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Dear Parents and Carers,

Y6 Leavers Assembly

Today, we held our much-anticipated Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – a heart-warming and emotional celebration of our wonderful pupils as they prepare to move on to secondary school. The morning was filled with smiles, laughter and a few happy tears as the children performed songs, recited poems, and shared their favourite memories from their time at Greenmount. Each performance was a testament to how far they've come, not just in their learning but in their confidence and character too.

After the assembly, families joined us on the field to enjoy a well-earned treat – scones with jam and cream in the sunshine – a perfect way to reflect on the journey our Year 6s have been on together.

We are incredibly proud of every single child in Year 6. Their resilience, progress, and maturity over the past year has been remarkable. It has been a pleasure watching them grow, and we know they leave Greenmount ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of secondary school. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for your continued support throughout the years. Your involvement, encouragement and partnership have played a vital part in your child's success. We wish all our Year 6s the very best in the next chapter of their journey – they will always be part of the Greenmount family.



Preschool Graduation

The children in Unicorn Class that will be leaving Preschool and moving up to Reception Class in September 2025 had a Graduation on Thursday 24th July in the afternoon. The children all did very well. They shared a couple of special graduation songs they have been practising the last few weeks, along with some dancing. They all received certificates and then enjoyed some cake with their family, whilst watching our PowerPoint presentation of all the lovely photographs from their time in Preschool.

It was lovely to see so many family members able to join us for this special celebration. We look forward to your continued support and engagement as your children begin their school journey. ☺

Staff leaving at the end of this term

As the term draws to a close we must thank the following staff for their significant contributions to Greenmount Primary school over the last term, to over 10 years.

Miss Ward will be returning to Brading Primary School to fulfil her fulltime role as Resourced Provision lead, after an interim period of time at Greenmount. Mr Evans is moving to Green Haven in September.

Mrs Fahy the school business manager is also leaving following an administration restructure and has secured the business manager role in another local school. We wish her well in her new role and thank her for her work at Greenmount for over three years.

Miss Surridge is also leaving Greenmount after over 10 years as the school bursar. We wish her well in any new endeavours and thank her for her tremendous work at Greenmount. She has worked with and for a variety of people in her time at the school and seen many changes for the children, families and staff. Thank you for your continued and dedicated service to the school.

Mrs McQueen's secondment to the school has come to an end. Mrs McQueen will return to her substantive school, at Gurnard, where her passion for teaching and learning will flourish with the many skills and qualities that she has and has developed in her time at Greenmount. I am sure this will be very sad news to many of you and you will join me in wishing Mrs McQueen well and hope that she stays in touch with us all. I know Mrs McQueen will be keen to keep in touch with the development of the OPAL provision, which she is very passionate about too. Thank you Mrs McQueen for everything.



Y6 Residential in 2026! (Current Y5 Class)

We have recently celebrated the Y6 residential and this week, we are sharing that we have secured our booking for next year. The Y6 residential for those children currently in Y5 will take place between 1st and 3rd July 2026. Please add the dates to your diary. We will ensure there is a meeting in the third week of the Autumn Term to discuss this with you and set up payment plans to enable this to be achievable for everyone. (Please see the diary dates below.) Thank you everyone. 😊

School meal menu and price increase

The menu will remain the same in September up until October half term, where we will begin to see the menu change as the weather cools in the winter months.

We also need to let you know that from September there will be a slight price increase of 75p per week if you pay for your child's meals (15p a day). This now totals a price of **£3.10 per day = £15.50 per week**. If finances prove challenging for you, please ensure you complete the Free School Meals form at the office or online. I attach the link to the site here: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/>

We would encourage any family that meets the criteria to sign up as we receive additional funding in school, on top of free meals for your child, which goes towards supporting children in school.

School meals can be booked in the usual way online for the week or half term ahead. We will send a reminder in the break as we come closer to the start of the new Autumn term. Thank you ☺

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Greenmount and Gatten and Lake Primary Schools are about to embark on a new project that requires a whole school approach. This is a project to develop PLAY. We will be sending out lots more information about this in the coming term, as we start our school improvement journey in developing a strategic and focused approach to develop play. This will involve utilising the outside space every day, rain or shine. It will involve action planning and prioritising zones of play around the school and ensuring we build children's opportunities, resilience, team work and collaboration, risk taking and above all...FUN!

