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Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Community Group – Care Home Visit

Miss Seal took a small group of children on a lovely visit to the local care home where we made stained glass pictures and Easter colouring. The children chatted with the residents about the difference in their ages and shared stories about school and our favourite subjects. One resident said 'The children are so polite and it's been lovely to have them. They have certainly made us smile'. The children showed kindness by supporting residents who found cutting, sticking and colouring a bit tricky. There was even time to enjoy a biscuit and some squash together! It was great to bring our school and the local community closer together.



Clubs

Please complete the form below by Wednesday 15th April 2026 indicating the club/s that your child would like to attend for this half term. The clubs run from Monday 20th April for 5 weeks, until Friday 22nd May 2026. You will be informed of clubs at the end of the first week back. Thank you ☺

<https://forms.gle/iRzdLZ6S9FyAE2f97>

Gardening Club

A great big thank you to all the children that have been participating in gardening club for this half term. It has been wonderful to see your seeds shooting thanks to the hard work going on in the courtyard garden and the smiles and muddy hands during your sfternoon sessions. Well done to everyone involved. Thank you.



Growing up in the online world: a national consultation.

The rapid development of technology means it is more important than ever to reflect on both the benefits and the potential risks for children. From social media to AI and online gaming, these platforms play a significant role in young people's lives—supporting communication, creativity and learning, but also raising concerns around safety, wellbeing and screen time.

The UK government has recently launched a national consultation, "*Growing up in the online world*", to gather views from parents, carers, educators and young people. This consultation is exploring how children use technology and what further steps may be needed to keep them safe online.

As part of this, the government is considering a range of measures, including:

- Possible age limits for social media
- Restrictions on features designed to keep users scrolling
- Limits on AI chatbot use for children
- The impact of gaming and online content on wellbeing
- Greater support for families in managing screen time

This is an important opportunity for families and schools to share their views and help shape future guidance and legislation around children's digital lives.

To share your opinion, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

For resources, support and advice regarding social media and the use of smart phones please visit: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/resources-for-parents>

Disconnect to Reconnect: A Request for Our Community

We want our school to be a space where every child feels seen, heard, and celebrated. To help foster that environment, we kindly ask all parents and carers to refrain from using mobile phones while on the school site, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times. Those few minutes at the start and end of the day are

incredibly valuable for your child; they provide a vital moment for them to share their excitement, process their day, and feel your full support. By putting our devices away, we set a wonderful example of mindful communication and ensure that our playground remains a safe, social, and engaged space for everyone. Thank you for helping us make these daily transitions as meaningful as possible for the children. The same rules are in place for any children bringing mobile devices to school, they are not to be used until they are past the school gate.

PE Days for the summer term

In the summer term, the PE Days need to change slightly to balance the varying sports and events of the term. Please see the schedule for PE Days below. Thank you.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year Two	Year Six	Year Four	Year One	Year R
		Year Three	Year Five	Y3/GH swimming

- Year Five need a swimming kit for Thursday sailing lessons please.
- Year Three children in the (Y3/4 class) need a swimming kit for Friday swimming sessions please, as well as Greenhaven KS2 children.

Y5 Sailing

For the first 5 weeks of the Summer term, Year 5 (Mrs Jenkins Class) will be sailing at Bembridge Yacht Club. Please ensure your child arrives promptly to school. They will need a full swimming kit with them and shoes to go in the water. Wetsuits and buoyancy aids are provided by the sailing school. More information has been shared via the class Dojo page. Please complete the information form. Thank you ☺

Car Park and Footpath

Please can we respectfully ask all families to use the footpath and gates appropriately at the beginning and end of each day. If we model, as adults the way to enter and leave the school site on the footpath, instead of the road or car park, the children will follow suit and also walk safely into and out of school. Please respect the school car park. This is for use in pre-arranged situations and cannot accommodate the flow of traffic for all families. We want the school site to be as safe as possible for all the children and families. Please help us in doing this.

Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

A vape-free and smoke-free school site

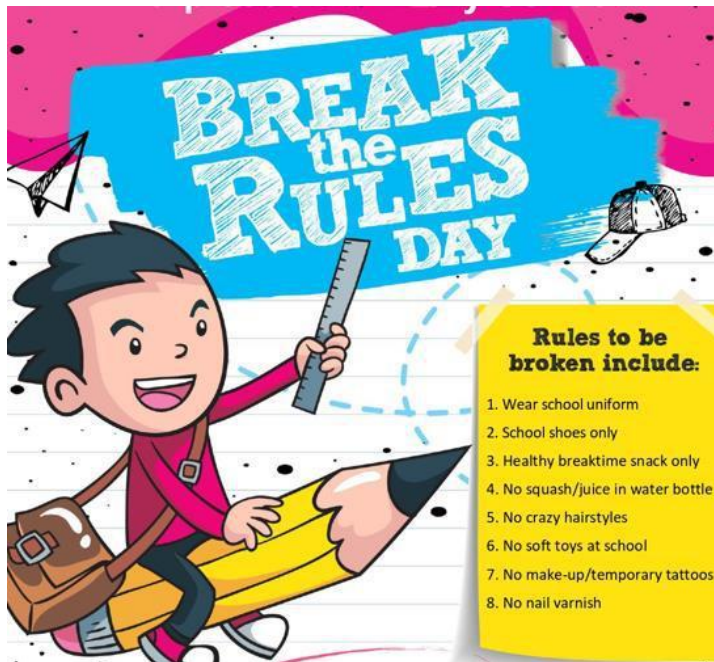
At Greenmount Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe, healthy environment where every child can focus on their learning and well-being. We would like to remind our families and visitors that our school is a **strictly vape-free and smoke-free site**. This applies to all areas of the school site including outdoor spaces and the car park at all times. Vaping poses significant risks to respiratory health and everyone has the right to navigate the school site without being exposed to the vapour of vapes.

We appreciate your support in talking with your children about the importance of making healthy choices as they mature and helping us maintain a clean, fresh atmosphere for everyone in our school community.

Walk the Wight 2026

If you or your family members would like to take part in Walk the Wight, you can click on the link below for more information and register for the walk. <https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/schoolswalkthewight2026>





Break the Rules Day:

Thank you for your understanding at postponing the "Break the Rules" fundraising day to Friday 17th April! We felt it was important to join the IOW community in supporting the fundraising efforts for Tula on the last day of term.

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!

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

This week has given us a huge variety of weather and temperatures from very chilly to gorgeous warm sunshine.



Jacob won the Golden Welly Award for always helping to tidy up the area and for his imaginative play in the Water Area. We had lots of nominations for other children this week too.

Skipping ropes are very popular at the moment. Teaching skipping games from when you were a child, would be really beneficial so these can come into the

playground in the summer term. We have added skipping ropes to the OPAL play bingo board. So any skipping rope donations, would be really appreciated. Thank you.



There were some really delicious meal preparations taking place in the mud kitchen. With children choosing to visit it at both morning break and lunchbreak. The sunny weather gave everyone a chance to explore shadows and play hide and seek with friends. Do dinosaurs live in trees? Perhaps they do... the imagination was wild in the dinosaur zone this week. With imaginative games being played with a focus on aim and determination.

OPAL play is really supportive creative minds and collaborative play.



Naming personal items

Please ensure that all personal items are named. It is really important that all items, welly boots, waterproof trousers, cardigans, jumpers, water bottles, etc... are all named so we can return any lost items to the right

person at the end of the day or week. We don't want a bank of lost property items, we want everyone to have their own items to use. Thank you for helping us by naming each of your child's school belongings.

PEACH Art Exhibition

Each year, our school proudly submits a piece of artwork to be displayed at the PEACH Art Exhibition. This year's theme is 'Energy', and our talented art club pupils explored this theme to complete their final piece(s). We are delighted to be one of 13 schools contributing to this exciting exhibition to celebrate PEACH, showcasing the creativity of young artists across the island.

The exhibition will be held upstairs in the Clayden Gallery from 9am–4pm, running from Saturday 28 March to Sunday 26 April. Entry is free of charge, and it's a wonderful opportunity to view a wide variety of artwork created by children from schools across the island. We hope you enjoy visiting and celebrating the creativity of our young artists!



Breakfast Club News..

Since September 2025, our federated school Gatten and Lake, were chosen by the DfE to be pilot school for offering free breakfast club provision for a short time each day. Free breakfast club provision is offered at this site from 8am until the start of the day at 8:20-8:30am each morning, with a paid for service from 7:30am. This has recently been evaluated and provides a strong provision for lots and lots of children each day.

Greenmount Primary School are now going to be entering into the programme with the DfE from September 2026, which is excellent news for the children and school community. There are many finer details to look into, as we currently have different timings and different room availability. This will be a priority for fine tuning over the summer term.

However, as we go into the summer term, from April until July, we are reducing the price of breakfast club to £2.50 per child per morning. Breakfast club runs from 7:45am until the start of the school day and includes a varied breakfast offer.

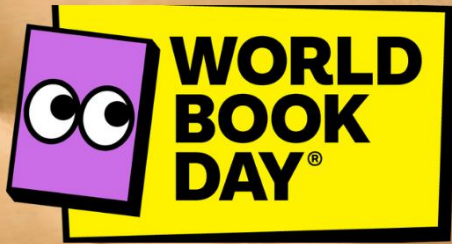
We have cancelled all pre-booked breakfast club bookings and ask that you rebook, so the correct pricing structure can be charged to your parentpay account. Please ensure that all breakfast club bookings are made in advance of utilising this facility for the summer term. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. We look forward to welcoming many children back to breakfast club in the summer term and maybe seeing some new faces join us for this part of the day. It is a really good way to encourage a smooth start to the school day, with gentle settling activities to build confidence and enjoyment with peers.

Dates coming up:

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
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. 😊
EASTER BREAK – Mon 30.3.26 – Fri 10.4.26			
Week 1			
Mon 13.4.26	Event Day	Y3/4	Roman Day – come to school dressed as a Roman and have a fully immersive day, back in time! 😊
Thur 16.4.26	Sailing	Y5 – Mrs Jenkins	Sailing session 1/10

Fri 17.4.26	PTA Meeting	Everyone welcome	PTA Meeting – please come along and see how you can help with events across the school. ☺
Fri 17.4.26	PTA Event	All children, all classes	Break the Rules Day – see newsletter item about this event.
Fri 17.4.26	Swimming	Y3 & KS2 GH	Swimming session 1/10
Week 2			
Mon 20.4.26	Special Delivery	YR	Special delivery today to the classroom ☺
Mon 20.4.26	Music	TBC	Sounds Young Music Workshop
Tues 21.4.26	School Nurse Clinic	All children, all classes	If you would like to book a school nurse appointment to discuss any concerns or queries, please see Mrs Jones so an appointment time can be allocated. Thank you.
Thur 23.4.26	Sailing	Y5 – Mrs Jenkins	Sailing session 2/10
Thur 23.4.26	MHST Workshop	Y6	Coping with stress – SATs stress workshop for children
Fri 24.4.26	Swimming	Y3 & KS2 GH	Swimming session 2/10
Week 3			
Mon 27.4.26	Educational Visit	YR	Educational Visit to Butterfly World
Fri 1.5.26	Swimming	Y3 & KS2 GH	Swimming session 3/10
Fri 1.5.26	PTA Disco	Key Stage discos	PTA Disco – more info to follow
Week 4			
Mon 4.5.26	Bank Holiday	All children, all classes	School Closed today
Tue 5.5.26	School Nurse Clinic	All children, all classes	If you would like to book a school nurse appointment to discuss any concerns or queries, please see Mrs Jones so an appointment time can be allocated. Thank you.
Thur 7.5.26	Sailing	Y5	Sailing session 3/10
Fri 8.5.26	Swimming	Y3 & KS2 GH	Swimming session 4/10
Week 5			
Mon 11.5.26	Y6 SATs Week	Y6	All Y6 children to take part in Y6 SATs throughout this week, Monday to Thursday. Children to be in school from 8:00am each day please, for breakfast.
Thur 14.5.26	Sailing	Y5	Sailing session 4/10
Fri 15.5.26	Swimming	Y3 & KS2 GH	Swimming session 5/10
Week 6			
Mon 18.5.26	PTA Event	All children and families welcome to attend	Proposed PTA Bingo event – more info to follow...
Wed 20.5.26	Workshop session	Young Carers	Young Carers workshop and activity session in school
Thur 21.5.26	Sailing	Y5	Sailing session 5/10
Fri 22.5.26	Swimming	Y3 & KS2 GH	Swimming session 6/10
HALF TERM BREAK – Mon 25.5.26 – Fri 29.5.26			

