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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new Reception Class

Welcome to the new Reception Class who have had two full weeks in school. Everyone is settling very well into the new school routines. Phonics lessons are well underway so the children learn the skills for segmenting and blending sounds as soon as possible to start their reading journey. There have been plentiful opportunities for learning through play inside and outside this week too. If the children don't recognise all their friends in the photograph it's because some were not at school and not everyone has photo permissions for publication. If you would like your photo permission updated, please see the office team. Thank you.



Class Expectations Events – Coming up next week

Next week, we will be holding **Expectations Events** for each class. These sessions are a great opportunity for parents and carers to hear about the year ahead, including routines, curriculum highlights, homework expectations, and how we can work together to support your child's learning. We strongly encourage you to attend.

Please check the school diary dates on the newsletter for the specific dates and times for each event. We look forward to seeing you there!



Y6 Residential in 2026 – Deposits due by 1st October

We're already getting excited for our upcoming residential trip – a highlight of the school year for Y6 where children get to explore, learn, and grow together outside the classroom!

From adventurous activities in London to late-night laughs with friends, the residential is packed with opportunities for fun, friendship, and unforgettable memories.

To secure your child's place, please make sure the **deposit is paid by Tuesday, 1st October**. This ensures we can finalise bookings and start planning all the exciting details.

Reading

Reading with your child at home is one of the most impactful ways to support their academic and personal growth. While learning to decode words is an essential first step, true reading success goes far beyond just sounding out letters and words. Children need to develop strong comprehension skills to understand what they read, make connections, and think critically about the content. When parents take the time to read with their children and ask questions—like "Why do you think the character did that?" or "What might happen next?"—they help deepen their child's understanding, encourage curiosity, and build the foundational skills necessary for meaningful learning.

Reading together also fosters a love for books and learning that extends well beyond the early school years. It shows children that reading is not just a school activity, but a valuable, lifelong habit. Discussing stories, exploring ideas, and reflecting on meaning helps children become thoughtful readers who can analyse and understand the world around them. These conversations at home set the stage for academic success and help children develop into independent learners who enjoy reading not just for school, but for life.

Please, please we encourage you to read to your children every day. Not just in their first year of school but right up until the end of Primary school and beyond. Please take a few minutes several times a week to hear your child read their book too. School is a partnership and together we can support your child with this really important skill.

Safety on the School Site

We kindly remind you that, for the safety of all children and adults, bikes, scooters, and other similar equipment should not be ridden anywhere on the school site. Please ensure that your child dismounts **before** entering the school grounds and walks their bike or scooter to the designated parking area. This helps us maintain a safe and calm environment for everyone during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for your support and cooperation in keeping our school community safe.



WOW Living Streets Assembly – Walking to School Project

This week, our school was delighted to welcome Juliette and Strider from WOW Living Streets, who came to deliver a special assembly about the importance of walking to school.

The children learned about the many benefits of walking, including how it helps keep us healthy, reduces traffic and pollution around the school gates, and is a great way to spend time with friends and family. The assembly also introduced the WOW Walk to School Challenge, which encourages pupils to travel actively – by walking, wheeling, cycling, or even "park and stride" – at least once a week.

Children were excited to hear how their efforts will be rewarded with monthly badges, each one designed around a fun theme. There was a real buzz in the hall as pupils started sharing how they already walk to school or ways they could begin. We look forward to seeing more families join in with the challenge and make our school a healthier, safer, and happier place!

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.



A message from the PTFA

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. 😊

Please always consider attending to help at varying events. Thank you 😊

Personal Achievements:

Today in Year 3 / 4 **Louisa** was celebrated for her achievements in enrichment activities outside of school. Louisa earned certificates for swimming 800m and 1000m, as well as a bronze award for completing a swimming challenge. An incredible effort and achievement.



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 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:			

Mon 6 th Oct	Educational Visit	Y1 & Y2	Educational Visit to Carisbrooke Castle
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 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.
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:			



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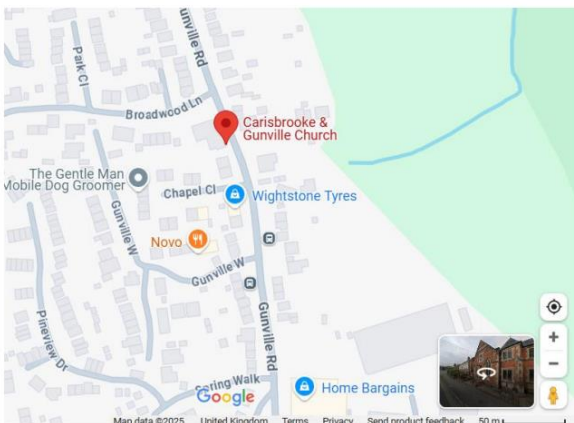
The Isle of Wight Neurodiversity Team will be available for advice and guidance on:

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.

Free onsite parking.

Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals or extra help in school?

Did you know?

HOW DO I GET THIS?

Children that receive Pupil Premium Funding may get help with **paying for trips**, **extra support** in school as well as a **Free School Meal** every day!

DO YOU RECEIVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

- Income support
- ▲ Employment Support Allowance
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- ▲ Child Tax Credit AND your income is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- ▲ Receiving support under Part 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Or are you in the Armed Forces?

IF YOU CAN ANSWER **YES TO ANY OF THESE** – POP INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO FIND OUT IF YOUR CHILD IS ENTITLED TO OUR PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING



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QUAYARTS

White-tailed eagles art exhibition



1st October -31st October 2025

Quay Arts Cafe

Mon-Sun 9am-5pm

Amazing art created by children from the Island's primary and special schools celebrating the reintroduction of White-tailed eagles on the Isle of Wight.



FREE

White-tailed eagle family art drop in sessions
Mon 20th & 27th Oct
10am-3pm
Quay Arts Seminar Room

Join Emma and Kay from the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary for...

- large scale mark making
- tile paintings
- artefact touch table
- Steve the WTE Puppet!



Kindly supported by



This drop-in is suitable for all ages.
All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Drop-in Sessions

For parents of Early years children with emerging



SEND

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



The Footprint Trust



Riverside Centre, Newport
10am - 1pm

16th October 2025

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