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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2026

2nd September - 18th December 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:

TRIPS & OTHER INFORMATION.

10th/11th/12th November - Parent/Teacher Evenings (google forms will be sent during the half term)

13th November - Flu Immunisations in School (please see 2nd page of newsletter)

3rd December - Christmas Disco (FROG's)

15th December - Nativity Performance **PM** (More information to follow nearer the time)

16th December - Nativity Performance **PM** (More information to follow nearer the time)

17th December - Christmas Dinner Day (Letter to come home in November)

17th December - Christmas Fancy Dress/Jumpers & Afterschool Sweet Treats (FROG's)

18th December (**AM**) - Carol Service at Church (more information to follow in November)

Autumn/Winter Menu

The new Autumn/Winter menu is now on the Website.

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.

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.

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Annual Flu Vaccination

We are coming to Godshill Primary on 13/11/2026 to give pupils their annual flu vaccination and would like your consent to vaccinate your child.

How to respond

It's important to let us know whether you do or do not want your child to have the vaccination. It will take less than 5 minutes to respond using the link below.

Flu Vaccination Form

https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk//Forms/Flu?schoolcode=CW118159

You need to respond by 11/11/2026. Please enter the Year group that your child is currently in.

If you cannot use the online form, you can respond over the phone using the contact details below.

About the children's flu vaccine

The vaccine protects against flu, which can cause serious health problems such as bronchitis and pneumonia. It is recommended for children from Reception to Year 11 every year.

Find out more about the children's flu vaccine on NHS.UK

You can also find a range of information resources about the vaccine on GOV.UK, including in other languages.

How the vaccine is given

Most children are given the vaccine as a nasal spray. This is a quick and painless spray up the nose and offers the best protection against flu.

The nasal spray contains a small amount of gelatine derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). If your child does not use gelatine products, or cannot have the nasal spray for medical reasons, you can choose an alternative injected vaccine that has no gelatine or any other animal product. You can request this in the consent form. This vaccine will be given at the session in school. Please contact either the school immunisation team or your school if you want to be present for this.

Find out more about the use of gelatine in the flu vaccine (including the views of faith communities)

Contact us

Speak to a member of our team by calling 0300 123 5074 or email hiowh.iowimms@nhs.net

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service

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Round up of the Week

Reception have settled superbly after the half term holidays and have come back full of energy and ready to learn.

We have been recapping the phonics sounds we learnt last term and have started to use them to build words.

It's been all about Bonfire Night this week and we have spent time talking about why we celebrate and how to stay safe around bonfires and fireworks.





Years 1, 2 & 3 enjoyed a performance based on a workshop. Year 2 were involved with it and we were lucky enough for the production to come to our school and all the children were lucky enough to enjoy it.





We have been busy in Year 4 since our return from the Autumn break and the children have been working incredibly hard. Alongside having the opportunity to watch a stage show based on the story book Flotsham, and a mental health workshop on resilience, we have been investigating some of our times tables and trying to learn them off by heart. As well as this, we have worked incredibly hard on finishing writing our non-chronological reports about tropical rainforests.



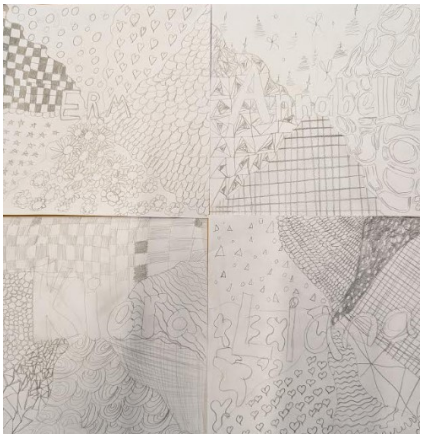


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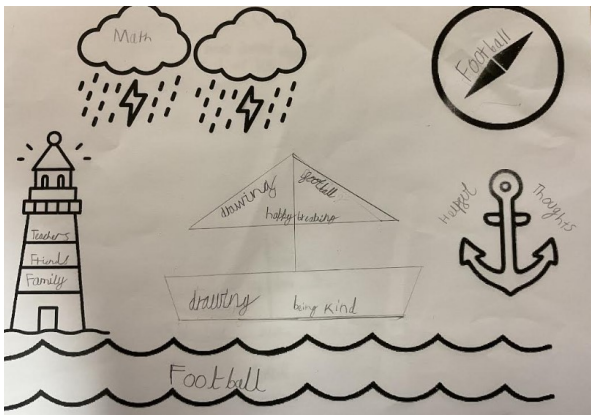
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It has been great to see Year 5 return from their half-term motivated and ready to learn. We have been recapping our times tables in Maths and doing some grammar and punctuation practice in English. While a number of Year 5s were at the rugby on Thursday, the rest completed some collaborative art incorporating zentangles.



This week in Year 6 we have been focusing on our emotions. We have discussed how we identify our own emotions and looked at the upstairs and downstairs brain, and how it applies to how we are feeling. We also had a visit from MHST who worked with the children to think about their own feelings, experiences and thoughts.



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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.

The Autumn menu can be found on the website.

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.

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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. Arielle F - Arielle enjoys coming to school and the adults can tell because she always comes in with a lovely smile on her face. She works hard and is always happy to help her friends, or the adults around the school. Freddie MP - Freddie took the role of our first ever guard. He made sure the line walked sensibly and helped Mrs Felis with lots of jobs. He thrived with the responsibility. Thank you Freddie
Year 1_2	Reggie U - For settling back into school and working very hard.
Year 2_3	Evie S - For your hard work learning about your timetables. Olivia H - For working hard to develop and practice your reading over half term.
Year 4	Evie H - For great investigation of her three and four times tables and trying to practice, and learn them.
Year 5	Hazel J - For working really hard across a variety of subjects, especially in Art. Emily B - For her amazing work on her books that she had made in her spare time.
Year 6	Michelle P - For working hard in Maths when using place value known, and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally. Poppy R - For suggesting a useful idea on how the class can observe their own emotions.

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

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	94.00
1/2	97.62
2/3	96.00
4	92.11
5	96.15
6	100.00
Whole school	95.99
Last Weeks Attendance figures	94.62
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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Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

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.