



Attendance

Please can I just bring to your attention and as a reminder that school attendance and punctuality is really important in supporting your child's progress.

The school doors open at 8:25am, school starts at 8:30am and the children should be inside before this time so that we can get started and settled promptly.

If for any reason your child is absent, please inform the office as soon as possible each day via email, with your child's symptoms. Thank you. Mr Snow.

FSM (Free School Meals)

Many families may now meet the criteria for applying for Free School Meals. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, please see the link below, which will direct you to the Isle of Wight Council website for more detailed information.

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/article/2436/Free-school-meals>

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals under the **Universal Infant Free School Meals Policy**.

Even though you are eligible for UFSM please complete the Free School Meals form as this will help with extra funding for the school.

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, when 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 lots of second hand uniform on the rail, please come and have a look. We only ask for a small donation if you are able to.

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.





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2026

2nd September - 16th October 2026

Half term - 19th - 30th October 2026

Spring Term 2027

4th January - 25th March 2027

Half term - 15th - 19th February 2027

Summer Term 2027

12th April - July 28th 2027

Half term - 31st May - 4th June 2027

DEVELOPMENT DAYS

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

2nd November 2026

3rd November 2026

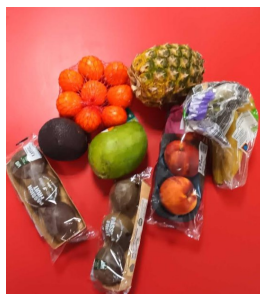
TRIPS & OTHER INFORMATION.

Year 5 Residential March 2027

Godshill Griffins Childcare

Within our baby unit our younger children have had the opportunity to take part in lots of sensory experiences this week which have included: making & exploring silly putty, water play and pink bubble water play.

Our preschool children have been listening to the story Handa's Surprise and have been exploring the different fruits within the story and tasting them through snack time.



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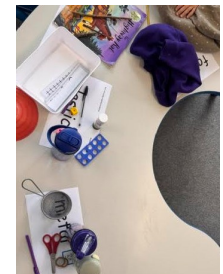
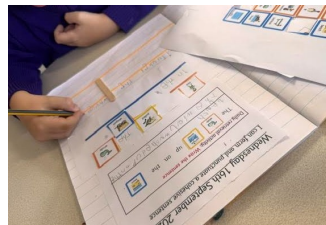
Reception

This week the children in Reception have painted self portraits. They looked carefully in the mirror to see what colour they should use for their face, eyes and hair. We now have a gallery of wonderful portraits in our classroom. In PE we have also started practicing our ball skills by rolling the balls to each other.



Year 1 & Year 2

The children have excelled when writing sentences this week. They have been using key vocabulary from the text to write with greater independence. Another highlight of the week was a very active science lesson where children gathered different items from around the school site that were made from different materials. We spent a good amount of time differentiating between the name of the object and the material of what it was made from.



Year 2 & Year 3

Year 2 have worked really hard this week and they were amazing in their times table session.

Year 3 had another brilliant swimming lesson.

In Art, the children were introduced to Henri Matisse and then created their own collages using pieces of coloured paper and card.





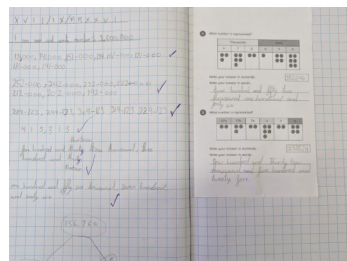
Year 4

In Year 4 we have been really enjoying our swimming lessons. The children are becoming really efficient at changing and organising their belongings. We have even seen some fantastic folding skills!



Year 5

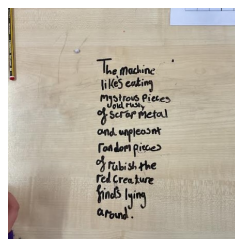
We've been exploring non-chronological reports and using relative clauses (who, which, that) to pack our non-fiction writing with detail. Meanwhile, in Maths, the class tackled comparing and ordering ever-increasing numbers up to 1,000,000 using place value and inequalities. Great work this week, Year 5!



Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have continued our reading lessons on the book Cogheart and using our inference and recall skills to write character profiles for the characters we have met so far. In writing, we have been looking at informal and formal sentences, and how we can change sentences to make them formal, or informal, using the correct language.

