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Dear Parents and Carers,

Y6 Visit from Lift Ryde

Last Thursday the Y6 children had a visit from Lift Ryde. They were fortunate to be the first Primary School to have a Lift Ryde presentation this year from the rebranded academy. Mr Doyle, the Headteacher, came along with a colleague and two previous pupils from Greenmount, who have just moved to Lift Ryde in September. They explained about education, learning and fun at Lift Ryde through a presentation. The Y7 pupils were able to reassure the Y6 children how transition had gone for them. This is ahead of open evenings to secondary schools that are coming up.

Following this, Mr Doyle and I met to discuss some ideas for collaborative projects as the year progresses between Key Stage Two and Secondary school. Watch this space, as the year progresses.

Greenmount Gardening

Thank you to the children who have been instrumental in planting out the pots at the front of the school. As a school we have been working hard to maintain the front border of the school to make it a pleasant welcoming environment for everyone.

The children in Y4 have this week really supported this development. Thank you for planting these for us. Not only will we have the vibrant violas to look at immediately but there has been under planting to surprise as we go into the spring too! Thank you 😊



Y6 Residential in 2026!

The Y6 residential for those children in Y6 will take place between 1st and 3rd July 2026. Please ensure the dates are in your diary. The first meeting about this residential visit took place on Tuesday 16th September from 3-4pm. The presentation included the dates, the experiences each day, information on food and restaurants, accommodation and the costs associated with this residential visit. The presentation was uploaded to the Y6 Class Dojo pages following the meeting to ensure everyone who was not able to attend, were able to see the same content.

We also shared information about the school bank and how this helps to build the children's understanding of financial management as well as handling cash and working towards goals.

A Gentle Reminder: Phones Away, Please...

We kindly ask all parents and carers to avoid using mobile phones while on the school site. Our priority is to create a safe, welcoming, and attentive environment for all our children. When phones are put away, it helps us all stay present, model good habits, and build stronger connections with the children as they arrive and leave school.

Thank you for supporting us in keeping our school community focused, safe, and engaged. Safeguarding is a priority for us. Therefore all phones should be used outside of the school gates please.

Children's phones are collected on arrival and secured safely until the end of the day for the children to have access to, when walking home from school as a safety mechanism for parents and carers.



After School Clubs

School clubs for this half term have been generated and sent out for you to sign up to and pay for. Please ensure quick payment for clubs to secure your child's space please.

The school council will be surveying children soon on what clubs they may like for the rest of the school year – we are looking forward to their creative ideas for clubs for the future at Greenmount.



School Council

We hope to be able to update you next week about the exciting developments with the school council over the last couple of weeks.

We are just awaiting information on photograph permissions for all children and then we can introduce our new school council to you all. We will also let you know what they have been up to so far and what their plans in the coming weeks will include...

This is an exciting time for the new school council. 😊

School Nurse Appointments:

The School Nursing team are on the school site on **Wednesday 15th October** and are available for individual appointments regarding your child and any health needs that they present with. This could be concerns such as: supporting toileting, constipation, diet, growth, sleep, etc...

If your child is regularly off school with reported illness, we will advise you discuss your concerns with the school nurse.

Appointments can't be booked for everyday illnesses such as tonsillitis etc, these still require contact with pharmacy first or through the GP.

These appointments are really supportive of any worries or concerns you may have. Please make contact with Miss Greenhalgh or Mrs Jones to discuss this further or to book an appointment time. 😊



Young Carers

A young carer is a person under the age of 18 who provides substantial and regular care for a family member or friend with a physical or mental illness, a disability, or a problem with alcohol or drugs. Young carers may perform practical tasks like cooking or cleaning, provide emotional support, help with personal care, or manage medicines and money. We offer support and a variety of wellbeing activities for young carers. If you feel your child qualifies as a young carer, please do let myself, Miss Greenhalgh or Mrs Jones know so they can be included in this work as a supportive measure.

Car Park

A polite reminder that the school car park is not available for parking to collect children from school, unless you have a car park permit. A permit is given to anyone who has a legitimate reason for use at the beginning or end of the day. Permits can be obtained from Mrs Jones.

A message from the PTFA

The PTFA had a successful EGM on Wednesday morning. Thank you to both existing and new members that were able to join the meeting. Whilst we have been successful in recruiting to the statutory roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary we always require lots of volunteers to help manage and run events throughout the year. Please always consider attending to help at varying events. Thank you 😊

Please come to the meeting on **Wednesday 15th October at 8:30am** to find out about the upcoming events and how you can help. Thank you 😊

Events coming up include:

- Tuck Shop – Friday 17th October - end of half term tuck shop.
- Disco – Wednesday 5th November 2025 – 3-4pm (EYFS & KS1) 4:15-5:15pm (KS2)
- Winter Fair – Friday 12th December 2025 – 3-5pm everyone welcome
- Santa's Grotto – Tuesday 16th December 2025, during the school day, optional event.

