Wootton Community

24th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers.

I cannot believe we are here - the **end of the school year**, and what a fantastic year it has been! As I reflect on this school year I am overwhelmed with the enormity of all the incredible achievements we have had and all of this is down to the incredible staff team and whole school community. Thank you for all your support over the year, for your suggestions and feedback and on behalf of all the staff thank you so much for all your generous gifts and cards. It is at times like this that we all acknowledge, despite being exhausted, how lucky we are to work at Wootton.

Thank you for all your incredible support at the **summer fair** last Friday, we were overwhelmed with the amount of help that arrived on the day! Taking out our expenses the event made a profit of £873.06 which we will add to the PTA balance enabling us to now purchase an **outside classroom**.

Thank you for all the contributions to the recent **school uniform survey**. We took the results to the governors on Monday to discuss. The results were very mixed with no clear outcome so for this next academic year we are offering that children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) are able to wear a **BOTTLE GREEN polo** shirt IF they want to, **white will remain in place for Key Stage 2**. PE tops will be the school logo white T-shirt or a plain white T-shirt. We are also going to introduce a BOTTLE GREEN sports top this year. This MUST be plain and not have any brand or sports logos on it. Plain black shorts and trainers are to be worn with the PE top. Over the next academic year we will hold another consultation with uniform samples for you to look at with the intention to change the uniform for September 2027.

It has been such a busy last week too, thank you for coming along to our sports afternoons and for respecting my instructions regarding taking photographs. Due to an exceptional safeguarding requirement photos cannot be taken and shared if they have other children in other than your own. The **winning House for the sports cup** this year is Farrell House (Yellow) with a total of 3371 points, closely followed by Jones House (Green) with 3314 points, followed by Stokes House (Blue) with 3175 and fourth place Asher-Smith House (Red) with 3149. Well done to Mr Billington and Year 6 for all their hard work.

Talking of sport, we have been awarded the **Platinum Schools Games Mark** this year in recognition of our inclusive and high level of participation over the last year. In order to achieve this, we have had to meet the Gold criteria for the last 5 years so it is such wonderful news to obtain platinum this year. Thank you to Mr Billington in particular for ensuring that the children have had access to some incredible sporting events this year.

In our last and very busy **Celebration Assembly** today we congratulated our Star Pupils along with achievements outside of school. Well done to Toby in Year 3 who showed his football trophy and medal; Clara in Year 3 shared her cubs badges; Maggie in Year 2 shared her swimming certificates; George F in Reception shared his cricket medal and Ruben and Lauren from Reception shared their dance achievements. Two Bronze and three diamond reading certificates were awarded along with 18 books awards to the top readers in each class, all having read at least 250 times over the school year!

Dates for 2026-2027 (subject to change)

Tues 1st Sept - Thurs 3rd Sept: - Development Days - school closed to all children

Fri 4th Sept: Years 1-6 back to school (week 1 dinner menu)

Mon 7th Sept: Reception class first day (Week 2 dinner menu)

Tues 22nd Sept: - Y4 Ancient Butser Farm Visit

Fri 16th Oct:- Last Day

Mon 19th Oct:-Fri 30th Oct: Half Term

Fri 18th Dec: Last day

Mon 21st Dec-Fri 1st Jan: Christmas Break

Fri 12th Feb: Last Day

Mon 15th Feb: Half Term

Weds 24th Mar: Last day

Thurs 25th Mar: Development Day

Fri 26th Mar-Fri 9th Apr: Easter Break

Fri 28th May: Last Day

Mon 31st May-Fri 4th May: Half Term

Tues 27th July: Last Day

Weds 28th July: Development Day

Thurs 29th July: Summer Break

We also presented the **House Point cup** to Jones House (Green) with a total of 6955 points for the year, 2nd place was Asher-Smith House (Red) with 6607 points, 3rd place was Farrell House (Yellow) with 6060 points and 4th place Stokes House (Blue) with 6023 points. Well done to all the children over the year for earning all the House Points.

