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Sporting Update

Congratulations to our U11 Girls team who represented the Isle of Wight at the Hampshire football finals.

Well done to the girls. A fantastic result, silver medals and second place in the Hampshire Girls Finals Championship competition!



Breakfast Club —If you would like your child to access the breakfast club earlier than 8am, please come to talk with either Mr Snow or Mrs Morgan Huws. We have limited capacity at the moment but please do come and see us.

Mr Snow and Mrs Morgan-Huws

Year 6 Cake sales— Every Friday Year 6 will be selling baked goods outside school to help with their residential costs. Any donations will be gratefully received and will help immensely by going towards the Year 6 end of year experience! Paying in change on the day is much appreciated.

Attendance / Lateness—If your child is late, please ensure you sign your child in. Attendance: please contact the school each day your child is unwell and please follow this up by email. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Upcoming diary dates:

Mon 17th March—Thur 20th March—Mock SATS week for Year 6 including breakfast club

Thursday 27th March — Someone Special shop (Mother's Day)

Saturday 26th April—TCS Mini London Marathon



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Care Bags for Rough Sleepers

Well done to Everly in Reception with the support of her sister and family. A few words from Dad: On the 26th February, Everly visited the charity 'Two Saints' with her Mum and sister Sofia. This wonderful charity works to support the homeless and rough sleepers on the Island. There, they handed over the goodie bags, making a meaningful difference, no matter how small. As parents, we couldn't be prouder of Everly's thoughtfulness and her desire to make a difference at such a young age, having just turned five this past December. Her kindness and the positive impact she's had on the community are truly inspiring, and we must also recognise the unwavering support from her sister, Sofia.



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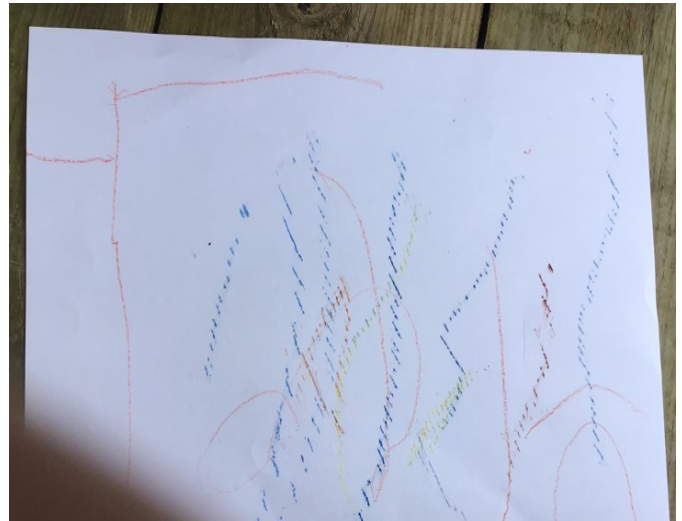
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Pre-school

This week in Preschool the children have been working on their fine motor skills. We have been using playdough, scissors and pencils to help develop our skills. The older children have been writing letters from within their name.



Reception

In Reception, we have started looking at some animals from Kenya and the children were interested how the giraffe had a long 'elongated' neck. This has led to investigations about measuring sizes, including our height and the comparing the lengths and heights of our models.



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Year 1

The children had an amazing time at Amazon World on Wednesday! We had the opportunity to listen to a talk from one of the zoo keepers about the rain forest and saw a parrot being fed. The children had some time in the soft play and we had a look around the zoo to look at all the animals. We listened to a talk about the meerkats and the children had some really good questions to ask. We thought of different adjectives to describe the meerkats ready for English where we will be writing a description of them.



Year 2

On Wednesday, Year 2 had a fantastic time on their school trip to Amazon World. The children behaved impeccably and asked the keepers an extra extraordinary amount of thoughtful and challenging questions about the animals, their diet and their habitats. As a result of their learning, the children have now written descriptions of meerkats, including different pronouns, adjectives and have included the writing techniques we have been teaching in English.





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Year 3

It has been a great week in Year 3 with some amazing work completed by the children. In English we have been looking at speech in a story and how this is punctuated using inverted commas. In Maths, we have been finding unit and non-unit fractions of amounts and using bar models to really help with this tricky concept. In Science, the children have been investigating how light reflects differently depending on the type of surface.