We will share more information about all of these events in the coming weeks. 😊

Personal Achievements:

Please remember to send any personal achievements to me via Dojo, so I can add them regularly to the school newsletter.

I look forward to seeing your pictures and achievements. Thank you 😊

Making contact with school

Over the summer we have updated our telephone system. This is to support the workload in the school office and managing calls to the right places.

The telephone number has not changed. It remains as: **562165**. When you call the number now you will have the following options:

Option 1 – Absence Line To report your child as absent. All absence calls need to go through to this number please. Please leave a voicemail of your child's name, the class teacher and the reason for absence. Alternatively please send a Dojo message to Miss Greenhalgh please.

Option 2 – Safeguarding Team This might be used to speak about your Early Help plan, ask for support or advice on confidential matters or to discuss or share something that is concerning you. Messages can be left – we will return your call.

Option 2 – Pre School Please use this option to speak to the preschool team.

Option 4 – School Business Manager This option is for businesses and services or if you want to report something linked to health and safety.

Option 5 – Main School Office This is for general enquires that have not been addressed by contact with the class teacher or urgent messages we need for collection arrangements.

Dates coming up:

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
Week 4:			
Tues 23 rd Sep	Secondary Open Evening	Y6 children and families	Medina College – Open evening event to prepare for secondary transition. Event times 5:00pm - 8:00pm.
Wed 24 th Sep	Preschool workshop	Preschool	Fly to the Moon – Storytelling for Science workshop
Week 5:			
Wk Beg 29 th Sept	First set of mock SATs	Y6	First set of mock SATs so the children know what SATs are and what to expect as the year progresses. This week is to support children and see

			where we can support emotional regulation for children.
Mon 29 th Sep	Expectations Event	Y1	Come and find out about expectations for children in Y1. 8:30am – sign in at the office.
Mon 29 th Sep	Expectations Event	YR	Come and find out about expectations for children in YR. 2:30pm – sign in at the office.
Mon 29 th Sep	Secondary Open Evening	Y6 children and families	Carisbrooke College – Open evening event to prepare for secondary transition. Event times 5:00pm - 8:00pm.
Tues 30 th Sep	Expectations Event	Y2	Come and find out about expectations for children in Y2. 8:30am – sign in at the office.
Tues 30 th Sep	RUDE Workshop	Y5 & Y6	RUDE Workshop about gang violence and crime informative workshop for Y5 and Y6 children.
Tues 30 th Sep	Expectations Event	Y6	Come and find out about expectations for children in Y6. 2:30pm – sign in at the office.
Wed 1 st Oct	Educational Visit	Y5	FREE: Visit to London – British Museum
Wed 1 st Oct	Expectations Event	Y3	Come and find out about expectations for children in Y3. 8:30am – sign in at the office.
Wed 1 st Oct	Expectations Event	Y4	Come and find out about expectations for children in Y4. 2:30pm – sign in at the office.
Thur 2 nd Oct	Expectations Event	Preschool	Come and find out about expectations for children in Preschool. 2:30pm – sign in at the office.
Thur 2 nd Oct	Expectations Event	Y5	Come and find out about expectations for children in Y5. 2:30pm – sign in at the office.
Thur 2 nd Oct	Secondary Open Evening	Y6 children and families	The Bay CE School – Open evening event to prepare for secondary transition. Event times 5:00pm - 7:30pm.
Week 6:			
Wk beg 6 th Oct	Parents Evenings	All children – all classes	Parent evenings will be held in this week. This is an opportunity to see how children have settled and find out ways to support them with learning.
Tues 7 th Oct	MHST Workshop	Y3 & Y4	Y3 & Y4 MHST Workshop – The Big 5
Tues 7 th Oct	Educational Visit	YR	YR Educational Visit to Nature Zones 😊
Tues 7 th Oct	Neurodiversity team	All families	The Neurodiversity team will be available to talk to at parents evening to ask and answer any questions you may have. 4-6pm.
Thur 9 th Oct	MHST Workshop	Y5 & Y6a	Y5 & Y6 MHST Workshop – The Big 5
Thur 9 th Oct	Neurodiversity team	All families	The Neurodiversity team will be available to talk to at parents evening to ask and answer any questions you may have. 4-6pm.
Week 7:			
Tues 14 th Oct	MHST Workshop	Y6b	Y6 MHST Workshop – The Big 5
Wed 15 th Oct	School Nurse	All families	School Nurse clinic appointments

Thur 16 th Oct	MHST Workshop	Y1	Y1 MHST Workshop – Emotions Explorer
Thur 16 th Oct	MHST Workshop	Y2	Y2 MHST Workshop – What to do with worries
Thur 16 th Oct	Restart a Heart	Y6	Visit to the Fire Station for restart a heart workshop
Fri 17 th Oct	PTFA Event	All children and families	PTFA Tuck Shop – please bring loose change to this at the end of the day.
Fri 17 th Oct	Last Day of first half term	All children - all classes	Today is the final day of the half term.

