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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Young Carers Action Day**

This Young Carers Action Day we are taking a moment to recognise the incredible children in our school community who provide essential care for loved ones. Whether they are supporting a parent with a disability, a sibling with a chronic illness, or a relative struggling with mental health, these young individuals balance responsibilities that many adults would find daunting.



Our goal is to ensure that no young carer feels they have to navigate these challenges alone. By raising awareness, we can help provide the flexibility, resources, and emotional support they need to thrive both at home and in the classroom.

On this action day our young carers have made chocolate cornflake cakes together, which everyone really enjoyed. We also decorated stars with the names of the special people we look after. This activity helped us think about the important people in our lives who we care for. It was a lovely way to recognise the role of young carers and spend time supporting each other.

### **Year 3 and Year 4 Maths Workshops**



Y3 and Y4 had their maths session this week that focused on calculations and the four operations. The CPA (Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract) approach was explored and how this can be applied to each operation of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's confidence in their multiplication tables too with their maths sense skills for their fast recall of their times tables. Please see the Class Dojo posts for the powerpoint presentations used in class if you would like to reference these for support with your child's homework. Thank you for coming along.

## **YR and KS1 Greenhaven Visit to Naturezones**

Our KS1 children in Greenhaven enjoyed a wonderful day out on their recent visit to Naturezones. The visit gave the children a fantastic opportunity to learn outside the classroom while exploring the natural world around them. During the visit, the children spent time walking around the site and discovering different plants, trees and small animals that live in the area. They learned how nature provides homes for many living things and talked about why it is important to look after the environment.

A favourite part of the day was taking part in a fun word and picture hunt. The children searched around the site to find different key words and pictures linked to nature. They showed great excitement as they spotted each one and worked together to match what they found with things they could see in the environment. We were very proud of how well the children behaved throughout the day. They listened carefully, followed instructions and were kind and respectful to one another.

It was a fantastic learning experience and a lovely day for everyone involved. Well done to all of our KS1 children for making the visit so enjoyable.



## **OPAL Play Workshop coming up:**



Have you got a spare 90 minutes in your week?  
Do you want to support our school, but are not sure how?

We are looking for parents and carers that would like to engage with our play leader and coordinators – Mrs Wall, Mrs Wickens and Mrs Norton to help build and develop some additional roads for our outside play spaces. The modelled design helps you to see the very simple process for this.

Workshop Day – 1:30-3pm – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Please don't wear your best outfit! Come prepared to get a bit of paint on you, or bring an apron along!

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.... Thank you ☺

## **Library – 10 word story competition**

Isle of Wight libraries are running a small story competition that started last week on World Book Day and runs until Saturday 4 April. It's for all children aged 16 and under and the competition is for children to write a story in just 10 words accompanied by a picture. Entry forms are available to collect from all Island libraries. There are lots of prizes up for grabs and the library service will be holding a prize giving event after the competition closes. See the poster at the end of the newsletter.

## Life Skills

Life skills are the building blocks of independence, and there is one essential skill we use almost every day: tying our shoe laces. Whether it's lacing up trainers for PE, pulling on sturdy boots for a walk, or polishing off a smart look with dress shoes, being able to tie a secure knot is a huge milestone.

We are setting a special challenge for our children who haven't quite mastered the "bunny ears" or the "loop-the-loop" just yet. If you can learn to tie your own laces independently by the Easter break, you will earn a fantastic 20 Dojos! Parents, we'd love your support in practicing at home. It is all about patience, persistence, and a little bit of magic in the fingers. So, who's ready to step up and complete the challenge?



## OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)



Water play is a firm favourite during our OPAL playtimes, and for good reason! Beyond the pure joy of a splash, it serves as an outdoor laboratory where children develop essential skills. Whether they are calculating the flow of a "river" through a series of pipes or working together to fill a large trough, they are building problem-solving abilities, hand-eye coordination, and early physics concepts like gravity and volume. It's a sensory rich experience that encourages teamwork, persistence, and most importantly endless creativity. To keep our water explorations flowing, we are looking for donations of pre-loved items. If you have any of the following gathering dust in your shed or garage, we would love to give them a second life in our playground:

- Garden Gear: Watering cans, hosepipes, and spray bottles (must be free of any chemicals)
- Construction Items: Sections of guttering, plastic piping, or connectors.
- Tools & Toys: Funnels, water wheels, buckets, and sieves.
- Kitchen Cast-offs: Large measuring jugs, ladles, or plastic containers.

Please ensure all donations are clean and free of sharp edges before dropping them off at the school office. Your support helps us turn every playtime into an adventure!

## Attendance

There may be just one or two odd days in the calendar year where your child may not be well enough for school. If your child is too unwell for school, please follow these steps to ensure their absence is recorded correctly:

Reporting an Absence:

- **Contact us by 9:00 AM:** Email the school office or call with a specific reason for the absence. Written follow-up is required for all phone calls.
- **Daily Updates:** If the illness lasts more than one day, please contact us **every morning** to provide an update on your child's health. This is really important.
- **Medical Evidence:** If you have an appointment card, please provide a copy for our records.

