



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all have a very safe and happy half term. We look forward to seeing you all back on the 1st June.

A reminder that there will be a development day on Friday 5th June for staff training.

Mr. Snow & Mrs. Morgan-Huws.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025/2026

### Summer Term 2026

13th April—27th July 2026

**Half-term** 25th May—29th May 2026

## DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The school will be closed for a Development day on the following dates:

5th June 2026

22nd June 2026

27th July 2026

## TRIPS & OTHER INFORMATION.

2nd June 2026 - Swimming begins for 5 weeks for Years 5 & 6

3rd June 2026 - YR5 trip to Appuldurcombe House

3rd & 4th June 2026 - Year 6 Trip to London

10th & 15th June - Seasafe at Sandown Beach YR6 in two groups

25th June 2026 - Sports Day (more info to follow nearer the time)

It is very important to please contact the office by email, or a phone call **everyday** if your child is absent.

You must include your child's symptoms and their reason for being absent.

Thank you.





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## Long hair in school

Please ensure that if your child has long hair, it is tied up for school every day. This applies to both girls and boys.

## Parking Around the School

We are asking that you be considerate and mindful of our neighbours, who surround our school and parking at drop off, and pick up.

## Jewellery

Earrings are not to be worn for PE, they need to be removed, either by the child at school, or at home in the morning. Stud earrings only are permitted to be worn in school. If for whatever reason the earrings cannot be removed then they must be covered with tape for PE lessons, which must be provided from home.

## Coats in school

With the weather still so changeable at the moment, please ensure that your child brings a coat, named, into school every day.

## School Uniform

In the main reception area, there is a second hand uniform rail now with summer dresses and shorts (hopefully the weather is now getting warmer!)

Mrs. Groves has more items that cannot be displayed. If you are in need of certain items then please let us know, we will do our very best to try and accommodate you.

## Contact Details

If you move house or update any contact details (phone numbers/emails) please remember to let us know via email to the office, to ensure that our records are correct.

## Godshill Griffins Childcare

Our younger children have taken part in lots of singing and musical instruments exploration throughout the week. Whilst our preschool children have had the opportunity to take part in lots of growing activities: sunflowers, runner beans and tomatoes and learn about what is needed to enhance their growth. They have also explored our new sensory garden that the staff have been busy creating for the children.



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## Reception & Year 1

In Forelands class, we were absolutely thrilled to recently welcome talented authors Debbie Webb, Molly Arbuthnot, and Gareth Peter to our classroom! The children were captivated as our special guests brought their wonderful stories to life with engaging readings. It was a truly inspiring experience that sparked a lot of excitement.



## Year 1 & 2

The children in Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic week which was highlighted by visits from various authors. As you can see from the photo, Year 2 really enjoyed creating their own story about their special stick. Hopefully these visits have inspired the children to become authors of the future.



## Year 3

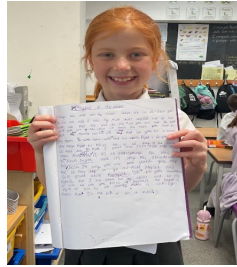
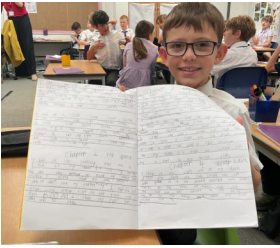
On Tuesday, Year 3 had a trip out to the County Showground in Northwood for an education day. We were very fortunate with the weather, managing to avoid any rain showers! The children were able to see a range of animals, including goats, pigs and dogs, had a trailer ride to a woodland area, and got to plant their own sunflowers. It was a great day and hopefully it was an experience the children will remember.





## Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been inspired in their writing after some incredible visits from various authors. Children have been eager to use their creative flair and taken it upon themselves to come up with exciting and engaging outcomes, which they have been eager to share.