OCTOBER HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October

Week 1:

Mon 3 rd Nov	Welcome Back	All children - all classes	All children return to school for the start of the second half of the Autumn term. 😊
Tue 4 th & Wed 5 th Nov	Portrait Photographs	All children	Individual and sibling photographs by the school photographer.
Wed 5 th Nov	PTFA DISCO Event	EYFS & KS1 KS2	Disco – 3:00 – 4:00pm Disco – 4:00 – 5:00pm £1 entry fee per pupil with side stalls for face painting, glow sticks, tuck shop available. Entrance fee secures the space – Payable via Parent Pay (coming soon)
Thur 6 th Nov	MHST Workshop	YR	YR MHST Workshop – Let's explore emotions
Thur 6 th Nov	MHST Workshop	Y5	Y5 MHST Workshop – Low Mood awareness

Week 2:

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**Isle of Wight
Neurodiversity
Team**



Let's Talk...

Join us at parents evening to have an informal conversation about the support that is available to you and your child. Wherever you are in your neurodivergent journey, we are here to help.

Open to ALL parents and caregivers

**ADVICE ~ GUIDANCE ~ STRATEGIES
SUPPORT GROUPS ~ WEBINARS ~ 1:1
CONSULTATIONS**

The Isle of Wight Neurodiversity Team will be available for advice and guidance on:

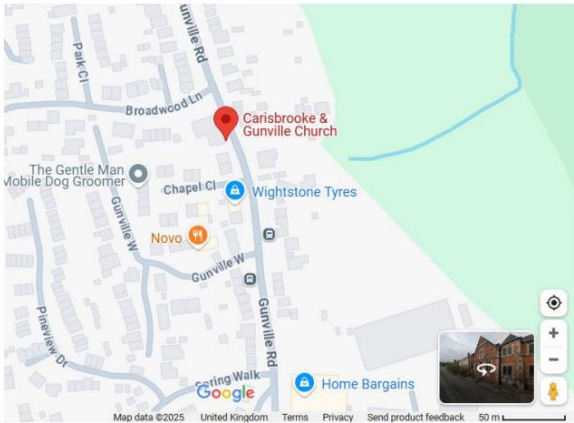
DATE: Tues 7th Oct & Wed 8th Oct / TIME: 4-6pm



Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions

Where: Gunville Methodist Church Hall

When:



11th September 2025 (10am - 12 noon)
6th November 2025 (10am - 12 noon)
15th January 2026 (10am - 11am)
5th March 2026 (10am - 12 noon)
7th May 2026 (10am - 12 noon)

Come along to meet with other parents / caregivers for an informal meet up and chat about your neurodiversity journey. Refreshments provided. No need to book, just turn up.
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When?

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4:20pm-5pm**

£5 per session

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Just bring comfy clothes,
trainers and a bottle of water.

Sign up today!

 **07594389531**

 **sandownsoccer@yahoo.com**

Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell) to book your place!

Drop-in Sessions

For parents of Early years children with emerging



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Please scan the QR code for more information and to book

Come and join us for a friendly and informal drop in session, designed to provide support, advice, and a chance to connect with other parents and carers.

We often have Occupational Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists available to offer specialist advice.

10th September- Newport Family Centre

17th October- Sandown Family Centre

7th November- Ryde Family Centre

9th December- Newport Family Centre

9.30am - 10.30am or

10.30am - 11.30am



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Girlguiding



For ages 4 to 7

Rainbows welcomes all girls to come together to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space. It's a wonderful world of adventure, week after week, just for her.



Brownies is full of firsts: she can explore her creative side, get out into the great outdoors, learn how to look after herself, others and the world we live in.



For ages 7 to 10



For ages 10 to 14

Guides is a fun-filled space, she'll have one big adventure with friends, learn how to be herself, explore the things she loves and do stuff she's never done before!



Rangers is an open and relaxed space, where you can regularly meet up, go on trips at home and abroad, to help make a difference to the things you care about.



For ages 14 to 18

Find a group near you girlguiding.org.uk

Registered charity number: 306016



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16th October 2025

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