	Appearance What does the character look like?	Character What does the character believe the world is like?	Situation What does the character face and how does he/she respond?
middle class	Small, round, messy hair, a faint red mark on forehead	wasn't looked after, caring, respectful	caring for others, known with some searching for love
rich	middle aged, work	caring, selfless, respectful	Take over the shed and people work for him
	is easily hurt	kind, easy on others	is strong, very "gentle"
middle class	retardational, emotional	caring, upset over small stuff	working out, all he served people and food
	kind to Lily	young academy	



	Appearance	Character	Situation
1	What does the character look like? physical appearance	What does the character behave like and think? personality	Where was the character born and what have they done? past past the end
2	What are the character's feelings? emotions feelings	What is important to the character? What is their set of values and beliefs? What are their priorities? inner struggles	What is the character's purpose in the story? goals
3	What is the character's background? history past	What is the character's self	What is the character's situation



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 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	Thursday & Friday
Year 1 & 2	Monday & Tuesday
Year 2/3	Monday & Tuesday
Year 4	Monday & Tuesday
Year 5	Monday & Tuesday
Year 6	Monday & Tuesday

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 **£3.20** per meal (unless your child has Free School Meals) & then they are free.

Chartwells have decided to continue the Spring & Summer menu until October half. Therefore week beg 14th September will be week 3.

The menu can be found on the website.

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...**





Stars of the week

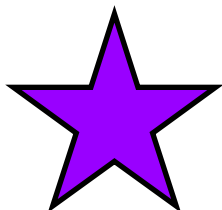
Year R	The children in Reception class are not currently joining in with the main school celebration assemblies. Any awards will be given to the children and celebrated in class for the time being. Penelope M - Penelope's kindness has shone through this week. She has helped her classmates with all manner of things. Off her own back she has helped children get hand towels, passed children their water bottles and helped friends when they have needed it. Thank you Penelope for being so kind!
Year 1_2	Zenna M - Zenna has shown fantastic care and attention while displaying all of her written work. Well done Zenna!
Year 2_3	Tallulah R - Tallulah has been amazing since the start of the year, always ready to learn and consistently follows the classroom rules. Well done and thank you for being so respectful.
Year 4	Kaiya B - For trying her best and always offering to help.
Year 5	Henry H - For fantastic perseverance with his learning this week, which has enabled him to write some fantastic sentences with relative clauses.
Year 6	Maddison F - For working hard in both English and Maths this week and persevering through challenges and asking for help when needed.

Sports Stars of the Week:

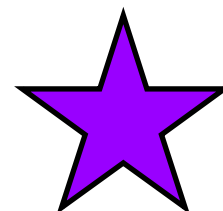
KS1 - Cormack H (YR2) For brilliant teamwork and listening skills in PE.

KS2 - Sophia H (YR5) For fantastic attacking play and understanding of Tag Rugby rules.





Year group	Attendance %
R	96.00
1/2	86.36
2/3	95.60
4	95.79
5	97.69
6	87.14
Whole school	93.33
Last Weeks Attendance figures	96.96
Whole school target	96.00



Why high attendance is important for education

As a parent/carers 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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SCARF

At Home

PSHE—AUTUMN 1



Me and My Relationships

This half term in PSHE we will be exploring feelings and emotions, developing skills to manage conflict, help children to identify people who are special to them. We will equip them with skills to recognise the qualities of healthy friendships and how to manage them. Follow the QR code to find out ways that you can support your child at home in their learning this half term.

<https://www.coramscarf.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/me-and-my-relationships>



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Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form 2026-27 Open
Day/Evening dates (as at 8/6/2026)

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	29 September 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Christ the King College	17 September 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
	11 November 2026	6 th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	15 th October 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
	9 November 2026 – 11 December 2026	6 th Form Open Month
Island Free School	10 October 2026	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm
		Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Medina College	22 September 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
	29 September 2026	Open mornings 9.30-12noon
	8 October 2026	
	13 October 2026	
Lift Ryde	7 October 2026	Y6 & Y5 Open Evening
	10 October 2026	Quiet School Tours and meet the Headteacher sessions
	18 November 2026	6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	18 September 2026	Y6 and 6 th Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm
ST George's School	7 October 2026	Open event: tours at 1.15pm (limited spaces during the school day)
		Y6 and 6 th Form 3.30pm and 4.30pm Please note that the child MUST have an EHCP as an admissions criterion Please call St George's to book a place
The Bay CE School	1 October 2026	Y6 Open Evening: 5-7.30pm
The Island VI Form	12 November 2026	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm
The Isle of Wight College	17 September 2026	5-7pm Open Evening
	7 November 2026	10am-1pm Open Day
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk

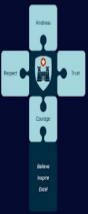




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THE BAY CE SCHOOL
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Year 7 Open Evening

**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



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!

 carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk



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...

 medina.iow.sch.uk  01983 526523



Lift Ryde

Open Evening

**October 7th
4:00pm - 7:00pm**

Parent Presentations 4:30pm and 5:30pm



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