



Wootton Community Primary School

11th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers.

Dates for 2026-2027
(subject to change)

Fri 18th Sept:- Cut off date for ordering a Shoebox to fill

Mon 21 Sept:- Cauliflower cards go home

Tues 22nd Sept:- Y4 Ancient Butser Farm Visit

Tues 23rd Sept:- Y3 Havenstreet Railway Visit

Mon 28th Sept:- Cauliflower cards to be returned to school after placing your order online

Fri 16th Oct:- Last Day

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

Mon 2nd & Weds 4th Nov:- Parents Evenings

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**

I cannot believe it is already Friday! What a busy week it has been and it has been wonderful to have our new Reception children in this week, welcome to the school!

We are really looking forward to the start of our **after-school clubs** next week. We do not offer these to the Reception children until later in the year. Please check your details on Arbor to ensure that you are getting our emails as we have now moved, as much as we can, to being a paperless office! Please ensure that if your child has signed up for a club that they attend each week and if for any reason they cannot you let the office know please.

Please remember to send your child with a **morning snack** as only children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a piece of fruit funded by the DfE. Snacks can be fruit, veg, cheese, savoury crackers etc. but cannot be anything sweet such as cake bars.

We had another short **Celebration assembly** to recap the super learning that has taken place this week. We also congratulated several achievements outside of school. Well done to Darcie Y1 and Oscar Y2 who won second place with their Ryde Carnival entry, Harvey Y1 who won first place with his garden on a plate in the Chale Show, Florence Y5 for her recent Brownie badges, Isla Y6 for achieving first place in her Beach Soccer tournament, Alfie Y6 who recently completed a sailing course and certificate, and to all of the amazing readers across the school who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Isle of Wight Libraries!

Next week will be the start of our Star Pupil assemblies so please keep a look out on the newsletter for your child's name as you are able to come along to the assembly at 8.45am when it is your child's turn.

Please see attached some events that are taken place this weekend and through to the 24th October. The project is called **CAN YOU HEAR US? - the Island's six-week celebration of creativity and culture**. A wide range of **free, community-led activities** are on offer, from theatre, carnival and live music to food, nature, craft and storytelling, making it easier for everyone to access creative and cultural experiences across the Island. Reconnect with your community, try something new and be part of the Island's biggest celebration.

Events are now available to book. Visit canyouhearus.uk to find out more.

Sorry to mention this word so early but by the 21st September your child will bring home their Christmas card design that you can purchase as Christmas cards and lots of other items through the **Cauliflower Card** scheme. The design will have information on about how you can order items online if you want to but remember that the design itself **MUST** be returned to school by Monday 28th September after you have placed your order.

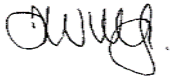
We have also been asked to support the **Rotary Christmas shoebox** appeal again this year and have sent home leaflets with more information. Please let the office know if you would like a box to fill by Friday 18th September and we will send one home with your child.

I am so looking forward to meeting the **PTA** and hopefully lots more members soon. I will analyse the outcomes of our questionnaire and share the date with you all next week, thank you for all the responses.

Please can we ask if your child has a playdate with another child or going home with someone else that you let your child's teacher know in the morning or let the office know by 3pm. If you have a 'long standing' arrangement, please can we ask that you add the other parent to Arbor so that they have on-going permission to collect your child from school. With children now being in new classes it is important that this process is followed, thank you.

Looking ahead, our first Parent Evenings will be after half-term on 2nd and 4th November from 3:15 – 6:30pm. Booking details will be sent out nearer the time.

Have a great weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Wilford'.

Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow, what an amazing first week our Reception children have had in class. The first few weeks are all about settling into school and learning about the many routines we have. This week we have focused on encouraging as much independence as possible and this has involved getting the children to find their own water bottles, jumpers, bookbags to name but a few things. We also worked out a seating plan for the carpet and we introduced our visual timetable so the children knew what was happening at each part of the day.

We also took photos of the children which will be used for a display and the children were asked to attempt writing their names. Name writing will be a big focus for us this half term but it was nice for us to be able to see what they could do.

The children left today very tired and in need of the weekend but we are very proud of them and are looking forward to seeing them on Monday.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a fantastic first week in Year 1! The children have settled in brilliantly and have enjoyed exploring their new classroom and outside area.