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

Top 5	Maths Shed	Spelling Shed	TTRS	Numbots
1st	Patryk (Y4)	Md Ahbab (Y4)	Md Ahbab (Y4)	Sonny W (Y2)
2nd	Enya (Y4)	Henry (Y5)	Jack (Y2)	Phoenix B (Y3)
3rd	Theodore (Y6)	Theodore (Y6)	Lily (Y3)	Jasper (Y2)
4th	Oliver (Y6)	Oliver (Y6)	Zachary (Y3)	Tilly (Y2)
5th	Willow (Y6)	Willow (Y6)	Polly (Y3)	Leo (Y2)
Top Class for the week	Year 6	Year 6	Year 3	Year 2

We are delighted to say that **Miss Roberts** has successfully passed the Teaching Assistant Level 3 qualification gaining a distinction in both the observation and professional discussion gaining a distinction overall.

We had a visitor from the library service who shared with the children the details of this years **reading challenge**. Your child should have come home with a bookmark with more details on. This takes place in all libraries across the Island with some exciting changes to the program this year. Any child that takes part and brings their certificate to school will receive 5 House Points to start their new year off!

Thank you to the staff for their help for giving our **Year 6** a wonderful party last night and to the PTA for supporting this.

It was such a lovely end to the school year and wonderful to see so many families at the picnic. Every class did a super job with their dances and our Year 6 leavers presentation was a joy to watch. **Goodbyes** are always a challenge and it was sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 children but also to our staff leaving. We thanked Mrs Melvin and Mrs Bailey for their hard work and commitment to the school and wished them much happiness for their futures. We thought it was going to be a goodbye to Miss Roberts too but she will be staying with us a little longer.

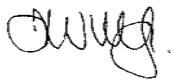
Whilst I don't want to wish the summer break away, I just need to mention a **few things for September**.

Please ensure that your child arrives to school **BEFORE** 8.40am as this is when the register is taken and the gate is closed. We have had many more parents arriving at 8.40am and therefore the gate cannot be locked on time and this compromises our health and safety requirements. Children arriving after 8.40am will also be marked absent so it is vital any child arriving after 8.40am are signed in at the office. Unfortunately as some parents arrive at 8.40am the gate has to be left unlocked to allow them to leave and this is also the case when parents are not swift in dropping their children, therefore please ensure that you have dropped off and left by 8.40am so the safety of the site and the children are not compromised, thank you.

From September, **absences for illness will require a phone call** to school EVERY day and we will no longer accept emails as notification. We will send out some updated information regarding attendance at the start of the school year.

We are so looking forward to seeing Years 1 to 6 back on Friday 4th September and our new Reception children on Monday 7th September.

I hope you have a wonderful summer break and make some happy memories with your families,



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had a great final week in Reception class. The children really enjoyed Sports day and all the activities that the Year 6 children had planned for them. I was so proud of them all when they ran in the races at the end, they were all very determined.
In class we have been sorting our room out and the children have been sorting things into the correct baskets and generally being so helpful which is fantastic.
We enjoyed watching the Year 6 leavers assembly on Thursday and the children were delighted when their buddies came down to read the books they had made for all the children to keep.
The picnic was such a nice way to end the term and I am beyond proud of our little class for dancing and performing so confidently in front of a very large audience.
It is now time for us all to rest up and enjoy time at home before we return in September. We hope you all have a fantastic summer holidays whatever you are doing and have the opportunity to do some fun things! See you in September.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in English, we focused on reading and writing tricky words. The children practised recognising these words and using them correctly in their own sentences. Then, we used a funny picture of an octopus as our inspiration for story writing. The children came up with some great ideas and turned them into imaginative stories. In Maths, we practised measuring length and height. The children completed a range of activities such as ordering objects by length and putting themselves into height order.
In Science, the children went on a minibeast hunt! They created a tally chart so show all the minibeasts they found around the school. Then we thought about trees in summer and compared them to trees in the other seasons.
We would like to thank every child and family in Year 1 for such a brilliant school year! We are so incredibly proud of the progress that all the children have made! We hope you all have a wonderful summer holidays and we'll look forward to seeing you all in September when you're in Year 2!
Year 1 team

