



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 5 Educational Visit to The British Museum, London**

On Wednesday, Year Five had the incredible opportunity to attend The British Museum in London- fully funded with thanks to Diamond Adventures, Red Funnel and Wight Fibre. The children travelled by coach from the school at 6.30am where they boarded Red Funnel for the start of the journey to London. Once at The British Museum, the children enjoyed exploring the exhibits that linked to prior learning and new learning. The whole class behaved impeccably and we couldn't have been prouder.



### **Year 6 Mock SATs**

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this week as they completed their mock SATs. These early practice tests are a valuable opportunity to help prepare them for the real assessments in the summer term. By conducting the mocks now, we're able to gain important insights—not only into the children's academic strengths and areas for development, but also into how they approach the testing process more broadly. This includes observing any emotional responses we may not have anticipated, and reviewing the use of access arrangements to ensure they are both appropriate and effective. We are very proud of the effort, determination, and resilience shown by Year 6 throughout this week. They should be congratulated on their positive attitude and commitment to their learning.

### **Y6 Secondary School Applications**

Individual letters were sent home recently about your child's application to secondary school. It contains your child's unique code that enables you to make your preferences. The application round is now open and **closes at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October.** If your child has an EHCP, the process is slightly different and the information will come directly from the SEND team to you. Thank you.

### **Thank You for Attending Our Expectations Events**

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our Expectations Events this week. It was a great opportunity to share the key routines, learning goals, and expectations for each year group. If you were unable to attend, the presentation for each year group has been uploaded to each classes' Class Dojo page so you can still access this important information. We were surprised by the poor uptake of these events so we will do a survey on how these can be improved for better uptake and attendance in the future. We do hope though that the Curriculum News documents have been beneficial.

We appreciate your continued support in helping your child have a successful school year.

## **📅 Parents' Evening – Coming Up Next Week**

We're looking forward to welcoming families to **Parents' Evening next week**. If you haven't already done so, please make sure you've signed up for a meeting with your child's class teacher. This can be done on your child's class story page, by following the link.

As part of our continued support for all learners, the **Neurodiversity Team** will also be available on:

📍 **Tuesday and Wednesday**

🕒 **4:00pm – 6:00pm**

📍 **Main corridor outside the hall**

They'll be on hand for **informal conversations and support** — whether you have questions, concerns, or would just like to learn more about how they can support neurodivergent children and the profiling tool.

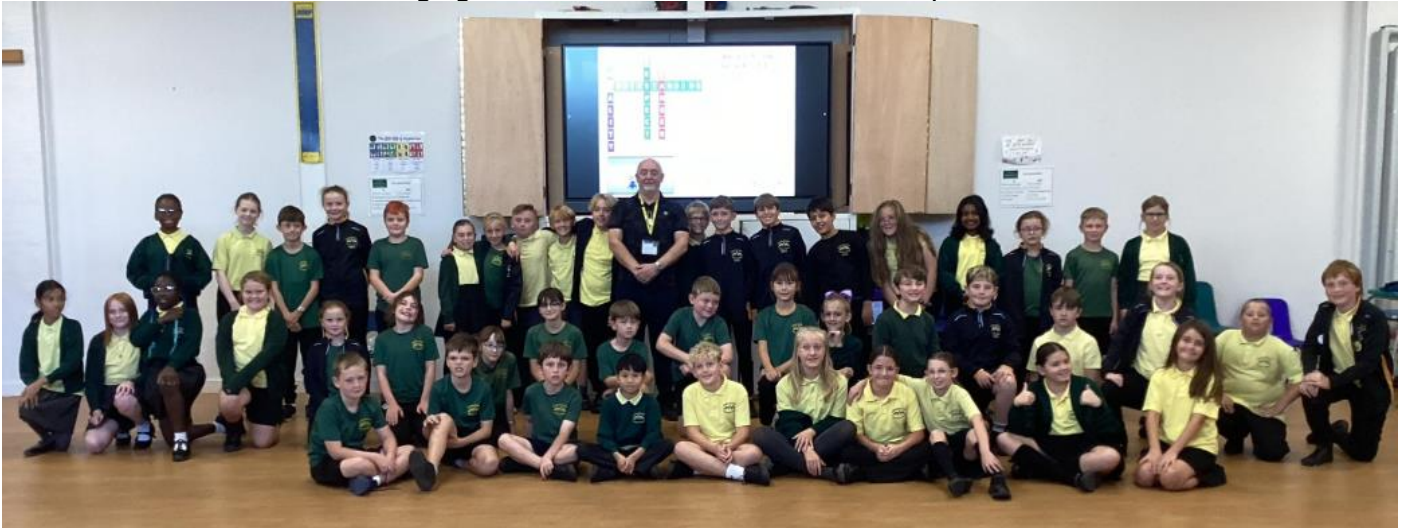
We look forward to seeing you there!

## **R.U.D.E Workshop**

This week, our Year 5 and 6 children were lucky to take part in a fantastic workshop led by Dean, who visited our school to run his engaging **R.U.D.E programme**. The session was energetic, inspiring, and full of important messages about respect, understanding, and making positive choices.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the interactive activities and came away with lots to think about, especially around how their actions and words can have an impact on others.

We'd like to thank Dean for bringing such a valuable and memorable experience to our school.



