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Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RHSE and Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Parent Information Evening

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our upcoming information evening on **Wednesday 17th June, starting at 5pm**. This workshop will provide a valuable opportunity to find out more about our RSHE (Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education) curriculum.

During the evening, you will be able to explore a range of resources used across the school and visit information tables for each year group. Teachers will be available to talk through the materials and answer any questions you may have.

We are also delighted to be joined by Tim from the MHST (Mental Health Support Team) who will give a short presentation and be available to offer advice, share resources, and support any queries you may have.

Please note that this is an adult-only event.

We look forward to welcoming you and hope you find the session informative and helpful.



Sing Up! Event

Twenty children from across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have worked incredibly hard this half term in preparation for Sing Up 2026, which was held at Dover Park. We had a wonderful time performing alongside Priory School, Nettlestone, Dover Park and Gatten and Lake Primary School this Friday afternoon. The children sang a variety of songs, including *Purple People Eater* and *Rocking All Over the World*. It was a sensational effort from everyone involved — well done to all of you!



Preschool Educational Visit to Aspire

This week preschool visited Aspire in Ryde to the soft play area. They had lots of fun practicing their physical development skills by running, climbing, crawling, and balancing. The slides and spinners were favourites.

There were games and giggles in the ball pits and the children enjoyed having races in the cars with their class friends. Our older preschool children did really well walking to and from Aspire and we were lucky to miss the rain both ways.

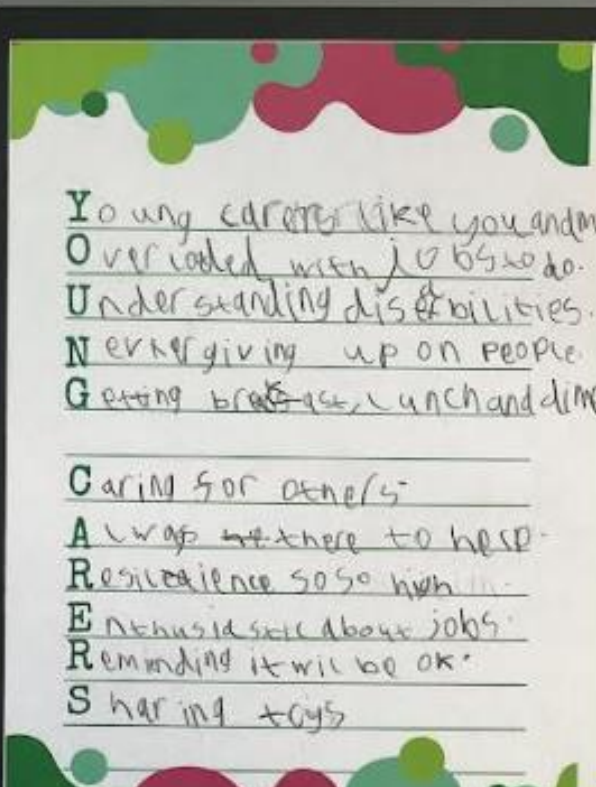
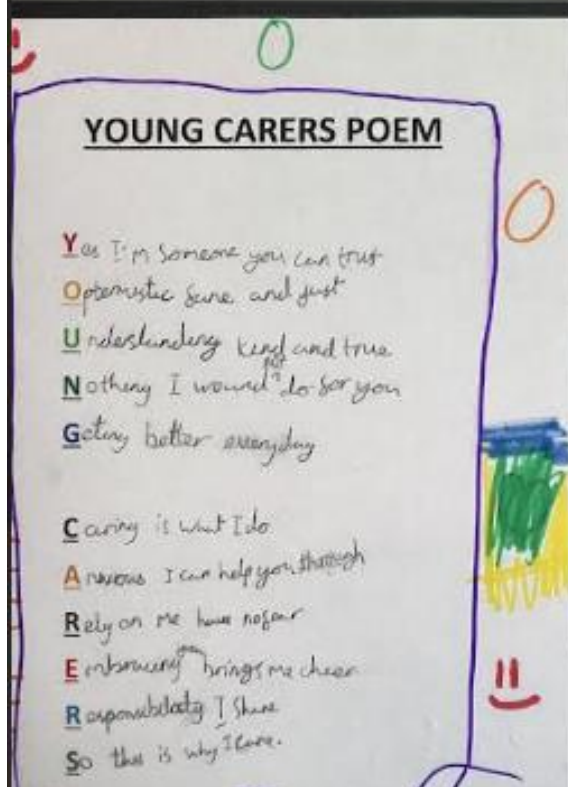
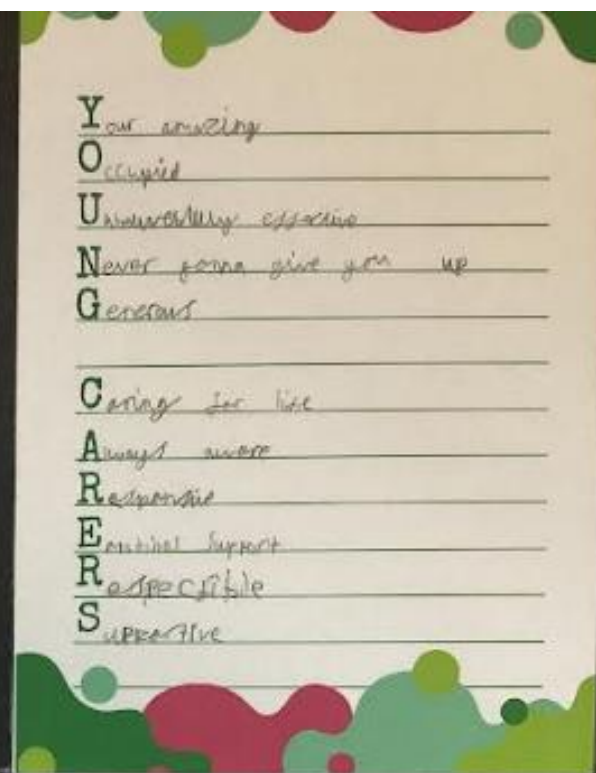
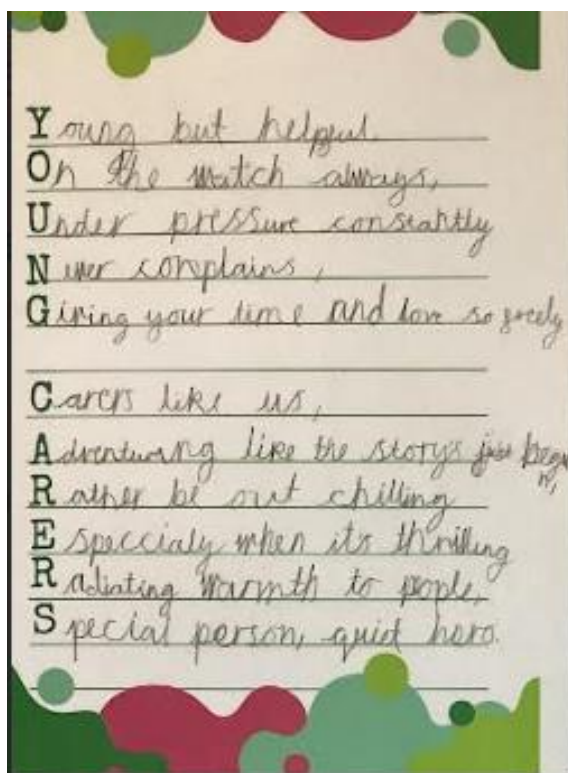


