. Despite the ridiculously hot weather, the Year 3 team and I could not be prouder of the resilience shown by each and every pupil. Every child has shown determination, maturity and resilience to keep on going and get all set tasks completed. In Maths, we have continued to secure our understanding of the column method and in English we spend time editing our work - with a focus on spelling errors. My highlight of the week is of course, our Roman experience day. The costumes were great; the workshops were brilliant and the painting session in the afternoon was wonderful. Thank you to all those parents and family members who braved the heat to support our class.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow! A big well done to the children for carrying on the best they could despite the intense heat! In maths, we have been continuing our work on decimals by looking at the effect of dividing 1 and 2-digit numbers by 10 and 100. We are now moving on to compare and round decimal numbers. In English, we have revisited the rules of speech and are retelling the story of how Pokin got his name 'One-Ear'. As well as taking care with their punctuation, the children are adding actions and sections of narrative to move the story forward. We considered the similarities and differences between surprises and secrets in PSHE, before going on to discuss safe and unsafe secrets. While some children represented the school at a cricket tournament on Tuesday, others designed computer commands and code to animate letter tiles using Scratch. For geography, we used maps to locate 3 local Downs (Tennyson, Brading and Mottistone) before investigating their heights above sea level and their past and current land use. Let's hope the temperatures begin to subside soon!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

A huge well done to Year 5 for managing to get work done in this heat! I have been really impressed with the children, as we have had lots of learning to do, but this has proven quite difficult with the weather. In English, the children have written effective diary entries, showcasing their superb progress. They have carefully interwoven parenthesis and relative clauses to up level their work, and then used their editing skills to further improve them. Maths has proven tricky this week as we recapped some fraction knowledge, but I have been so impressed with the children's perseverance. We talked about why it is important to find things hard sometimes, as it means we are learning! We had a great history lesson this week, exploring Egyptian gods and then designing our own. The children came up with some excellent ideas about what their gods/goddesses controlled and how they would help people. In Computing, the children began developing their own scratch programs using their understanding of conditions and outcomes, and we had a brilliant sailing session again. The children sailed independently in groups of three and they were thoroughly congratulated by the instructors for how well they helped pull the boats back up the beach! Thank you for continuing to work hard Year 5, even though it has been super hot!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year Six, the children have shown fantastic resilience in this weather! Because of the heat, we have taken a slower pace to our week, but they have still achieved great things. In maths, we have returned to our statistics unit, creating our own pie charts and using surveys to practise using different types of charts, including using Google Sheets. In English, the children experimented with more poem structures, including a 'blackout' poem, created by removing words rather than writing them! During history, the children found out about the Underground Railroad system in 19th century US. In science, we enjoyed a hovercraft experiment with different materials, and in art we drew self-portraits. As well as this, the children finished filming and began editing their video memories, and continued their entrepreneur projects. Well done, everyone, for coping so well in such unusual weather!

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		WEEK 2				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 🐟
	OR					
	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 🍟
HOT DISHES	OR					
	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 🥪
	OR					
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 notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.						

Star Pupils

England Reception	George C & Isla
Arctic Year 1	Jamie
Malaysia Year 2	Zac
Italy Year 3	Dotty
Brazil Year 4	Ellie
Japan Year 5	Isla
Greece Year 6	Kylan

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	13.45	5.52
Arctic 1	16	9.43
Malaysia 2	18.14	6.08
Italy 3	8.33	4.85
Brazil 4	8.97	4.76
Japan 5	13.33	6.22
Greece 6	15.56	5.56
Whole School	13.32	5.94

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

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
England R	3	57
Arctic 1	12	186
Malaysia 2	4	79
Italy 3	3	87
Brazil 4	9	141
Japan 5	6	180
Greece 6	5	83
Whole School	42	778

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

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





Whilst eating lunch with our bears, this happened....





Sports News

U11 Girls Cricket vs Nettlestone, Binstead and Bembridge

Last week, our U11 Girls' cricket team travelled to Ryde Cricket Club to play the opening group stage of their cricket competition. Getting the chance to play at a cricket club is a fantastic opportunity and highlights the facilities that are available on the island for budding cricketers.

In all, they played three games and were competitive in all three matches. First, they came up against Nettlestone who were disciplined with the ball and confident with the running. I was impressed with our team's bowling and highlights the benefit of all the bowling practice they have put in during club. But Nettlestone's confidence of calling quick runs meant that they ended up winning 63 to 55.

Next, we played Bembridge and it was an incredibly close match! The difference came down to a single wicket or a single boundary during the entire match. Both teams scored well and the bowling accuracy was impressive. In the end, Bembridge ended up winning 78-74. With a wicket being worth 5 points, it was that close. Unlucky girls!

The momentum continued into the girls' final game against Binstead. They had confidence to call quick runs and had begun to hit the 'free hits' with greater accuracy. This meant they finished on 79 runs to Binstead's 45.

Well done girls. It was a great afternoon of cricket and you were unlucky not to progress through to the next round of the competition.

Thank you and well played to Emily-rose S, Daisy L and Willow C from Year 6 and Emire H, Frankie T, Lucy Mc, Daisy F and Arya D from Year 5.

