



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and despite the most recent news that you are all aware of, please know that we are fully committed to our pupils and our school community.

We have some wonderful things planned as usual for our children this term starting with the Year 5&6 trip to Kew Gardens in London, the fantastic new street dance club starts new week, as well as swimming lessons for Years 3 &4!

We were delighted on Tuesday to have been donated some doughnuts by Isle of Wight Radio for all the teachers and staff. A very lovely start to the day!



SEND UPDATE

Welcome back from the Inclusion team.

Many of you know Mrs Groves and I. We support and coordinate support for children and families. If your child /family is already known to us and you would like a catch up following the summer holidays please do email in.

If you are concerned about your child or your family is experiencing difficult times please do contact us as we may be able to help/ signpost you to support.

Our direct email for SEND is:

lisa.nicolson@godshillprimary.co.uk

For family support is

dawn.groves@godshillprimary.co.uk

Long hair in school

Please ensure that if your child has long hair that this is tied up for school every day.

Tuck shop

Every Monday there will be a KS2 fruit tuck shop available every day for 50p for a seasonal selection of fruits.

The School Council will be continuing the Friday tuck shop:

Milkshakes - 50p or £1 for a cream and marshmallow topping

Ice pops - 30p each Savoury biscuits - 50p Raisins - 30p





Pre-school

This week the children have enjoyed settling back into preschool and exploring our preschool environment which has been developed over the holiday. It has been lovely welcoming all of the children back and supporting them to settle in.



Reception

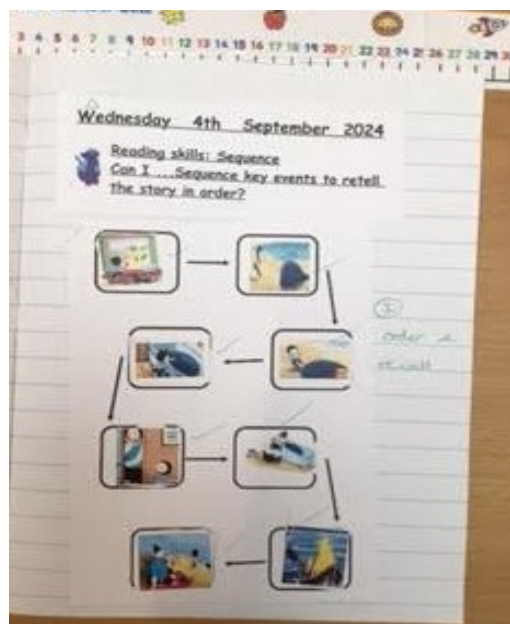
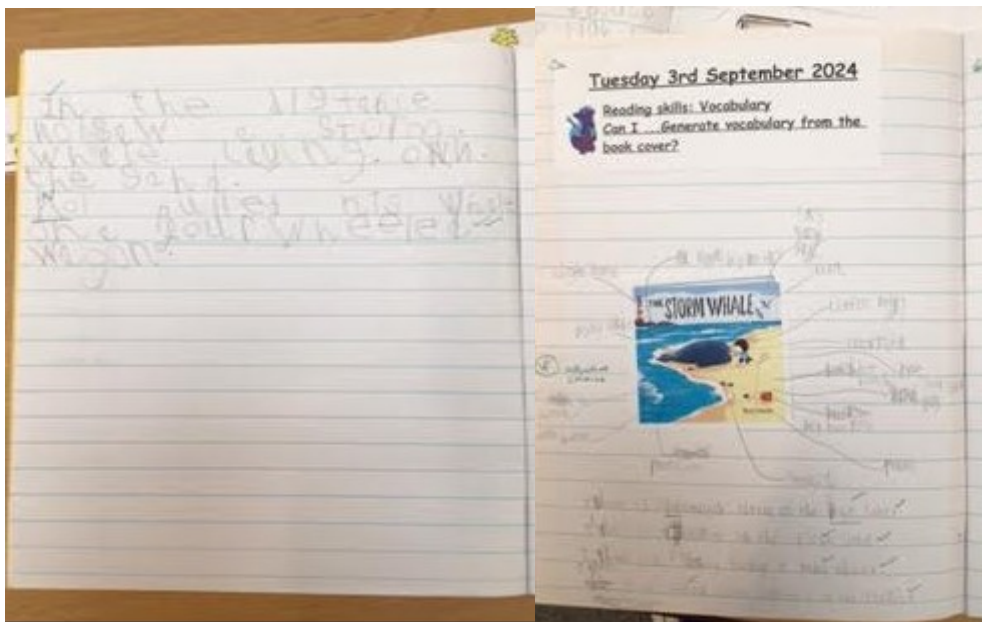
Our adventures this week have been around the topic of 'all about me'. The children have talked about their favourite toy, book and what pets they have at home to help everyone get to know each other. Our book of the week has been 'Oh No George', this is a tale about a dog, who makes the wrong choices about eating other peoples cakes and chasing cats, but after seeing how this makes others feel he changes his ways, well, most of them! The children have adored listening to this story and we have used it to talk about some of the basic school rules and why they are there. Mrs Smith and Mrs Sargent are very impressed with how all the children have settled in to school life.