This is also a sustainability project, as many resources required can be generated for free...from pallets, to plastic drums, guttering to plastic crates, used electrical reels to fancy dress costumes....

We will be considering wish lists in the new year, however if you feel already you may have items to contribute to this type of play, please do consider a donation to the school.

We will keep you updated regularly on the progress of this project as we progress. If you would like to watch a video on OPAL play, please do so by following the link: <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

PCSO Visit:

On Thursday, we had a visit from the local PCSO. The PCSO was keen to discuss and observe reports of some unwanted behaviours around the entrance to the school site at the beginning of the school day as there were concerns about the amount of children playing in a car park. If you are parking in the car park, please can we politely remind you to monitor your child(ren) to prevent any accidents by any moving vehicles. If your child(ren) are walking to school unaccompanied, please ensure they know to walk directly to school and to wait on the path inside the school gates. Thank you.

Following this, the PCSO visited the whole school for an assembly where there was a discussion around safety and behaviour in the community, water safety, online safety and appropriate use of mobile phones and devices.

The PCSO continued with Year 5 and 6 where there were discussions around anti-social behaviour and the consequences of this, including the criminal age of responsibility.

This is to ensure that the children understand that everyone in the community, including the police, are here to protect, educate and keep everyone safe and well looked after. They are trusted adults in our community and can help and guide us as we flourish, learn and grow.

Uniform

School uniforms are important as they promote equality, reduce distractions and foster a sense of belonging and community. Uniforms also build a routine for children to wear each day and they are an identifiable way of recognising children when out on school visits to enhance safety.

It has been noted that PE kits have been worn more, when they are just required on one day a week for their PE day; this includes trainers. Full school uniform is to be worn on all other days of the week. It has been noted that some children are also wearing very short shorts for sports too which are not appropriate for school. Mid-thigh length PE shorts or knee length cycling shorts are required for PE lessons.

If anyone requires uniform from the uniform bank at school, please do ask. Miss Greenhalgh will be happy to assist with sizes.

Children will be asked to remove items that are not school uniform to ensure that equality is maintained. This includes logo branded items. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

School Uniform Policy:

Grey shorts, trousers, skirts or pinafore dress
Green and white gingham dresses can be worn in warmer weather too.
Yellow polo shirt,
Bottle green cardigan or jumper
Plain grey, black or white socks
Plain black school shoes

PE Kit:

Black sports shorts, leggings or jogging trousers. (Short hot pants are not appropriate for school)
Bottle green t-shirt/sports shirt
Black Greenmount Zipped Sports Jumper
Trainers – suitable for sports

A message from the PTFA. **Summer Fair Success:**

A HUGE "Thank you" to the wonderful PTFA for organising a tremendous Summer Fair on Wednesday afternoon. It was lovely to see the school field a hive of activity at the end of the day. There were plentiful stalls to keep everyone entertained with an inflatable assault course, class games, tombolas, books, tuck shops, face painting, etc... Mr Yates and Mr Goodall were stars in the stocks with sponge drenching!

The fair raised a total profit of £618.55 😊

Thank you once again for the volunteers who gave up lots and lots of time to make this event a success. Your time and energy for the children and school are very much appreciated. 😊

The PTFA do require more volunteers to be able to continue. Without support the PTFA will need to disband and this would prevent events being possible for your children. Please come to the meeting on Wednesday 17th September to find out about the roles and how you can help. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter. Thank you 😊

One parent has sent a Dojo message: ***Please thank the staff and PTFA for the fabulous fair today. It's lovely to see the children interacting with staff so positively and all their lovely ideas for fun activities. Each of my children found something fun to do so there was something for everyone. Thank you!***

The Summer Reading Challenge is back!

This year's theme is Story Garden: Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors, is already sparking imaginations across the Isle of Wight! Open to children aged 4+, the challenge is completely free and available at 11 Isle of Wight libraries – including those run by amazing community volunteers. There's even a mini challenge for younger readers!

AIM: To read six books

Earn: Stickers; prizes, a medal and certificate

This will boost confidence and keep literacy skills strong over the summer

Don't miss out, sign up at your local library and let the adventures begin!

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk Follow: @iwllibraries or visit the Isle of Wight Council libraries page for full details.



Personal Achievements:



Well done to Casen and Coran who recently made wild flower seed bombs. They sold them to family and friends and raised £14 to go towards the new library outdoor reading shed and area. Thank you for your valued contribution towards outside spaces within school. 😊

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

If you achieve anything over the summer, please send me a photograph and updates and I can add celebrations and achievements to Class Dojo.