## Year 5

We had an incredible week of storytelling and adventure! Comic book author **Andrew Clemson** inspired us with visual narrative tips, followed by a fascinating visit from **Charles Dickens' great-great-grandson**, who brought history to life with personal family stories about the legendary author. Back on the water, the class crushed their **second sailing session**, showing fantastic teamwork and confidence as they mastered the breezy conditions. Superb job, Year 5!



## Year 6

This week, we had a fabulous morning sailing at UKSA, even though it was quite windy. We then wrote an imaginary letter of complaint about the trip, with complaints ranging from staff rudeness to unsuitable equipment.

We were also fortunate to have a visit from two authors, who told us about their books and what it was like to be an author.





## Nut Allergies

Please can we remind you that we are a nut aware school, as we have children with serious 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 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 childcare**, **Support for families**, **Housing and finance**, **Learning and employment**, **Health and wellbeing**, **Young people**, **Leisure and much more...**

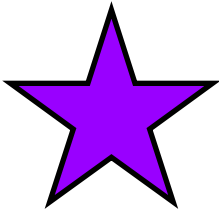




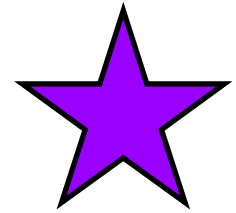


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| Year group                    | Attendance % |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| R/1                           | 90.00        |
| 1/2                           | 97.24        |
| 3                             | 87.50        |
| 4                             | 98.08        |
| 5                             | 95.24        |
| 6                             | 91.54        |
| Whole school                  | 93.71        |
| Last Weeks Attendance figures | 96.14        |
| 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](http://www.iow.gov.uk/schoolattendance)





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Brought to you by the Chillerton & Gatcombe Community Association and Parish Residents.

Approximately 100 Scarecrows



**Scarecrow Festival 2026**  
**Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May Inc.**  
 Launched at 11am on Saturday 23rd May by The IW High Sheriff & The Men of Wight Morris Dancers.

A Scarecrow location map will be available from The Gallybagger Inn & the Village Hall. There will be a people's & judge's favourite vote for the best Scarecrow. Lets to choose from!



Live music from 12-4pm  
 Sat 23rd, Sun 24th, & Sat 30th May  
 With a live band both Saturday evenings 7-9pm.

Visit Sally's Tea-Room (Village Hall) Will be open daily from 10.30am-4pm Serving Teas, Coffees, Cold drinks and delicious homemade cake.




## Is your child interested in cricket? Come and join one of our junior clubs!

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Head to <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Search> to sign up for All Stars and/or Dynamos programmes!

| Club                     | Contact                            | U11s | U13s | U15s | U11 Girls | U13 Girls | U16 Girls |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Arreton Cricket Club     | Arreton CC<br>info@arreton.cricket | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓         | ✓         | ✓         |
| Bembridge & St Helens CC | anna.benford@btinternet.com        | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    |           |           |           |
| Cowes CC                 | j.robinson789@outlook.com          | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    |           |           |           |
| East Cowes Cricket Club  | ebbsya@hotmail.co.uk               | ✓    |      |      |           |           |           |
| Freshwater CC            | freshwatercc@hotmail.co.uk         | ✓    | ✓    |      |           |           |           |
| Newport CC               | rdonald@bayceschool.org            | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓         | ✓         | ✓         |
| Northwood CC             | NorthwoodCricketClub@gmail.com     | ✓    | ✓    |      |           |           |           |
| Ryde CC                  | rydecricquet@googlemail.com        | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓         | ✓         | ✓         |
| Shanklin & Godshill CC   | xzxzandy@icloud.com                | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    |           |           | ✓         |
| Ventnor CC               | rjsnell86@googlemail.com           | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓         | ✓         | ✓         |
| Wight Whizzers CC        | admin@wightwhizzerscc.co.uk        | ✓    | ✓    | ✓    | ✓         | ✓         | ✓         |

Or contact the Isle of Wight Cricket Board directly  
 admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk  
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 All Stars 5-8 year olds  
 Dynamos 8-11 year olds

