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Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year...

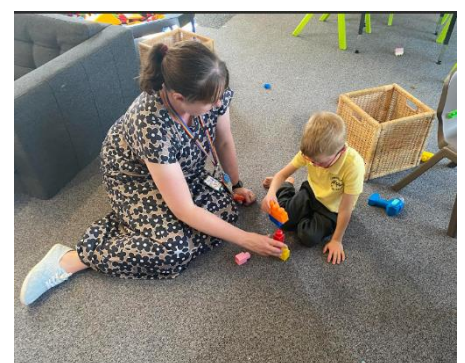
It has been lovely to welcome all children, families and staff back to school this week to start the new academic year. Welcome too, to new children and families that have recently started their educational journey within our school community, we hope you feel really welcome.

Due to the successful transition in the summer term, the vast majority of children seem to have settled very well into their new classes for the upcoming year. If however, you feel there are any concerns raised at home, please do let us know, so we can offer more support to the children. Being happy and safe in school is really important and will lead to positive outcomes for children.

The staff have worked really hard during the summer and during inset days on varying new ideas for the upcoming year, which we will share with you in the coming term, as time progresses. We would really value your ideas and opinions too as well as the children's. From Wednesday, we have seen much laughter and fun as well as rules and routines being established. I think everyone, children and staff, are ready for the weekend to get prepared for the first full week back at school.

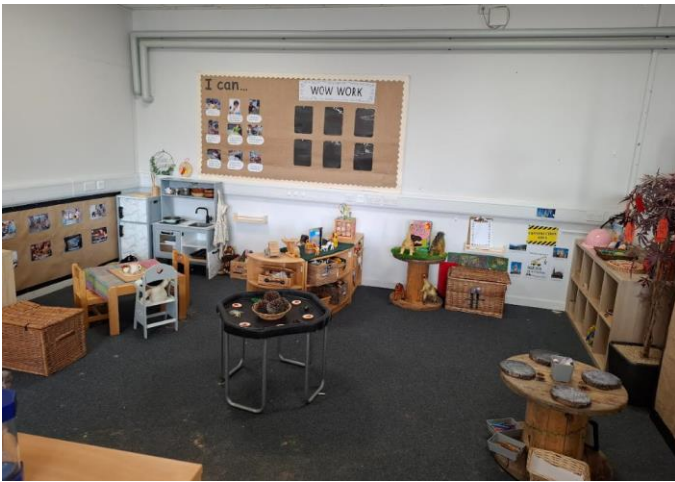
We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception class into school from Monday following their home visits that have taken place this week.

Take a look at our play and learning this week:



It has been such a positive week in school with lots of happy children engaged in wonderful learning. 😊

One of our biggest celebrations that you may have spotted above, is our preschool moving into the main school building. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this success. It has been wonderful to see the children using their new accommodation so well. Please share the wonderful news with friends and families as we have spaces for children from 2-4 years that we would love to welcome to our school. We can accommodate visits and stay and play sessions to see how children settle into our environment.



Contact with preschool is now via the main telephone number **562165** then press **option 3**

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.

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 is on Tuesday 16th September from 3-4pm. This will be to share the content of the residential trip, share the costs and payment plans for this residential visit and to be prepared for the end of the year. Thank you everyone. We look forward to seeing you on this date 😊 If you are working on this day we will ensure you have access to information shared.

School meal menu and price increase

Thank you for your patience for the difficulties with the system in the days before we returned to school. The external IT issues have been resolved and all meal prices are now live, ensuring Free School Meals are correctly priced.

Thank you for your support in ensuring all school meals are booked in advance via the ParentPay system. There has been 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. Thank you 😊

Jade, our school cook does an amazing job each and every day of providing good quality food for the children to enjoy. We would encourage as many people as possible to have this warm food option in school. If however, you would prefer to make a packed lunch for your child please make sure this is a balanced meal. This includes having a sandwich or wrap, fruit and vegetables a yoghurt and a cereal bar to provide the right nutrition. A lunchbox of just crisps and chocolate bars is not providing adequate nutrition. We will be monitoring school lunchboxes to ensure children have access to healthy meal choices throughout their day.

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.

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.

PE Days

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

It had been noted at the end of last year that PE kits were being worn on several days a week, 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. Thank you for your support in ensuring the correct uniform.

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

Labelled Clothing

Please ensure all school uniform items and personal items are clearly labelled with your child's name. We would much prefer all clothing to come home to you, rather than items coming to a lost property box. Please, please, please name all items – not just in the younger year groups but each year group. It helps us to return items to you. Thank you.