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

Public Health - Measles

Message from Isle of Wight Council Public Health Team.

- From Autumn 2023 to summer 2024, England experienced the biggest outbreak of measles since 2012, particularly affecting children under the age of 10 years. Since the peak last year cases have declined, but local outbreaks have continued and we are currently experiencing an increase in activity particularly in London and the North West Regions. There is also an increase in measles abroad.
- We are calling on all parents and guardians to make sure their children are up to date with their 2 MMR doses. To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, check your child's personal child health record (PCHR), known as the red book, or contact your GP practice. You may also be able to check their vaccination status on the NHS App.
- Getting vaccinated means you are also helping protect others who can't have the vaccine, including infants under one year and people with weakened immune systems, who are at greater risk of serious illness and complications from measles. They rely on the rest of us getting the vaccine to protect them.
- Having two doses of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine is the best way to protect your child and help prevent measles spreading, especially to those most vulnerable. Two doses of the MMR vaccine give you excellent lifelong protection. If you or your child have missed out, contact your GP surgery to catch up as soon as possible, especially if you are travelling to other areas in England or abroad.
- There is information available from the [NHS on the MMR vaccine](#).
- There is information about measles on the [NHS website](#).
- This includes advice for parents and carers to check if their child has measles, including photos of the measles rash. The rash looks brown or red on white skin. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin.
- Measles is a highly infectious viral illness, so anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or A&E, to prevent the illness spreading further.

Preschool Spaces for September 2025

We have spaces for children to join Greenmount Preschool from 2 years 0 months. Please pop in to Greenmount Preschool or email us directly: preschool@greenmount.iow.sch.uk and we can arrange a visit and give you a Preschool Registration Pack to join us and book your space in advance. Please use the information below to see if you are entitled to 30 hours free childcare. Final phase of childcare expansion: get 30 hours childcare – apply now!

From this September, **15 hours childcare for working families with children under 3 will expand to 30 hours**, meaning eligible working families can now apply for 30 hours of childcare from the term after their child turns 9 months until they reach school age.

This expansion is designed to support your child’s early education and help you better balance work and family life. It’s the final phase of the childcare expansion, which could save families up to £7,500 per year.

Apply for your childcare code by 31 August to start using the support from September.

What you need to do:

- Check if you’re eligible: Working parents in England may be entitled to up to 30 hours of childcare per week for children aged 9 months to school age, during term time (38 weeks per year).
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- Apply online via GOV.UK: If you're eligible, apply now for your childcare code – you’ll need this to access your hours. <https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working/apply-for-free-childcare-if-youre-working>
- Apply by 31 August: To start using your hours from 1 September, make sure you apply before the deadline.
- Speak to your childcare provider: Check that they offer the hours and confirm their arrangements.
- Keep your code up to date: you’ll need to reconfirm your details every 3 months via your [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) account. You’ll get a reminder when it’s time.

Already using 15 hours childcare for working families? You don’t need to reapply for a new code. Simply continue to reconfirm your details every 3 months on your GOV.UK account and your existing code will update automatically to enable you to take up 30 hours from September.

For a step-by-step guide on how to apply, watch the video below with Early Years Educator, Steff, explaining the process: How to get help with the cost of childcare: government-funded support in England
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0B7F3eMG0Y>

Click here to apply for your childcare code

<https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working/apply-for-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

If you need any help please contact Greenmount Preschool and we can support you with the process.

Dates coming up:

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
Week 9 :			
Mon 28 th July	Inset Day 4	School closed	Development Day 4
Mon 29 th July	Inset Day 5	School closed	Development Day 5
Mon 18 th Aug	YR Stay and Play	New Starters - YR	Stay and Play session in new classroom – 10am -11am
Tue 26 th Aug	YR Stay and Play	New Starters - YR	Stay and Play session in new classroom – 10am -11am
SUMMER HOLIDAY Monday 28th July to Friday 29th August 2025			
Week 1:			
Mon 1 st Sept	Inset Day 1	School closed	Development Day 1
Tues 2 nd Sept	Inset Day 2	School closed	Development Day 2
Wed 3 rd Sept	Welcome Back	Year 1 to Year 6	Welcome back to school for the first day of the academic year ☺
Wed - Fri	YR Home Visits	New Starters - YR	Home visits this week for all children new to YR at Greenmount in Sept 2025
Wed 3 rd Sept	YR Stay and Play	New Starters - YR	Stay and Play session in new classroom – 3:15pm - 4pm
Week 2:			
Mon 8 th Sept	New entrants start school	New starters – day 1	New Starters – YR – 8:20 – 11:40am – staggered over the next three days

