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Sandown & Shanklin Lions Swimathon 2025

Well done to all our children Emily, Hermione, Bella, Roseanne, Luna and Rosie who participated in the Swimathon at The Heights raising money for the Baby Box Appeal and Daisy Chain charity.





Celebration Assembly

Awards.

Upcoming diary dates:

Thursday 22nd May—FROGS disco Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd June—Year 6 Residential trip Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th June—Year 5 Residential trip Tuesday 5th June—Swimming lessons start for Year 5 & 6







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Pre-school

This week in Preschool the children have had lots of fun playing with large cardboard boxes that were kindly donated. The children have made houses, cars, tunnels and enjoyed hiding in the boxes. We have enjoyed being outside and taking care of our sunflower plants.









Reception

We have had a busy week this week in Reception. The school nurse came in to teach us about our teeth, which foods are best for them and how to brush properly. We learned about different food types that are healthy for our bodies. We also learned about VE day and how people celebrated at the end of the WWII, 80 years ago. We then created our own celebrations, designing bunting, a table cloth, place mats, party hats and making flags. We also learned how to make our own jam sandwiches and fruit kebabs. We finished with a wonderful class party and danced to some music of the time.









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Year 1 & 2

This week year 1 and 2 have been amazing! They have looked at subordinated conjunctions and how to use them in their writing. They also had the best time going to Bluebell Woods and exploring it, and tidying it like 'Pete' did in the book 'Tidy'. In History they have looked at different transport and had a chance of doing some art, using the car wheels to make the pattern. Well done year 1 and 2.



















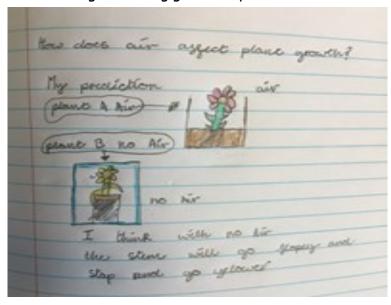
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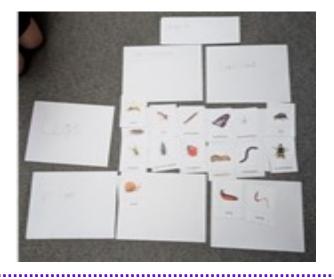
Year 3

Year 3 has had another packed week even though it's been a little shorter. In Maths, we have been looking at 2D shapes and different types of lines - horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular. In English, the children have started to write their first section about how to look after their fictitious pet - based on the ones in our book. In Science, we have continued to look at our new unit about plants and they have started an investigation using geranium plants.



Year 4

This week Year 4 have been working hard on their short division in Maths. They have also begun to make some predictions about the new text in English. In Science they have been classifying and grouping animals.









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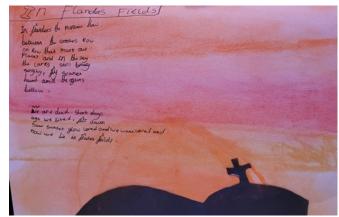


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Year 5

Despite the short week Year 5 have worked just a hard. In Music, we created vocal compositions using graphic scores with some great results. For VE day we created some great pieces of silhouette





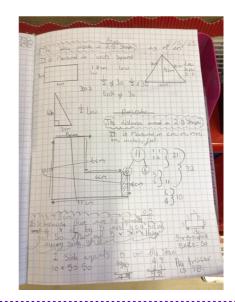
Year 6

This week Year 6 have continued to revise in preparation for next week. We have looked at area perimeter and volume in Maths, as well as graph's and statistics. We were really surprised by how many different charts we have learnt about. Our writing has focused on appropriate dialogue that advances action and includes characterisation.

The children had the privilege to access original personal items from World War II provided by Mrs Morgan-Huws.







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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 you coperation & 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

| Dates for your diary | | |
|--|--|--|
| Frogs Summer Disco | Thursday 22nd May | |
| Year 6 Residential trip | Monday 2nd & Tues- day 3rd June | |
| Someone Special shop (Father's Day) | Friday 6th June | |
| Year 5 Residential trip | Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th June | |
| Development Day | Monday 23rd June | |
| Development Day | Friday 11th July | |
| Development Day | Monday 28th July | |
| Development Day | Tuesday 29th July | |

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.

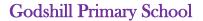
These include: Early years and childcare ,Support for families, Housing and finance, Learning and employment, Health and wellbeing, Young people, Leisure and much more...













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Attendance



| Year group | Attendance % |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| R | 98.44 |
| 1 | 97.22 |
| 2 | 96.05 |
| 3 | 96.43 |
| 4 | 94.91 |
| 5 | 88.94 |
| 6 | 98.15 |
| Whole school | 95.50 |
| 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

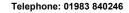
Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents/carers set the standards and expectations for your child.

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



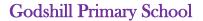






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Occupational therapy Parent advice sessions

The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- · Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- Preschool / school readiness

Session Dates for 2025

(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 18 September, 16 October, 20 November

Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on **01983 534520** or via email to **iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net**

Sessions will take place at the Childrens Therapies Department, St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight