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!**



NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA



**Celebrating 100
Years of Newport
Roman Villa**

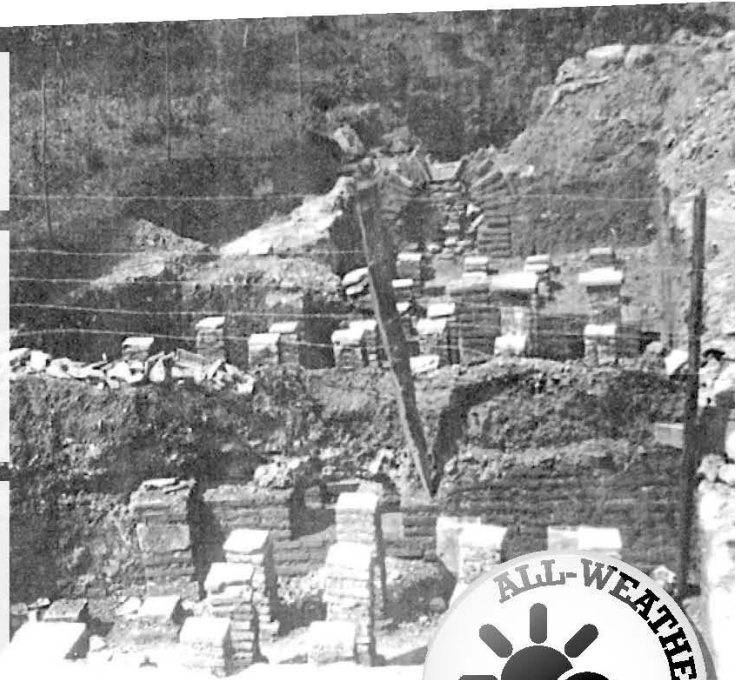
Open day

Saturday 28 March, 10am to 2pm

**Special discounted
entry, just £1!**

**Guided tours at
10.30am, 11.30am,
12.30pm, and 1.30pm**

**Explore the ruins
and get hands on in
the activity room**



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iow.gov.uk/museums ☎ 01983 529720/823433

✉ museums@iow.gov.uk

📍 Cypress Road, Newport, IW, PO30 1HA



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Council**

ISLE OF WIGHT LIBRARIES

CHILDREN'S EASTER ACTIVITIES

All of our Easter holiday activities are free. More information can be found at www.iow.gov.uk/thelibrary

**28
MAR**

Saturday, 2.00pm - 3.30pm
MAKE A BUNNY BOOKMARK - [LORD LOUIS LIBRARY](#)

Children aged 4+
Booking essential telephone 823823

**1
APR**

Wednesday, 10.30am - 12.00pm
EASTER STORY TIME AND CRAFT - [RYDE LIBRARY](#)

Children aged 3+
No need to book

**1
APR**

Wednesday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm
EASTER DROP-IN CRAFT - [FRESHWATER LIBRARY](#)

No need to book.

**2
APR**

Thursday, 10.30am - 11.30am
MOSAIC EASTER CARDS- [SANDOWN LIBRARY](#)

Children aged 4+
Drop-in, no need to book.

**4
APR**

Saturday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm
EASTER DROP-IN CRAFT ACTIVITY - [COWES LIBRARY](#)

No need to book
Please note there are currently no toilet facilities at Cowes Library.

**4
APR**

Saturday, 10.30am - 11.30am
EASTER EGG CRAFT- [VENTNOR LIBRARY](#)

Children aged 5+
No need to book

**7
APR**

Tuesday, 10.30am - 4.00pm
WE'RE GOING ON A BUNNY HUNT- [LORD LOUIS LIBRARY](#)

Drop-in, until lucky dip runs out!