Year 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 have had a superb first week back in the classroom and have enjoyed exploring their new class text, *The Storm Whale*. The children have been tasked with generating different vocabulary based on images from the text and using these within descriptive sentences. We have also focused on the presentation of our writing in our new English books. In Maths, the children have been refreshing their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20, using new numicon to represent these number facts.





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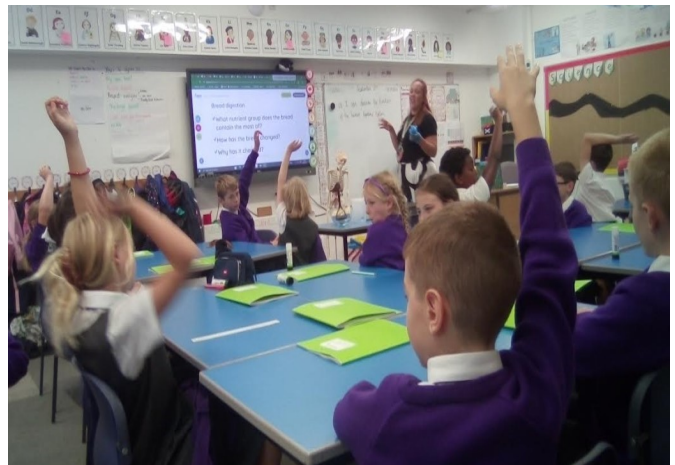
Year 3

It has been lovely to welcome the children into Year 3, they have settled in brilliantly and it has been a pleasure to start getting to know them. We have been starting some work on different word types, looking at nouns, adjectives and verbs, as well as working on our capital letters and full stops, We have started our new unit in Geography, which is on rivers, and this week we have been remembering about the different continents and oceans, as well as human and physical features. The children had a tricky challenge on Tuesday afternoon where they had to try and make the tallest structure they could using dried spaghetti and marshmallows - the winning structure was well thought out and the group worked really well together.



Year 4

Year 4 has had a great first week. The children have exceeded Mrs Felis' expectations and are off to a flying start. In Science, we have learnt about the human digestive system and how food travels through the body and out the other end. We used leftover lunch to demonstrate this and used a food masher to represent the teeth and a pair of tights to represent the small intestine.





Year 5

Year 5 have been absolutely amazing on their return to school and have shown an amazing enthusiasm and willingness to learn. We had a great start to our topic as we had a visitor Miya (Mrs Shepherd's daughter) who told us about her adventures in the Borneo rainforest. The children even got to try on her backpack which was taller than most of Year 5!



Year 6

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to this academic year - they have all returned raring to go and full of enthusiasm. We have begun our geography topic - rainforest - and are focusing on Borneo for this. The children started to look at where Borneo is and what it might be like there before a visitor (my daughter) did a presentation about the rainforest in Borneo and gave the children an opportunity to ask her about her jungle trek and to try on her rucksack. They were surprised by how heavy it was!!!





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Stars of the week



Stars of the week	
Freddie M-P	For settling well into Preschool and for having beautiful manners.
Lexi May SF	Lexi has shown us this week just how fun exploring can be! She spent an incredibly long time playing with the properties of a gentle glue and used some very descriptive terms to describe what was happening to her hands.
Arthur S	For fantastic recall of number facts! Well done Arthur!
Alfie H	Alfie has been a real superstar this week, he has settled in brilliantly and put amazing effort into everything he has done. Well done. Alfie!
Ellis MF	Ellis has shown enthusiasm for learning across all areas and has been setting a great example of the high expectations in Year 4. Well done Ellis - Keep it up!
Laila C	Laila has been an absolute ray of sunshine in the first week. She has worked incredibly hard and been a fantastic role model for the rest of the class. Well done Laila!
Carla D	This week Carla has arrived at school with a smile on her face and ready to tackle the learning for the day. She has engaged fully in all subjects - RE, PE, IT, writing, reading etc and has told me a number of times how much she is enjoying Year 6.



★ Sports Stars of the Week:

★ **KS1** - Ralph W—Brilliant passing and moving skills in Tag Rugby!

★ **KS2** - Bella P—Fantastic attacking play in Tag Rugby!

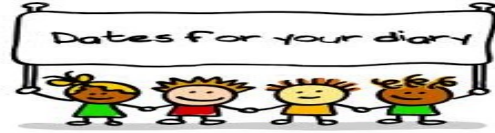




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Nut allergies

Please can we remind you that we are a nut aware school, as we have children with nut allergies & ask that you do **not** send your child in with any foods containing nuts, for example— Peanut Butter, Nutella, Nutty Cereal Bars, Bakewell tart etc. We thank you for your co-operation & support.