Thurs 11 th Sept & Fri 12 th Sept	New entrants start school	New starters – day 4&5	All new YR children in school 8:20-1:00pm
Week 3:			
Mon 15 th Sep	New entrants start school	YR Class	New Starters first full day at school – YR – 8:20 – 3:00pm – welcome everyone 😊
Tues 16 th Sept	Y6 Residential Meeting	Y6 parents and carers	Parent Information Session about the Year Six Residential in July 2026.
Wed 17 th Sep	PTFA Meeting	All parents and carers	PTFA Meeting – welcome to everyone. We would love to see both existing and new faces to join the team and help support school events. 😊 9:00am, after school drop off, please sign in at the office 😊
Week 4:			
Mon 22 nd Sep to Fri 26 th Sep	Expectation Events through this week	YR to Y6	Come and find out about the expectations for each year group this year – we will inform you of class dates at the start of the term. Thank you 😊
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.
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.
Week 7:			
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 20 th October to Friday 31 st 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



Greenmount PTFA

EGM

**Extraordinary General Meeting
Everyone is welcome.**

**We need at least 2 new committee
members to allow the PTFA to
continue**

**Meeting will be held at the school
on
Wednesday 17th September at 9am**



Fortnightly Online Workshops



We run Online Workshops for people thinking about applying for an EHCP and for those responding to a draft/working document.

Considering an EHC Plan

25 July 12:00
8 August 16:00
20 August 12:00

Responding to a draft EHCP document

10 July 10:30
23 July 12:00
5 August 10:30
19 August 14:30

Join us on teams for a free, impartial and confidential session to gain information and advice.

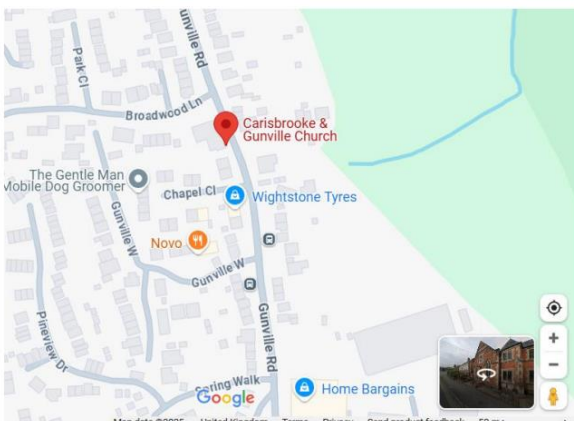
For more information please visit
our website: www.iowsendiass.org.uk

Isle of Wight
Neurodiversity
Team



Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions

Where: Gunville Methodist Church Hall



When:

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

Free onsite parking.



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Fundraising

THE WIGHT STROLLERS
SUMMER
FUN DAY

ROOKLEY VILLAGE HALL & SPORTS FIELD

SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025

11AM - 4PM

ARENA - DOG SHOW - KIDS ACTIVITIES - FREE PARKING

GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT.....ADULTS £2 - KIDS FREE

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NATUREZONES



Wise Owl
Summer Holiday Club
8yr - 14 yrs

Come and have a great time outdoors! Go on a nature safari, look for wildlife in our ponds, woods and meadows. See if you can charm worms out of the ground. Get creative in our guided art sessions and try some crafts using willow and other natural materials. Play games based around wildlife and tackle a challenge! Various different fun activities during each session.

Dates:
August: Thur 7th, Fri 8th,
Wed 13th, Thur 14th, Wed 20th,
Thur 21st, Thurs 28th.
HAF free, non-HAF £20



Where: Blackwater

www.naturezones.org.uk



Summer Rugby Camps



In association with Vectis Rugby Club

FOR CHILDREN IN CURRENT

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

AUGUST 5TH/12TH/19TH/21ST

9:00-15:00

WOOTTON REC

TO BOOK:

[HTTPS://IOW-SPORTS-COACHING.CLASSFORKIDS.IO/](https://iow-sports-coaching.classforkids.io/)



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