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Dear Parents and Carers,

Butser Farm Educational Visit

Yesterday, Year 3 and 4 visited Butser Ancient Farm as part of our history learning on the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. Throughout the day, the children took part in a wide range of activities, applying their historical knowledge and enquiry skills with great enthusiasm. They studied, examined, and interpreted historical evidence, thinking critically about the changes and continuities within this fascinating period. They also asked thoughtful questions that showed a developing curiosity and understanding of the past.

The children learned how Stone Age huts were constructed and the natural materials used to build them. Working collaboratively, they helped to create a section of wattle fencing, gaining first-hand experience of ancient building techniques. They also took part in an archaeological dig, uncovering artefacts to help piece together historical stories. In another activity, the children prepared and twisted natural raffia fibres using traditional methods to create strong cordage, which they decorated with beautiful wooden beads to make their own bookmarks.

The children represented our school wonderfully throughout the visit. Their behaviour, teamwork, and engagement in every task were a credit to the school. Despite the weather, they took part in all activities with enthusiasm and positivity.



Thank you to the staff for making this educational visit successful for the children.

Miss Greenhalgh

Today we said a sad farewell to Miss Greenhalgh, who is leaving Greenmount. During her time as Family Liaison Officer, Miss Greenhalgh, has worked with many children and families across our school community. She has worked tirelessly to support those in need, always approaching her role with care, dedication, and thoughtful planning.

Miss Greenhalgh has supported families in countless ways: providing foodbank vouchers, helping secure essential appliances, offering guidance with attendance, and enriching the school experience through her involvement in lunchtimes and many PTA events.

We will deeply miss her warm smiles, positivity, and the unwavering commitment she has brought to our school each day. Best wishes in your new career pathway — please keep in touch.



NfER tests

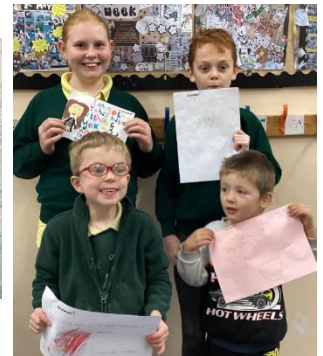
Well done to all the children for their excellent effort in the NfER assessments this week. We are very proud of their growing resilience and positive attitudes. The results from these tests help us identify strengths as well as areas where children may need further support in the classroom. We have noticed some common patterns—such as children doing well with basic skills and retrieval tasks, while multi-step reasoning and inference questions remain more challenging. Teachers will use this information to adapt lessons, provide targeted support, and ensure we work to support every child in keeping up with the curriculum. Short, focused interventions and regular practice in key areas like reading, vocabulary and problem-solving will help children continue to grow in confidence and make strong progress. Thank you for your continued support.

Y6 Bikeability

Unfortunately bikeability was postponed this week by the sports hub. We will keep you updated when this series of skills and sessions for cycling proficiency has been rescheduled for this group of Y6 children.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped make last week's Book Fair a super success. We gained £90 of reward points, which we spent on 14 lovely new books for our library and lots of children bought new books to enjoy. A HUGE 'thank you' to PTA members Lorraine, Carrie and Michelle who supported Mrs Townson with the sales. Congratulations to the five £5 voucher winners - pictured here. Remember reading is the key to future success!



Merry and Bright, Festival of Light

Merry and Bright Festival of Light is coming up in Ryde on Friday 5th December from 5pm to 8pm. This free family friendly community event is put on by New Carnival with funding from Arts Council England and supported by Ryde Town Council. To find out more and to view the full event programme please visit <https://newcarnival.co.uk/annual-events/merry-bright-festival-of-light/> There will be the Lantern Parade, Entertainment, Craft activities, Dance and Circus workshops, Craft Markets, Illuminated lantern sculptures and neon art displays, late night shopping and lots more! Please see poster at the end of the newsletter.