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Happy summer! Year 2 finished the year with lots of creative activities, including summer themed paper mosaics, cotton bud painted dragonflies and collecting natural materials to fill the bug hotels we had created. It was a lovely way to celebrate everything we have learned together. One of the highlights of our final week was performing our summer dance to *Sweet Caroline*. I hope you all enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it. Seeing the excitement on the children's faces as they sang and chanted along to the chorus is a memory that will stay with me for a very long time.
To all of Year 2: Thank you for making me laugh every day, for trying your best, for showing kindness to one another and for filling our classroom with so much enthusiasm and joy. I feel incredibly lucky to have been your teacher this year. Although I will miss seeing you every day, I cannot wait to give you a wave around school in September and hear all about your new adventures in Year 3.
Have a wonderful, safe and well-deserved summer holiday!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have made! The final week of the academic year... complete. What can I say other than, I am proud of the progress each and every pupil has made this year. When I reflect on the development, not only academically, but socially and physically too I am amazed. It has been a long but successful year, and I will greatly miss this class. I wish you all a happy summer break and smooth start to Year 4. Thank you again to those who have given the Year 3 teaching team cards and gifts, it means a lot to us to work as part of a wonderful school community. Thank you, Mr Scurr, Miss Wood & Miss Hasson

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WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

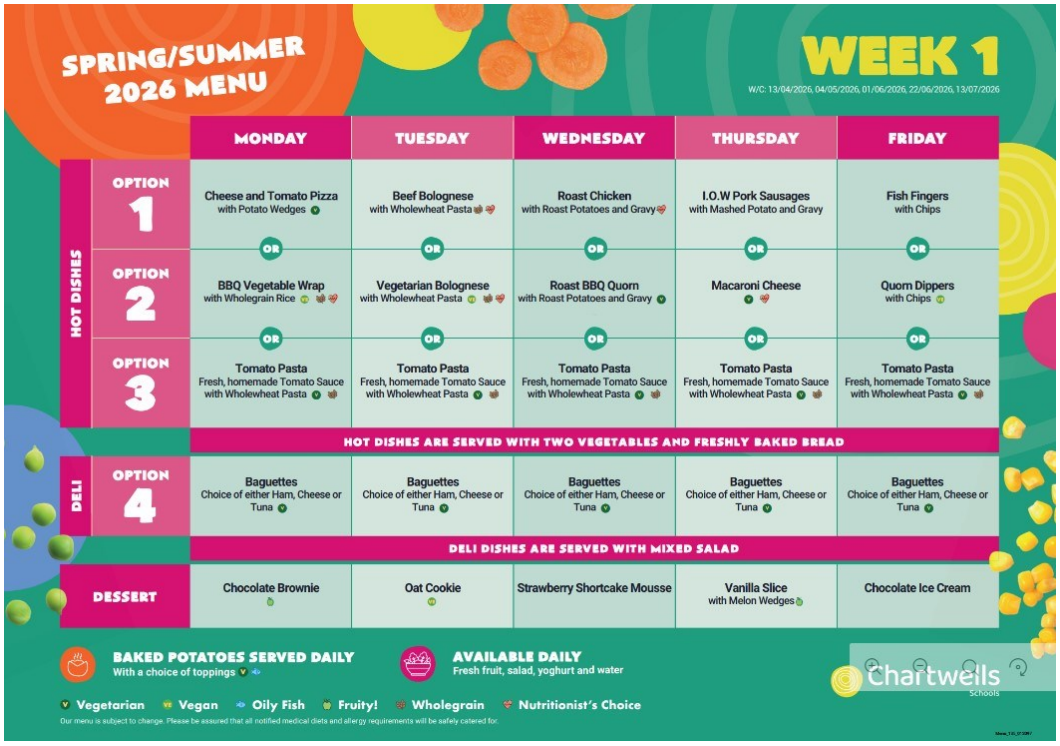
Wow, I can't believe we have completed year 4! When not practising our final day dance, we have managed to finish our geography, science and DT enquiries this week. The children completed a final analysis about mountains and whether they are more suitable to local people or tourists. They investigated different materials in science to determine which are conductors and insulators of electricity in circuits. But the highlight has to be DT! After finding out about the different strengthening techniques that engineers use to make earthquake-proof buildings, the children designed and made their own structural models to see which could withstand an earth tremor (otherwise known as shaking the table!) I'd like to congratulate all the children on their sports day performances! Their energy and enthusiasm were amazing, and I especially liked the way they encouraged and supported each other. Finally, thank you for all your engagement and support during my first year teaching at Wootton. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach your children and watch them grow, especially in their independence and resilience. I can't wait to see their journeys through upper KS2. Have a fabulous summer break everyone!