School Meals

All children in Yr. R, 1 & 2 are entitled to free school meals under the Universal Free School Meal scheme. For all other children in Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 the cost will be **£2.92** per meal (unless your child has Free School Meals) & then they are free. Also from Monday, for Pre-School the cost will be **£2.92**

PE Days

Please send your child into school wearing the correct school PE kit on the following days (unless specifically mentioned otherwise):

- Year R** - Monday & Tuesday
- Year 1&2** - Monday & Wednesday
- Year 3** - Monday & Tuesday
- Year 4** - Monday & Tuesday
- Year 5** - Monday & Tuesday
- Year 6** - Tuesday & Wednesday

Dates for your diary	
Swimming lessons start for Years 3&4	Tuesday 10th September
Admissions round for children transferring to secondary school September 2025 opens	Monday 16 September 2024
Kew gardens trip for Year 5&6	Friday 20th September
Flu immunisations	Friday 18th October
Admissions round for starting primary school September 2025 opens.	Monday 18 November 2024
Development Day	4th July 2025
Development Day	28th July 2025
Development Day	29th July 2025

Godshill Primary School Nursery Class



Toddler Sessions

Wednesday Morning
9:00am to 10:30am



Free (parents to stay with their child)

Meet the EYFSP staff and enjoy taking part in a wide range of activities as well as sharing our nursery snack time.
Please feel free to show up on the day, or call the school office on : (01983) 840246 to express your interest

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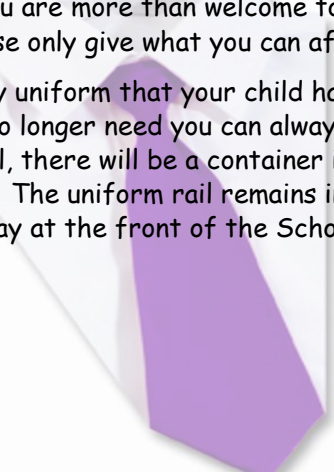


School Uniform

The uniform shop rail has an assortment of short-sleeved shirts, t-shirts, shorts and summer dresses. Please come and take a look. There is no cost involved but you are more than welcome to make a donation. Please only give what you can afford.

If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of or you no longer need you can always donate it to the school, there will be a container in the main entrance. The uniform rail remains in place all day every day at the front of the School office.

Thank you
Mrs Groves



Good news from the inclusion team...

Recently the Supporting Families Team have launched a new website

IW Family Information Hub (iow.gov.uk)

This website will help keep you up to date with the information, support and advice available in your area.

There are lists of organisations, services and activities available to you, that you can access either in person or online.

These include: **Early years and childcare**, **Support for families**, **Housing and finance**, **Learning and employment**, **Health and wellbeing**, **Young people**,



Your Speak out. Stay safe. certificate

Awarded to:

Godshill Primary School

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A massive thank you and a big well done to all pupils for being such great listeners and taking part in *Speak out*.
Stay safe. with Buddy.

Peter Wanless Peter Wanless
Chief Executive

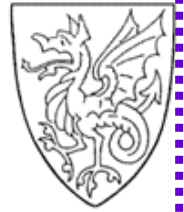
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Thank you for helping to keep more children safe!

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Attendance

Year group	Attendance %
R	98.21
1/2	96.09
3	98.15
4	100.00
5	97.28
6	96.43
Whole school	96.83
Whole school target	96.00

Why high attendance is important for education

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that:

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable

All absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their motivation
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

Supporting your child's school attendance

Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents/carers set the standards and expectations for your child.

For hints, tips and advice on how you can support your child with their school attendance, check out the website: www.iow.gov.uk/schoolattendance





Isle of Wight family information hub

Helping families keep up to date with the information, support and advice that is available to them.

- Early years and childcare
- Health and wellbeing
- Housing and finance
- Learning and employment
- Leisure
- SEND Local Offer
- Start for Life and family hubs
- Support for families
- Young people

To find out more visit:
familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk



Tel: 01983 823169 Facebook: IWFamilyInfoHub

Adult Community Learning are pleased to launch their new autumn programme of workshops and courses ranging from functional skills English and maths, ICT, Art, Craft, and Wellbeing, plus a wide range of FREE short online courses.

If you are interested in developing your skills further, perhaps to retrain or return to work, why not book a careers appointment with our information, advice, and guidance professional? She will tailor the appointment to your needs and can offer you help with CV writing, covering letters, application forms or support you with career changes, redundancy, education, and training.

Our ICT suite is also open every Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm (term time only), for anyone that needs help with their learning, assistance accessing a computer or advice with job applications.

For more information and to book, head over to our website www.iow.gov.uk/ACLCourses,