Year 4

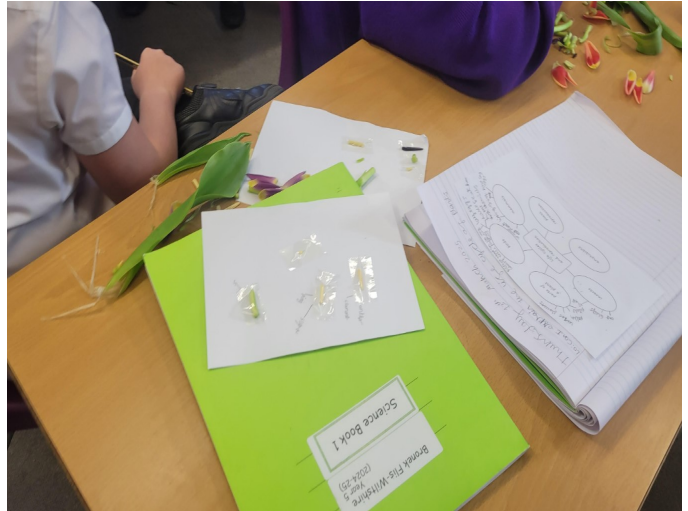
This week, Year 4 have been working hard in English and Maths. They have perfected their fronted prepositional phrases and written a setting description to suit the story of Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman in English, and in Maths they have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. In Music the children are excelling in their toot lessons. They are learning a new note each week which is allowing them to play a wider range of songs.





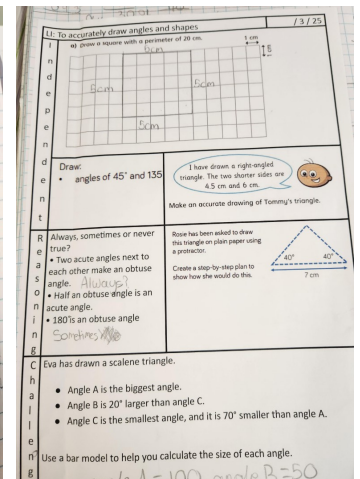
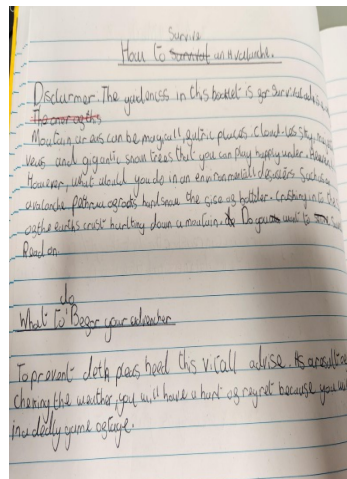
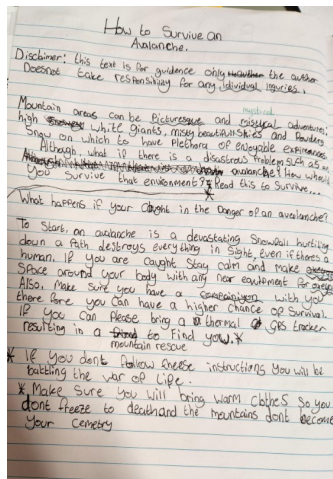
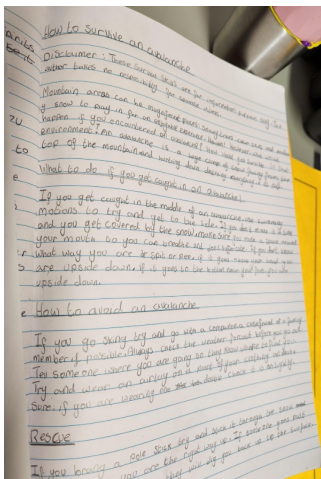
Year 5

As usual, lots has been going on in Year 5 this week. In English we have started writing our survival guide after finishing the book Kensuke's Kingdom. In Science, we started our work on life cycles by looking at plants and having a go at dissecting them to look at the different parts.