In English, we made predictions about the story *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy. The children shared some exciting guesses about what might happen in the story then they drew a picture of their prediction.

In Maths, we practised counting objects accurately. Then the children practised writing numbers to 10 in the squares in their new maths books.

In Science, we named the different parts of the body. We started to discuss the five senses and will learn more about this over the next few weeks.

In Geography, we started by thinking about where we live and explored maps at different scales. We looked closely at maps of the Isle of Wight and England. The children enjoyed locating Wootton on the maps

At the end of the week, we started our first DT project. We looked at what sewing was and then made our own finger puppets of the characters from our English book.

In PSHE, we explored British Values. We looked at the story of Paddington bear and thought about how Paddington and the Brown family show us some of our values. The children completed some different activities all to do with Paddington.

A Fantastic first full week in Year 1! Well done!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow - What a great start to a new year! I have been so impressed by all of Year 2's maturity and motivation as we welcomed them back to school this week. The week's focus has been implementing routines and expectations to ensure that we create a calm learning environment where every child can thrive. On top of this, we have kicked off the year with some exciting topics! In English we have been reading *Traction Man* and retelling and writing Traction Man's next mission. In Maths, we have been recognising and identifying tens and ones. The class really enjoyed using the concrete resources to support their understanding. In History we have begun our Grace Darling topic, and we began by looking at different scenarios and deciding whether each scenario made them a hero or not. Next week, we will find out who Grace Darling is and what she did that made her a hero. Finally in Art, we recapped our knowledge of primary colours and used the paints to create secondary colours on our colour wheel. A super first week! Thank you Year 2.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

How time has flown already! This week I have been blown away by how well the children have settled into their new class. They have adapted well to changes in break and lunch times and have shown a great attitude towards their new learning topics and class routines. In English we have begun to read and explore our first class text - The BFG. The children have developed their inference skills to predict what may happen next and have begun to use adjectives and conjunctions to make their sentences more interesting. In maths, we have recapped our understanding of 2 digit numbers; learning to how partition, identify order and compare them. In the later part of the week, we moved on to exploring 3 digit numbers. In the wider curriculum, we also started our new topics. In geography, we explored the countries in the UK and learned where they and their capital cities are on a map. In computing, we explored what a digital device means and in RE we explored the meaning on the word peace. My highlight of the week was art. The children showed great interest when exploring our first artist (Nico Goodden) and worked hard to recreate some of his work.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We've had a great first full week in year 4! One of my highlights was seeing the children's creativity in art as we began our printing project. The children will eventually design and create 'illuminated letters': the large, decorative letters used at the beginning of some medieval manuscripts. In maths, we have been extending the children's place value knowledge into the thousands. Many of the children relish the opportunity to work with 'bigger numbers'! I've also been really impressed with their ability to reason about their answers. We have also started to read Beowulf: the tale of a heroic warrior who battles monsters to protect others. The children have generated some wonderfully descriptive vocabulary for their character descriptions. In science, we have introduced our new topic on 'states of matter' with the children using their observation skills to explore and classify materials into solids, liquids and gases. Finally, in history we have learnt from where and why the Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain, as well as sharing some expectations about our upcoming educational visit to Butser Ancient Farm. Exciting times! I hope you all have a relaxing weekend.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a busy and cheerful first full week we have had! The Year Five children have settled in really well, learning new routines and getting to know their classroom. We have enjoyed beginning our class text, Kensuke's Kingdom, and the children have generated some fantastic language around the text. In maths, we have worked on making sure we understand place value in some very challenging numbers! Our art topic this term is all about Japanese artist Hokusai and we analysed some of his artwork this week. In geography, we found out where Japan is found on the map before practising using grid references to find locations within Japan. Our RE topic began with some discussion around belonging, and the children shared some places and groups where they feel they belong, such as sports teams, clubs and their families. Well done, Year Five, on a super first full week!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a brilliant first week in Year 6! The class have settled back into school well and it has been so lovely to hear what they got up to over the summer. In English, we have begun exploring our new text, 'War Horse', and have written 1st person diary entries in role as Zoey. The children understand the Year 6 expectations for English and have thoroughly impressed me with their writing, especially the use of emotive language and time adverbials. In Maths, we revisited our place value understanding, demonstrating how numbers can be shown using a range of different representations. The children then focused on comparing and ordering integers, which is a key skill they have now mastered. We also had fun this week starting our new topics across the wider curriculum, consisting of 'Light' in Science and 'London' in Geography. Year 6 were fully engaged in these lessons and as always, have such fantastic prior knowledge to share with the rest of the class. I am so pleased with how well they have come back and I know we are going to have a great year ahead!