Attendance Monitoring: We take regular attendance seriously. Please note that frequent or recurring absences are discussed with the Education Welfare Team.



### **Break the Rules Day:**

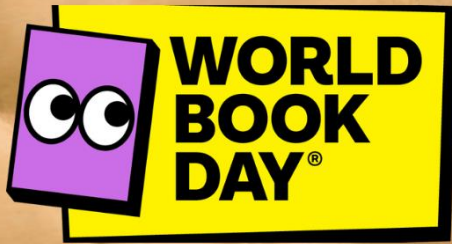
We are excited to announce a "Break the Rules" fundraising day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March! For one day only, we are inviting children to get a little bit rebellious to help us raise important funds to develop our OPAL play opportunities further. For a small donation of **50p per rule**, your child can choose to "break" our standard school rules by coming in with crazy hair, wearing their favourite fancy dress or pyjamas, sporting bright nail polish, or even wearing their loudest, most colourful trainers! While we are encouraging some silly fun, please note that our School Rules regarding kindness, safety, and respect remain firmly in place. It's going to be a fantastic day of laughter and creativity, and all proceeds will go toward developing our OPAL provision.

We can't wait to see how many rules you choose to break!

### **Dates coming up:**

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
<b>Week 4</b>			
NfER Assessments in school for children in Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5 in Reading, Maths and GPS.			
Mon 16.3.26	Maths Workshop	Y5 – Mrs Pontin's class	Maths workshop in class. Knowledge of calculations 8:45am
Thur 19.3.26	Maths Workshop	Y5 – Mrs Jenkins' class	Maths workshop in class. Knowledge of calculations 8:45am
Thur 19.3.26	Cricket	Y1 – Y6	Cricket engagement day – PE kits to be worn to school today please.
Fri 20.3.26	Coffee, Cake and PTA chat	Everyone ☺	8:30am – please sign in at the office, to see if we have enough volunteers to help run events at Greenmount.
<b>Week 5</b>			
Mon 23.3.26	Maths Workshop	Y6 – Mr Yates' class	Maths workshop in class. Knowledge of calculations and arithmetic 8:45am
Thur 26.3.26	Maths Workshop	Y6 – Mrs Rana's class	Maths workshop in class. Knowledge of calculations and arithmetic
Fri 27.3.26	PTA Event	All children, all classes	Break the rules day – Break the rules such as wear nail varnish, wear mufti clothes, wear face paint, wear a hat, etc... 50p per rule broken – money raised will go towards OPAL play equipment that the PTA are supporting. * See news item about 'broken rules' in the newsletter *
Fri 27.3.26	Last day of half term	All children, all classes	Today is the final day of the half term – enjoy your Easter break everyone. ☺
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>			

**More dates will follow soon... please keep checking the list regularly for any additions. Thank you ☺**



NATIONAL YEAR OF  
READING 2026



# SMALL STORIES

# COMPETITION

PICK UP AN ENTRY  
FORM FROM YOUR  
LOCAL LIBRARY

RUNS FROM MARCH 5 - APRIL 4

**CAN YOU WRITE  
US A STORY  
USING JUST 10 WORDS?**

AGE LIMIT 16 YEARS

**GRAND PRIZE  
GIVING EVENT!**

**PRIZES TO BE  
WON!**

**LIBRARIES ACROSS  
THE ISLAND ARE JOINING IN!**

# GET ON STAGE

## Musical Theatre Easter Fun Day!



Newport Primary  
School

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
2026



Open to those aged 7-16.

Participants will get the opportunity to take part in various activities such as Singing, Acting, Dancing and Craft!

£20 for a full day workshop 9am-3pm

Sign Up at

[www.GetOnStage.co.uk](http://www.GetOnStage.co.uk)

for more information email

[GetOnStageIOW@gmail.com](mailto:GetOnStageIOW@gmail.com)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

APRIL

## EASTER HALF TERM

Hop into Easter at Butterfly World. Enjoy the Easter half term with some eggcellent activities!

MAY

## MAY HALF TERM

Buzz into Pollinator week! Enjoy a week full of themed activities whilst discovering more about our butterflies.

JUL/AUG  
SEP

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Enjoy some summer sun with our bi-weekly activities and more!

OCT

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

Join us for some spooktacular halloween fun. Two weeks filled with halloween activities, held day and night!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE EVENTS  
HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

[WWW.BUTTERFLYWORLDIOW.COM](http://WWW.BUTTERFLYWORLDIOW.COM)

# How to Find Us!

Where?



The southern Vectis route 9 (Staplers) stops right outside

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## Opening times

Mid March - End of October  
Mon-Sat- 9-5  
Sun: 10-4

(last admission is 30 mins before closing time)