School Meals

As the colder weather sets in, we encourage all parents to make full use of their child's free school meal or consider choosing a hot meal option for their child. Each day, pupils can choose from four hot meal options, including a daily jacket potato or pasta choice, as well as a meat or vegetarian option ensuring there's always something warm, nutritious, and balanced on offer. A hearty hot meal at lunchtime does wonders for helping children refuel, stay focused, and be ready for an afternoon of learning. We are seeing more and more high salt and high sugar items in lunch boxes which ideally we want to avoid in the middle of the day.

If you would like to apply for free school meals for your child, please come to the school office to complete a form, or please complete via the IOW Council weblink: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/>

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations for all children YR to Y6 take place in school on 9th December 2025. Please ensure you complete the consent form for your child.

Your child's school code is: **CW118177** (Greenmount Primary School)
<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Session Date: **9th December 2025**

Please complete the consent form **at least 2 working days before** the session to ensure your child will be vaccinated at the school session. If you submit the consent form after this time your child may be unable to receive the vaccination in school but will be offered a clinic appointment.

Lip balms, moisturisers and creams

A reminder that all lip balms, moisturisers, and creams must be signed in through the School Office. We understand that, especially at this time of year, children may need these items for chapped lips or dry skin, and signing them in helps us ensure they receive the appropriate care. This process also allows us to store products safely and prevents them from being misused or shared with other children. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and well-managed environment.

Personal Achievements:



Big congratulations to Maisie and Autumn who achieved their Level 8 medal in gymnastics this week. We are really proud of your achievements girls and hope you are too. Well done 😊



Michelle and her brother Luca need to be celebrated for their beautiful performance on the violin at the Isle of Wight Music Festival, an event held to raise funds for local choirs. Their performance was featured in the local newspaper—a remarkable effort from both pupils.



Well done to **Louisa**, who earned her Level 6 Learn to Swim certificate, demonstrating an impressive range of swimming skills and great perseverance.

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 😊

[A message from the PTFA](#)

Events coming up include:

- Mufti Day – Friday 5th December – in exchange for a donation for the 'Elfridges' stall – toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, gifts or a donation for the toy tombola.
- Winter Fair – Friday 12th December 2025 – 3-5pm everyone welcome – lots of stalls to peruse, games to play, refreshments to be enjoyed and this year a silent disco that you can book a slot for in advance... more information to follow.
- 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 😊

Dates coming up:

Week 5:			
Fri 5 th Dec	PTFA Mufti Day	Everyone!	Please wear your own suitable clothes to school in exchange for a donation towards the school fair stalls. This could be an item for the 'Elfridges' event – a toiletry gift set, chocolates, biscuits, (a gift a child can wrap for a parent or caregiver) OR A donation of a toy suitable for the toy tombola.
Week 6:			
Mon 8 th Dec	Matilda Production – Lift Ryde	Y6	Y6 to visit Lift Ryde's performance of Matilda in the afternoon.
Tue 9 th Dec	Flu Vaccination Clinic	All children	Consent for vaccinations to be given so the school nursing service can administer these today.
Fri 12 th Dec	Winter Fair	All children and families	Winter Fair at the school 3-5pm – more info to follow
Week 7:			
Tue 16 th Dec	Santa's Grotto	All children (optional, paid for event)	Book to see some special visitors to school this year.
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	All children	Please wear a Christmas jumper to school - £1 donation please.
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day	All children	Today will be Christmas Dinner Day – ordering processes to be confirmed.
Thur 18 th Dec	Christingle Service	All children and families welcome	Christingle Service at All Saints Church, Ryde. 6pm.
Fri 19 th Dec	Vintage Cinema Day	All children	A FREE vintage cinema for all children to attend during the school day
Thur 19 th Dec	Christmas Party Lunch	All children	Today will be Party Lunch Day – ordering processes to be confirmed.
Fri 19 th Dec	Class Party afternoon	All children	Children to enjoy class parties with their friends. Please wear appropriate party clothes and shoes to school.