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		WEEK 3 W/C: 27/04/2026, 18/05/2026, 15/06/2026, 06/07/2026, 27/07/2026				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍕	All Day Breakfast with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍗	Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🍝	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OR					
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍕	Cheesy Bean Burrito with Wholegrain Rice 🌮	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy 🥧	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🍝	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 🍝
	OR					
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					
	OPTION 5	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		Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges 🍰	Strawberry Jelly	Chocolate Mousse	Vanilla Ice Cream	Banana Flapjack 🍌
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 🥗		Chartwells				

Star Pupils

Webster Year 1	Artagan
Dougan Year 2	Rueben
Hamilton Year 3	Guardian informed
Messi Year 4	Polly
Biles Year 5	Enya
Capaldi Year 6	Owen

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
or
voicemail**



	Pupils Absent this week (%)	Rolling Absences since Sept (%)
Burnell R	9.34	9.34
Webster 1	2.07	2.59
Dougan 2	9.31	8.62
Hamilton 3	1.54	1.6
Messi 4	3.67	3.61
Biles 5	10	10
Capaldi 6	4.48	7.18
Whole School	6.14	5.86

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

	Pupils Late This Week	Pupils Late since September
Burnell R	3	3
Webster 1	1	2
Dougan 2	3	5
Hamilton 3	4	4
Messi 4	2	2
Biles 5	1	2
Capaldi 6	3	3
Whole School	17	21

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

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



 **Carisbrooke College**

Year 6 Open Evening

Tuesday 29 September 2026 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Please join us for:

- ☐ A presentation from the Headteacher (repeated at 5:15, 6:00 & 6:45 pm)
- ☐ Tours of the school and our facilities
- ☐ Opportunities to meet staff (including SEND) and current students
- ☐ Interactive subject demonstrations

All welcome - no need to book!

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 **Medina College**

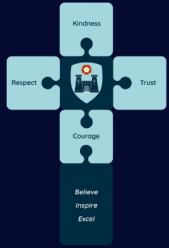
YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

**TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2026
5.00 - 8.00 PM**

- ✓ Explore our facilities
- ✓ Meet staff and students
- ✓ See our curriculum in action
- ✓ Discover extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities

Every young person
deserves a path.
Come and discover yours...

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Year 7 Open Evening

**Thursday 1st October 2026,
5.00-7.30pm**

Presentation at 5.00pm and 6.00pm followed by tours of the Secondary School.

Open Morning: Tuesday 6th October, 9.00-11.00am,
please call to book an appointment.

Contact us for more information: Telephone: 01983 403284 Email: office@bayceschool.org Website: bayceschool.org

Join us from 11th September – 24th October for the Island's 6-week celebration of creativity and culture

CAN YOU HEAR US?



We're talking theatre, carnival, music, food, nature, craft and stories

Free activities available to book now at

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CREATIVE ISLAND



Southampton
Family Trust
building relationships

Parenting Children with Autism

Do you have a 3-11 years old child with autism or autism traits?

Join our free course on Zoom for parents and carers in Hampshire

From 30th September to 25th November 2026
9.30 - 11.30 am, on Wednesdays



Book by emailing:

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Understand more about autism and learn about:

- Understanding your child and their behaviour
- Sleep, eating, toileting and ARFID
- Anxiety, sensory needs and demand avoidance
- Meltdowns, shutdowns and aggression
- Positive parenting and stronger relationships
- School, masking, burnout and family life

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FREE online course

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Understand more about ADHD and learn about:

- Understanding your child and building connection
- ADHD brain chemistry, rejection sensitivity, self-esteem and emotional regulation
- Sensory needs, anxiety, demand avoidance and the body-behaviour link
- Meltdowns, shutdowns, aggression and keeping everyone safe
- School, masking, burnout and supporting your child beyond the classroom
- Masking, burnout, family life and sustainable parenting

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