## **A message from the PTFA**

Please come to the meeting on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> October - end of half term tuck shop.
- Disco – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 3-4pm (EYFS & KS1) 4:15-5:15pm (KS2)
- Winter Fair – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – 3-5pm everyone welcome
- Santa's Grotto – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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:



**Congratulations to Lexi** who has been named as Swimmer of the Month at Waterside pool - a well-deserved recognition of your effort, progress, and passion in the pool! A huge achievement.

**Congratulations to Alfie and Tom** on earning your next swimming certificates — a testament to your hard work, dedication, and confidence in the water!



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 😊

## Dates coming up:

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
<b>Week 6:</b>			
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Educational Visit	Y1 & Y2	Educational Visit to Carisbrooke Castle
Wk beg 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Educational Visit	YR	Educational Visit to Naturezones
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	MHST Workshop	Y3 & Y4	Y3 & Y4 MHST Workshop – The Big 5
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Educational Visit	YR	YR Educational Visit to Nature Zones 😊
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> 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.
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu Immunisations	All children	Flu immunisations
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	MHST Workshop	Y5 & Y6a	Y5 & Y6 MHST Workshop – The Big 5
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> 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.
<b>Week 7:</b>			
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	MHST Workshop	Y6b	Y6 MHST Workshop – The Big 5
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Nurse	All families	School Nurse clinic appointments
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	MHST Workshop	Y1	Y1 MHST Workshop – Emotions Explorer
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	MHST Workshop	Y2	Y2 MHST Workshop – What to do with worries
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Restart a Heart	Y6	Visit to the Fire Station for restart a heart workshop
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTFA Event	All children and families	PTFA Tuck Shop – please bring loose change to this at the end of the day.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

<b>Week 1:</b>			
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Portrait Photographs	All children	Individual and sibling photographs by the school photographer.
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Nov	MHST Workshop	YR	YR MHST Workshop – Let's explore emotions
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	MHST Workshop	Y5	Y5 MHST Workshop – Low Mood awareness
<b>Week 2:</b>			

**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 7<sup>th</sup> Oct & Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct / TIME: 4-6pm**

# Are you a Parent or Carer of a child aged 6-12 years?

Does your child have a diagnosis of ADHD and are they experiencing sleep problems?



The University Hospital of Southampton and Southampton Clinical Trials Unit are running a study. The study aims to test whether a new **website Sleep Buddy**, which has been designed by medics and psychologists, improves sleep problems in children aged 6-12 years with an ADHD diagnosis.

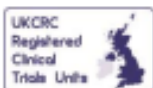
## You can take part if...

- ✓ Your child is aged 6-12 years.
- ✓ Your child has a diagnosis of ADHD (including ADD).
- ✓ You have noticed that your child is experiencing problems falling asleep.
- ✓ You can read and understand English without assistance.

## How do I find out more?

Visit the **study website** by scanning the QR Code, or follow this link: [https://www.trial-deck.com/trial/sleepbuddy?reg\\_code=PTWrxDdl5a](https://www.trial-deck.com/trial/sleepbuddy?reg_code=PTWrxDdl5a)

You can also **contact the study researcher** by calling 0330 1334 689 or emailing [sleepbuddysupport@soton.ac.uk](mailto:sleepbuddysupport@soton.ac.uk).



# 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



wildheart  
animal sanctuary  
isle of wight



Forestry England



QUAYARTS

# White-tailed eagles art exhibition



1st October -31<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**10<sup>th</sup> September- Newport Family Centre**

**17<sup>th</sup> October- Sandown Family Centre**

**7<sup>th</sup> November- Ryde Family Centre**

**9<sup>th</sup> December- Newport Family Centre**

***9.30am - 10.30am or***

***10.30am - 11.30am***



**Isle of Wight  
Council**

**NHS**  
Hampshire and  
Isle of Wight Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust



# 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](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

Registered charity number: 306016



The Footprint Trust



Riverside Centre, Newport  
10am - 1pm

16th October 2025

# WINTER IS COMING

Free Help Event

- ENERGY
- HOUSING
- EMPLOYMENT
- FOOD
- BENEFITS
- HEALTH
- FAMILIES

ISORROPIA  
EMBRACING AGE  
HEALTHWATCH  
SOUTHERN HOUSING  
VETERANS OUTREACH  
SUPPORT

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PAN TOGETHER  
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# MUSIC LESSONS FOR KIDS AND FUN

Help Your Child With:  
Confidence  
Concentration  
Self Discipline  
Better School Grades



Want to play the Trumpet or learn the Trombone,  
French Horn, Euphonium, Clarinet, Flute?

- Instrument provided, lessons **only £1** a Week!!
- **Sundays 9:30am - 11am at Nine Acres Primary School**
- **Call Now** to book your 4 **FREE** Lessons



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**Gareth Balch**  
Dedicated **Woodwind and Percussion instructors**



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## ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

Open Afternoon  
for September 2026 Students  
Wednesday 8th October 2025



**Newport Site:** Tours available at 1.30 & 2.00pm or between  
3.30 - 4.30

**East Cowes Site:** Tours available between 3.30 - 4.30

Please book in advance due to limited spaces during the school day tours.

Please call our main reception on 01983 524634 to book or for further information  
or our admissions criteria please look on our website [www.stgeorges-school.co.uk](http://www.stgeorges-school.co.uk)