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# NEWSLETTER

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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.**

3rd December - Christmas Disco (FROG's)

15th December - Nativity Performance **1.15pm — 2.30pm** (More information to follow nearer the time)

16th December - Nativity Performance **1.15pm — 2.30pm** (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)

## 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.**

**Also a reminder the road outside of school remains open, for safety reasons please do not park outside of school at pick up and drop off.**

## 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.**

## Godshill Griffins Childcare

This week the children in preschool have been learning about remembrance as we watched the poppies video on CBeebies where they spoke about how the rabbit felt scared and the poppies grew from the ground. We also spoke about poppies and why we wear them before making our own poppy pictures with paint.

Our younger children have had the opportunity to explore our new outdoor baby area that we have had put in place during the October half term. This secure decked area provides a safe space for our younger children to freely access the outdoor area.





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## Reception

Reception class have enjoyed exploring more of the outside area as the weather has improved this week. They have also learned about Diwali in class.



## Year 1 & Year 2

The Year 1 and 2 children loved learning about absorbent and waterproof materials, exploring this through experiments. We have identified a list of materials which may be suitable for a coat.







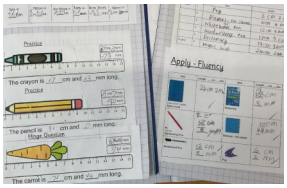
## Year 2 & Year 3

It has been a great week for Year 2/3 and the children have been amazing. In English, the children have been looking at the features of a non-chronological report in the style of our book "A day in the life of..." and have been carrying out some research on an animal the children will be writing about. In Maths, we have been looking at the relationship between multiplication and division and how knowing related facts can help with their times tables they are learning.



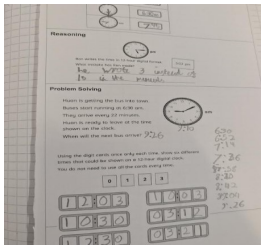
## Year 4

In Bonchurch class this week, we have been looking at converting pounds into pence, and converting mm, cm and m in length. The children have also been busy practicing measuring accurately and then ordering lengths , as well as solving word problems.



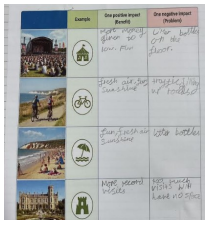

## Year 5

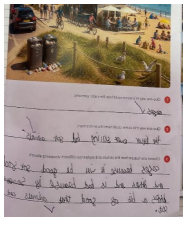
It has been a busy and brilliant week in Year 5! In Maths, we have been sharpening our time-telling skills by converting between analogue and digital clocks.. In Computing, we got hands-on with BBC micro:bits, learning how to write block code to display animations and scrolling messages on the LED grids.

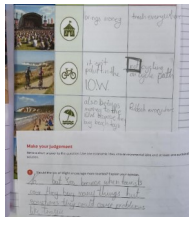


## Year 6

This week we have been continuing our geography lessons looking at the Isle of Wight. The children have discussed the economic and environmental impacts of tourism on the Isle Of Wight. They have also looked at the sustainable aspects of tourism and what can be done to promote eco-tourism.







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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.**

## 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...**

## PE Days

Please send your child into school wearing the correct school PE kit on the following days (unless specifically mentioned otherwise):

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| **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 |

## 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.

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## Stars of the week

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| **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.<br>Fynley MG - for settling into class so well each morning and having a positive attitude. |
| **Year 1_2** | Arlo B - Arlo has excelled in all areas of his learning this week and has been a superstar in every sense of the word. Well done Mr! |
| **Year 2_3** | Binky S - Binky is always giving her best every day and is not only keen to learn, but shows amazing respect and manners, thank you and well done! |
| **Year 4** | Thomas B - For trying his best in writing, believing that he can do it and learning not to give up as soon as it gets challenging. |
| **Year 5** | Isaac G - For his perseverance with everything he has done so far this year. He tries his absolute best in everything he does. Well done! |
| **Year 6** | Lily ML - This week Lily has shown great perseverance and worked hard on her arithmetic skills. |

## Sports Stars of the Week:

**KS1 - Bluebell S (YR1) for fantastic shapes and balances in gymnastics.**

**KS2 - Lianna MA (YR5) for brilliant long and triple jump skills in athletics.**

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| Year group | Attendance % |
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| R | 89.20 |
| 1/2 | 99.05 |
| 2/3 | 94.40 |
| 4 | 95.26 |
| 5 | 98.46 |
| 6 | 96.19 |
| Whole school | 95.33 |
| Last Weeks Attendance figures | 95.99 |
| 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







## 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.**

## Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

**Does your child have a high temperature (38°C 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) |
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| **A cough, cold or sore throat**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment. | **Conjunctivitis**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP. | **Scarlet fever**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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.