**7
APR**

Tuesday, 10.30am - 11.30am
MAKE A PAPER BUG BRACELET- [SANDOWN LIBRARY](#)

Children aged 4+
No need to book

**8
APR**

Wednesday, 10.30am - 12.00pm
DROP-IN CRAFT SESSION - RYDE LIBRARY

Children aged 3+
No need to book

**9
APR**

Thursday, 2.30pm - 4.00pm
MOOD/VISION BOARD WORKSHOP- LORD LOUIS LIBRARY

Ages 12-16
Booking essential. Telephone 823823

**11
APR**

Saturday, 11.00am - 12.30pm
MAGIC WITH NATURALLY NICK - LORD LOUIS LIBRARY

Drop-in



There's still time to enter our Small Stories Competition! Write a story in just 10 words and draw a picture to go with it. Entry forms available from all libraries.

Competition open to young people aged 16 and under



GET ON STAGE

Musical Theatre Easter Fun Day!



Newport Primary
School

Tuesday 7th 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

for more information email

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

How to Find Us!

Where?



The southern Vectis route 9 (Staplers) stops right outside

Butterfly World
Staplers Road, Wootton Bridge,
Isle of Wight, PO33 4RW



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Isle of Wight

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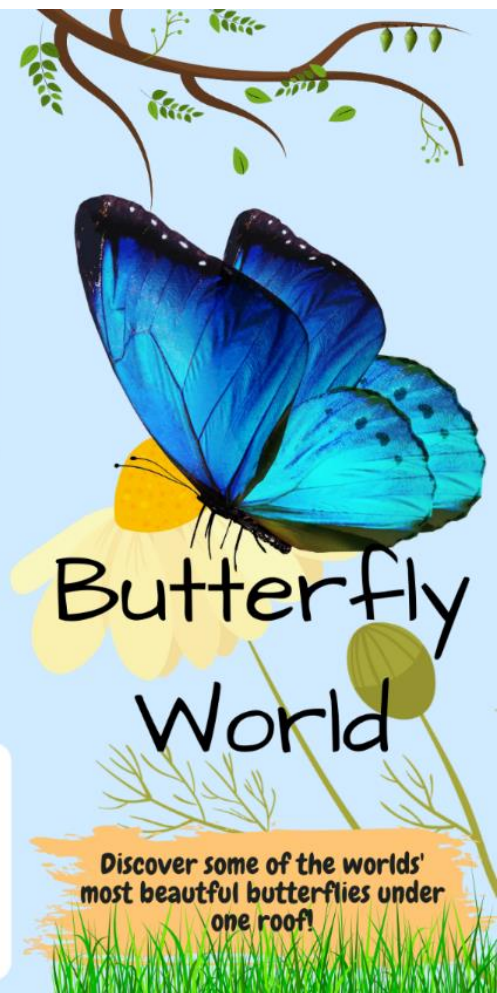
Opening times

Mid March - End of October

Mon-Sat- 9-5

Sun: 10-4

(last admission is 30 mins before closing time)



Ventnor Tennis Club

CHILDRENS EASTER TENNIS

GAME, SET, MATCH!

TUESDAY
31ST MARCH & 7TH APRIL

RED BALL 9:30 - 11:00

Age 6-10yrs
Club Members: £12
Non Members: £14

ORANGE/GREEN BALL 11:00 - 13:00

Age 11-14yrs
Club Members: £15
Non Members: £17

Groups are chosen based on age and ability. Please contact Linda:
LJLouise@icloud.com / 07971298367
For more information/reccomendations.



LJR COACHING

**EASTER
FOOTBALL CAMP**

FOR 5 - 12 YEAR OLDS

**Tues 31st - Thur 2nd &
Tues 7th - Thur 9th**

GATTEN & LAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL, LAKE

£10 PER DAY

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LJR FOOTBALL CAMP



**Tues 31st - Thur 2nd
&
Tues 7th - Thur 9th**

10am - 2:45pm

**For families entitled to INCOME
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**Gatten and Lake Primary
Shanklin**



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CHANGE**

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FRIDAY 1ST MAY

PRESCHOOL, YRS R, 1 & 2 - 3PM - 4PM

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 4.15PM - 5.15PM

**BOOK YOUR CHILD'S SPACE
ON PARENTPAY**