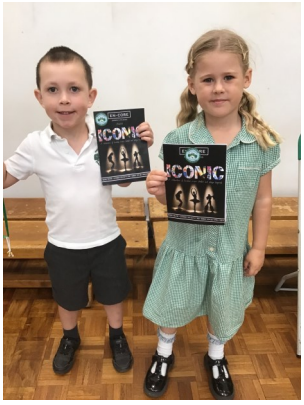
WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

I cannot believe the final week of Year 5 is over!
We have had a really lovely last week, completing a range of more chilled activities, as well as sorting out our books and having Sports Day! In English, the children carefully finished their newspaper reports and then wrote some Haiku poetry about Summer. In Maths, we practised some common arithmetic questions, to make sure the class are completely secure on their four operations. We have concluded all our units across the rest of the curriculum by competing in Kahoot quizzes to test our recall and understanding from the term. The children always love this activity and it is a great indicator of how much they have learnt! As well as this, we had our sports day, which the children enjoyed, and I was proud that everyone took part, despite sports not being all of their favourite things to do! This has been a super year and I look forward to teaching the class again and seeing them thrive in Year 6! Thank you, Year 5 - have a fantastic and relaxing summer!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a wonderful last week of Year Six and Wootton Primary for our Y6 Leavers! We could not be prouder of them as they say goodbye to us and prepare for the next stage of their journey.
Although our week has mostly been full of leavers assembly preparation and sports days, we have also had time to do some brilliant DT, some computing, and to share our Reception buddy books. These are the books that Year Six have been working on for the past half term on Fridays, planning, writing, typing up and hand-decorating their own bespoke children's book for their Reception buddy. Their entrepreneur projects were a great success last Friday at the summer fayre, raising a combined £247.30 for their chosen charities. The 'Beady Boys' group, selling Hama bead keyrings and coasters, was our top earning group so congratulations to them!
The Y6 helpers were complimented by many grown-ups on their brilliant leadership of the KS1 sports events, and then did themselves proud on their own sports day too. I loved seeing their support for each other and their willingness to challenge themselves.
We had a brilliant time at our Leavers party on Thursday evening, which was a lovely opportunity for them to unwind and have fun together before the big Goodbye on Friday.
I would like to thank all the wonderful parents and carers for their support and positivity this year. Your children are a delight and I have been so lucky to teach them and wave them off on the next step of their journey.





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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	1.44	5.2
Arctic 1	6.51	9.01
Malaysia 2	2.99	5.87
Italy 3	2.22	4.76
Brazil 4	1.91	4.67
Japan 5	8.52	6.1
Greece 6	6.17	4.53
Whole School	**4.27**	**5.75**

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

The class with the best attendance this Year is: Greece class!

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
England R	2	62
Arctic 1	13	206
Malaysia 2	2	83
Italy 3	2	91
Brazil 4	11	151
Japan 5	11	194
Greece 6	7	93
Whole School	**48**	**885**

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

Young Carers end of year party

We have been awarded the
Platinum Schools Games Mark

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for 8 - 12 yrs
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Future Lionesses FA Talent ID Event

New date: 17th August

- 17th August 2026 @ Cowes Enterprise College
- watched by FA Regional Talent Scouts
- led by UEFA B coaches
- School years 7&8 a.m / 9&10 p.m
- all abilities welcome
- pre-registration necessary (free to attend)
- QR code for details and sign up

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Sponsor Zara - our 100th Puppy

Help us make a difference to disabled young people on the Isle of Wight

We are celebrating our 100th puppy! She joined our training team in July at 8 weeks old. Zara and her brother, Cyril have set a challenge to help us with our fundraising: We are looking for 100 people to sponsor Zara from just £3 a month.

You can watch her grow from an adorable eight-week old bundle of fur to a fully qualified Ability Dog. Like all our puppies, Zara's journey is special. After 2 years of training she will help a disabled young person improve their journey to independence.

Zara and Cyril are Golden Doodles, named by Anne Springman (Shanklin Chine) and Jacqueline Gazzard, former High Sheriff. Anne said, "I wish I could be counted as a young person, as I have fallen in love with Zara!"