Hair and jewellery

Over the summer your children may have been used to wearing more party jewellery, make-up, nail varnish or may have experimented with changing the colour of their hair. However, as we return to school, can I please remind everyone that if you choose to colour your child's hair for term time at school, this should be a natural colour only, that may be shown as highlights or a slighter lighter or darker colour from their natural hair, not vibrant colours please. We have this rule in primary to support transition to secondary school, where the rules are the same.

Jewellery should be a minimum. A pair of stud earrings can be worn for school, however must not be in ears on PE days. Please remove these and store safely at home on PE days please.

Smartwatches are also not appropriate for school. Should your child wish to wear a wrist watch to school, we suggest this is a basic analogue or digital watch. It may have a step count but no access to the internet or a camera is permitted. Finally nail varnish. Please ensure all nail varnish is removed for school.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

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.

School Nurse Appointments:

The School Nursing team are on the school site on **Thursday 9th October** and are available for individual appointments regarding your child and any health needs that they present with such as supporting toileting, constipation, diet, growth, sleep, etc... Appointments can be booked for everyday illnesses. The 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. ☺



School Council

At Greenmount Primary School, Mrs Isaacson is excited to launch our new School Council this year! Two children from each class (from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) and 1 representative from KS2 Greenhaven will be elected to represent their class and share their classmates' ideas and opinions at regular School Council meetings. These meetings will be led by Mrs Isaacson, as PSHE Lead, and sometimes other staff members or senior leaders may be present. We are looking for motivated pupils who are passionate about making a difference and who want to be a voice for their class.

To apply, you will need to write a short paragraph or a few sentences under the following headings (and feel free to add anything else you think we should know)

- I would make a good School Council leader because . . .
- The things I value at Greenmount Primary School are . . .
- Greenmount could be even better if . . .

Younger children can ask an adult at home to help write down their ideas, but it's important that you can read it, remember it, and present it confidently to the rest of your class. Children in the class will then vote for the candidates they feel will best represent them. Please make sure your applications are ready to present to your class by Monday 8th September.

After School Clubs

Once the school council have been elected they will have a few important jobs to do. One of which will be gathering pupil voice about after school clubs and we will update you on clubs shortly.

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 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 the poster at the end of the newsletter. Thank you ☺

Personal Achievements:

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 ☺

Dates coming up:

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
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
Mon 8 th Sept	School Council	Y2 to Y6	Complete school council applications, posters, powerpoints etc and hand in by today.
Tues 9 th Sept	School Nurse	All parent / carer	Bookable slots to see the school nurse about wetting, diet, sleep, toileting,

			etc.. Please message Mrs Jones or Mrs Greenhalgh. Thank you.
Thur 11 th Sep & Fri 12 th Sep	New entrants start school	New starters – day 4&5	All new YR children in school 8:20-1:00pm
Thur 11 th Sep	Y6 Workshop	Y6	Mr Doyle from Lift Ryde, visiting to discuss transition to Y7.
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 ASAP. Thank you ☺
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.
Wed 1 st Oct	Educational Visit	Y5	FREE: Visit to London – British Museum
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**

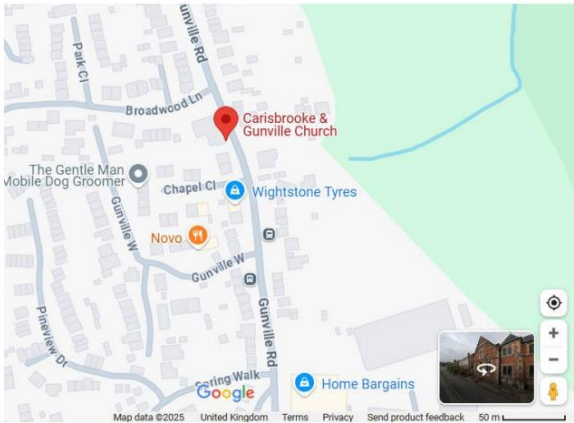




Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions

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.

Unleash your creativity and write your own songs!

THE SONGWRITERS DEN

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

- Learn different lyric writing techniques
- Find out how to create melodies
- Create chord progressions
- Try out new instruments
- Perform your songs at events and festivals
- Meet like minded people and share ideas

Contact us at islandmusicmakers@gmail.com to book your place for Sep 2025 £28 per month (half price for anyone in receipt of support services)

FOR 8 TO 16 YEAR OLDS
WEDNESDAYS - 4PM TO 5PM - SEPTEMBER TO JULY
NEWPORT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DODGEBALL FUN!



For Ages 7-12

Come join our exciting dodgeball sessions filled with:

- ✓ Fast-paced games
- ✓ Fun & fitness
- ✓ Team challenges
- ✓ Safe environment

Where?

**The Bay CE
Primary School**

Winchester Park Road,
Sandown, PO36 9BA

When?

**Wednesday
4:20pm-5pm**

£5 per session

No experience needed!

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!