U9 Countdown Cricket Festival

On Tuesday, we had the opportunity to participate in a cricket festival held at Newclose Cricket Ground. The event, run by the Isle of Wight Cricket Board, allowed several teams/schools to participate in cricket games and skills activities related to countdown cricket (pair's cricket). It was a pleasure taking the Year 4 team. They were sensible and polite throughout and clearly enjoyed the cricket on offer.

They played three matches against other schools, unfortunately losing two of them but finishing with a good win. They also were able to show their skills in batting, bowling and fielding at some skills stations.

Learning a new type of cricket game is tricky, especially in the heat. But the children didn't let that faze them and they looked like a very polished outfit by the end of the afternoon.

Thank you and well played to Charlotte F, Bella F, Enya C, Florence S, Patryk C, Jake VC, Louis L and Efe A from Year 4.

#FOCAS2026

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th June 2026

Book Now!



FOCAS FEST

Focus on Conservation and Science Festival

A hands-on festival where science comes alive!

FOCAS Fest is back for its 4th year – bigger, bolder, and packed with exciting ways for everyone to explore science, wildlife and our planet!

- Interactive science & conservation activities
- Meet real scientists, conservationists & wildlife experts!
- Watch the amazing Zoo Keepers animal puppet show!
- FULL access to the animal sanctuary included





Two sessions each day
Morning: 9:30am – 1:00pm
Afternoon: 1:30pm – 5:00pm

JUST £3.50 PER PERSON (PRE-BOOKED*)
Children under 3 go FREE
Limited tickets available per session
*On the door price £7.00pp

Yaverland Road, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 8QB

TOGETHER WE DISCOVER

wildheart animal sanctuary

ISLE OF WIGHT BIOSPHERE FESTIVAL

ISLE OF WIGHT STEAM RAILWAY

ISLE OF WIGHT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Steam Railway Prom

Saturday 25th July 2026, 3pm
Isle of Wight Steam Railway, Havenstreet



kids go free*
FREE ENTRY FOR CHILDREN

Enjoy family film favourites with a live orchestra and a Last Night of the Proms finale. Bring a picnic. Dogs welcome.

iwsteamrailway.co.uk/events

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HAF is back for Summer 2026!

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme offers free activities and meals to eligible school-age children during the main school holidays. With summer approaching we have included details below of our summer programme.

- Activities run from Monday 27th July- Friday 28th August
- Bookings open Tuesday 23rd June at 12pm
- All activities include a healthy nutritious meal for children and young people attending
- Free spaces are available to children who receive income-related free school meals
- Varied activity programme including horse riding, music, football, fun at the farm, youth clubs, multi activity holiday clubs, bushcraft, water sports and family days.
- Please share with families you are working with and encourage them to book on to activities should they be eligible.

We can also offer a limited number of discretionary-funded places for children who do not meet the criteria above but would benefit from attending. This may include, for example:

- Children assessed by the Local Authority as being in need, at risk or vulnerable
- Looked-after children
- Children under Early Help
- Young carers
- Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

For more information on the programme and details on who can access discretionary funded places, please visit our [webpages](#).

How to book:

All bookings can be made through our [HAF Booking System](#) (QR code below)



Full details on all our activities can also be found on the Isle of Wight [Family Information Hub](#) [webpage](#).

Please contact the HAF Team on holidayactivities@iow.gov.uk if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S NHS APPOINTMENTS AT DENBIGH HOUSE WITH DR ILEANA

0-16 year old's

Thursdays 09:00 - 16:30

Fridays 09:00 - 14:00



To register and book please email: childrensclinic@denbighhouse.com
62 George Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 2EN

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Design & Illustrations by MookSoo

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Mardi Gras



SCAN FOR
PROGRAMME

FOLKTASTIC ISLE: STORIES, MYTHS & LEGENDS

SATURDAY
4TH
JULY
2026

FROM 3PM
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ISLE OF WIGHT

ONLINE PROGRAMME
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IW Mardi Gras is all about hand made costumes, designs by the children, increasingly using sustainable materials



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PSSC
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Summer Sports Camps

27, 28, 29 JULY
3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 AUGUST
AT ST. FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
9AM - 3PM EACH DAY

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

FOR AGES 5-11

FOOTBALL **BASKETBALL** **CRICKET**

Cost: £FREE

(If on income related Free School meals)
Funded by the Department of Education
- LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!!!
OR

£15 per day

Each day will be a mixture of activities including Dodgeball, Tennis, Football, Basketball, and Handball. Children will be coached in the fundamental aspects of these sports through a variety of team and individual challenges.

For more information:

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PSSC
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Summer Sports Camp

30, 31 JULY
7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 21 AUGUST
AT GURNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL
9AM - 3PM EACH DAY

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3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 AUGUST
AT DOVER PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
9AM - 3PM EACH DAY

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3rd & 17th August -
Gym, Dance and Cheerleading
4th, 5th, 7th & 18th, 19th, 21st August -
Team Sports including Football,
Basketball and Handball
6th and 20th August - Football
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Summer Sports Camp

24, 25, 26, 27, 28 AUGUST
AT LANESEND PRIMARY SCHOOL
9AM - 3PM EACH DAY

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

FOR AGES 5-11

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