Year 6

Year 6 have been very busy this week, applying our knowledge of cause and effect sentences to our own survival guide of what to do in the event of an avalanche. We have been able to fully explain what to do, how to do it and why. In Maths we have been measuring and drawing angles accurately and also recognising when we have made a mistake because of our knowledge of angles. In PE we have been continuing to learn the skills associated with hockey and netball.





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Lily H	For her great recall of songs.
Mya-Rose HS	For working so hard with her blending and reading.
Arabella Z	Arabella for working really hard in English this week . Arabella has been using resources that have been provided to help her with having a try at writing a description of Giraffes this week ready to do our final descriptions on meerkats. Well done Arabella!
Ralph W	Throughout the trip to Amazon World Ralph asked thoughtful, engaging and challenging questions to the keepers. He was also able to recall information that he was taught on the day.
Arlo G	Arlo has quite simply been amazing this week, especially in his maths work. He has listened attentively, followed instructions carefully and then shown a great understanding of the work. Well done and thank you!
Fenn N	This week Fenn has worked incredibly hard in English and written some beautiful sentences with fronted prepositional phrases and fronted subordinating conjunctions. She punctuates these correctly and is developing a flair for writing. Well done Fenn.
Owen S-B	For persevering with the week with a positive attitude and making the biggest effort with his work.
Laura H	Laura is a super role model for not only her peers but the whole school. She is a good friend, offering advice and encouragement, she is always respectful to others, she rises to the challenges given and generally does all of this with a smile on her face.

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★ Sports Stars of the Week:

★ KS1 Harrison D (Reception) for brilliant throwing and jumping skills in PE.

★ KS2 Ellis M-F (Year 4) for brilliant push pass and dribbling skills in hockey.



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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.

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

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 child-care**, **Support for families**, **Housing and finance**, **Learning and employment**, **Health and wellbeing**, **Young people**, **Leisure and much more...**

Dates for your diary

Someone Special shop (Mother's Day)	Thursday 27th March
TCS Mini London Marathon	Saturday 26th April
Someone Special shop (Father's Day)	Friday 6th June
Development Day	Monday 23rd June
Development Day	Friday 4th July
Development Day	Monday 28th July
Development Day	Tuesday 29th July

Godshill Primary School Nursery Class



Toddler Sessions

Wednesday Morning

9:00am to 10:30am



Free (parents to stay with their child)

Meet the EYFS 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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Your Speak out. Stay safe. certificate

Awarded to:

Godshill Primary School

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 Warren
Date: June 2023
Peter Warren
Chair Executive

Thank you for helping to keep more children safer!



NSPCC

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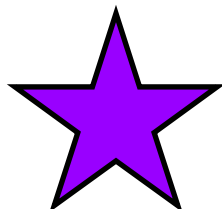




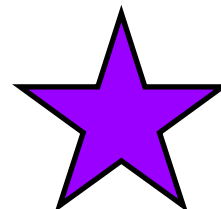
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Attendance



Year group	Attendance %
R	95.56
1	98.24
2	93.89
3	96.55
4	95.93
5	90.83
6	97.50
Whole school	95.53
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





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Neurodiversity Team launches new online initiative

'Navigating Neurodiversity'

IOW Neurodiversity Service is excited to announce the launch of its new initiative, 'Navigating Neurodiversity', aimed at providing support, guidance and resources to families across the Island. This initiative is designed to help parents and caregivers navigate the challenges and delights of raising neurodivergent children and young people.

Key Feature

Peer to Peer support groups – regular meetings for parents-caregivers to share experiences, seek advice and build supportive networks

Friday 21st March at 11am

Friday 25th April at 10am

Friday 23rd May at 10am

Friday 27th June at 10am



Friday 25th July at 10am

Sessions will be open for an hour with time built in for 1:1 support

Please email mitch.burson@iow.gov.uk or Katrina.austin1@iow.gov.uk for details.

General enquiries and bookings





Pic'n'Play

With Shanklin Town Brass Band

Ever wanted to play a brass instrument or just to have a go?

Saturday 22nd March 2025
10 to 12pm

Well now is your chance come and meet our current Youth and Community Band, **pick an instrument and take it home**. Receive **4 weeks free tuition** with no obligation to join. **Open to all**, parents, grandparents welcome to learn along side your children.

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