You can sponsor Zara from £3 a month

Simply fill out the form overleaf, return it to us and you will receive:

- A personalised certificate featuring your adopted puppy, Zara
- Regular progress pupdates
- Lots of photographs of Zara's training
- A news update when her training completes

Sign up online: www. abilitydogs4yp.org.uk/AD4YP_AdoptAPuppy.html

Training assistance dogs for disabled young people on the Isle of Wight

Raising funds for Ability Dogs 4 Young People

Mega Clothes Sale

Friday 31st July 2026
11 am to 3 pm

St Paul's Church Hall
Regent Street, Shanklin
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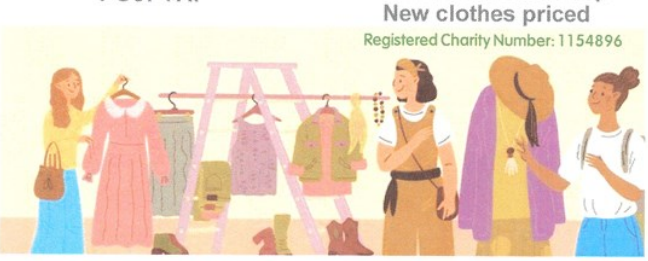
Fill a bag for £5
Adults clothes £1
Children's clothes 50p
New clothes priced

Registered Charity Number: 1154896



WELLY WEDNESDAYS
This Summer Holiday

LOOKING FOR A FAMILY ADVENTURE?

Join us from 2pm–4pm for afternoons of fresh air, learning and farmyard fun at Briddlesford!

22nd & 29th July and every Wednesday in August.

BRIDDLESFORD

Meet our friendly Guernsey cows. Discover where milk really comes from. Enjoy hands-on activities for children.

Book your family spot today and make this summer holiday unforgettable!

Don't forget your wellies!

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MHST Newsletter

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MHST Updates:

- We recently advertised for an EMHP trainee to join the team. We received lots of applications and will look to take someone on in September. They will shadow our current EMHPs with their work to get a taster of the work they will undertake once they start their training.
- Work is underway and will continue throughout the summer holidays to prepare for the new school year and how we can further support young people's mental health.

School can often be quite tiring, so when that all-important holiday comes around, you might feel that all you want to do is rest. While that's an important part of summer wellbeing, sticking to a basic routine can help you to feel a sense of accomplishment on your days off. It also helps ensure it is not a huge shock to the system when September comes back around! Think about designing a morning and evening routine planner to keep the momentum going. You can include fun things like do 5 minutes stretching in the evening sun or read a book after a shower.

We delivered several exam stress drop-ins at our secondaries/ sixth forms.

We received 45 referrals in May.

38 young people received an assessment in May

114 total session attendances in May (group & 1:1s)

Tips to support your mental health over the summer:

- Arrange a day out with friends
- Arrange time in the day without technology
- Learn a new skill
- Try a new recipe for your family to try.

More support can be found here: https://connect.humber.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Summer-Wellbeing-Guide.pdf

Enjoy your summer holidays!

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mental health support TEAM

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Online Safety Workshop

One of our practitioners are delivering an online safety workshop for parents throughout the summer holidays. Please keep an eye out for further information on our Facebook page, which can be accessed via the QR code:

Transition and Summer workshops

As you may have already seen on our Facebook page, our team are running workshops during the summer holidays. One of the workshops will be the transition groups to support year 6 students deal with the move up to secondary school. We are also holding the summer intensive workshops supporting young people with anxiety. We will update you in the new academic year with how the workshops go.

ISLE OF WIGHT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM CELEBRATE 5 YEARS OF SUPPORTING YOUNG ISLANDERS

The Isle of Wight Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is celebrating its 5th anniversary, marking half a decade of helping children and young people with their emotional wellbeing across the Island.

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Mental Health Support Team Marks Five Years Of Helping Island Young People

A team supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people across the Isle of Wight is celebrating its fifth anniversary.

The Isle of Wight Mental Health Support Team (MHST) was established in January 2021 and now works with the majority of the Island's mainstream schools, colleges and sixth forms.

The service provides early intervention support for children and young people experiencing mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

This includes one-to-one sessions, group work, advice for schools and wider wellbeing initiatives.

We recently featured on the Island Echo and IW Radio website, check out our press releases above!

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Summer support lines:

Find the help and advice you need. You are not alone.

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YOUNGMINDS fighting for young people's mental health

Open every day over summer. If you're in need of support, visit their website at **www.kooth.com**

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Call 111 and speak to a health advisor. A mental health advisor will call you back in a timely manner, based on your need. Alternatively, visit 111.nhs.uk and follow the online instructions.

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