Fri 19 th Dec	Last Day of Term	All children and families	Enjoy the last day of term today – before enjoying the Winter break with family and friends.
Winter Break : Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026			
Week 1:			
Mon 5 th Jan	Welcome Back	All children and families	Welcome back to school everyone ☺ Gates open 8:20am.
Tue 6 th Jan	MHST Workshops	Y6	Worry Management Workshops for Y6 children led by the MHST (Mental Health Support Team)
Week 2:			
More information to follow....			

Polite plea:

We are currently seeking a few kind donations to support our EYFS children in their play and exploration. If anyone has a spare hosepipe at home or in the garden that is no longer needed, we would be grateful to give it a new purpose. We are also looking for large pieces of fabric to help create dens, encouraging problem-solving, imagination, and curious minds in our youngest learners. Any contributions, big or small, would be sincerely appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support. ☺

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



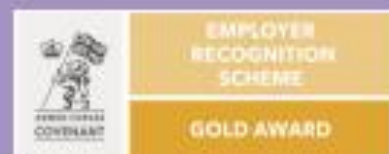
Join our Military Family Community

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust is creating a network to bring the Island's military children together for memory-making events.

Come join the adventure and help us build a community where everyone belongs!



Join the community today!
Scan the QR code to sign up or
email iownt.iwveterans@nhs.net





FREE *Girls* WINTER CRICKET TRAINING

Come and join us at Ryde School on Tuesdays for our FREE Girls indoor winter training. New and existing players all welcome.



Details:

- Tuesday evenings from 18th Nov
- 6-7pm for U11's
- 7-8pm for U13's & U15's
- Ryde School, 7 Queens Road, PO33 3BE

Contact Us: Tina, 07817 937536



ISLE DREAM OF A WIGHT CHRISTMAS FAYRE

30th November 2025 ❄️

❄️ 11 am - 4 pm

Medina Leisure Centre



- Over 70 stalls
- Santa Visit
- FREE Parking
- & More!



Raising Money for
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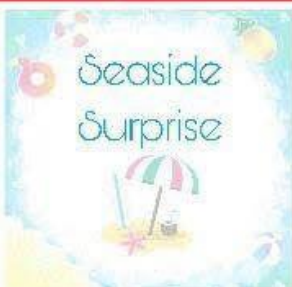
Autism Inclusion Matters

Santa includes a good quality gift £6.50 per child.

Booking is advised via our FB Page or Email to
Isledreamofawightchristmas@hotmail.com



Cinnamon



New Carnival Presents

Merry & Bright Festival of Light

Fri 5th Dec
5-8pm

Late Night Shopping
Entertainment
Music
Illuminations
Craft Market
Activities

FREE

Lantern
Parade
6-7pm

SCAN FOR PROGRAMME:



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www.newcarnival.co.uk



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Christmas Drive-in Cinema 2025

Robin Hill Country Park

Friday 12 December

The Muppet Christmas
Carol | 6:30pm

Die Hard | 9pm

Saturday 13 December

Elf | Midday

Home Alone | 3pm

Love Actually | 7pm

Sunday 14 December

The Polar Express | Midday

How The Grinch Stole
Christmas | 3pm

The Holiday | 7pm

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Cinema2025](https://wessexcancer.org.uk/Cinema2025)



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MEDINA MARCHING BAND PRESENTS

NOT SO A SILENT NIGHT **VOL. 4** CONCERT

TICKETS £10 PER PERSON*

2025

**7:30 pm Friday | 5th December | Christ the King College Wellington Road
Newport PO30 5QT**

Ticket Available at £10* per person

To book...

Visit our website www.medinamarchingband.co.uk

Call 07837 792 518

Or Email medinamarchingband@gmail.com

Buy tickets on the door

*subject to online booking fee



CHRISTMAS FOOD AND FUN

10am-2pm last entry 11am
Monday 22nd/Tuesday 23rd December
Monday 29th/Tuesday 30th December

IT'S A FREE ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO
YEAR 6 WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE
SCHOOL MEALS,
PARENTS MUST BE WITH THERE CHILD/CHILDREN DURING
WHOLE SESSION

SLIME



PARTY



SAND ART

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE FOR THE FREE EVENT
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO

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