Young Carers Workshops this week

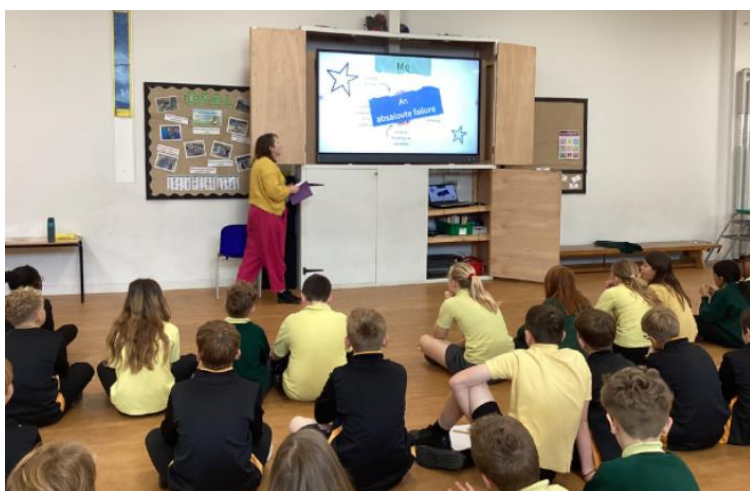
This week, our Young Carers group enjoyed a creative meeting together. The children completed acrostic poems, showing their creativity and sharing positive words and thoughts about being young carers. Have a look at a few below...

The young carers also shared suggestions for a future activity to celebrate during the summer term. They came up with lots of exciting ideas and are looking forward to taking part in a special activity together next half term.

If your child helps, or intends to help, look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled, living with a mental health condition or who misuses substances please contact Mrs Jones to discuss how we can support them.



'Stories in School' Day



Stories in School

On Wednesday we were really fortunate to have had several authors and story tellers visit Greenmount. They engaged with the children through storytelling and workshops. The children enjoyed learning about how to create puppets and craft brilliant stories.

The authors were very complimentary about the children's behaviour and their enthusiasm for reading and writing.

Well done Greenmount 😊

Y5 Residential in Y6 – June 2027...

The Y6 Residential for the end of Y6 in 2027 is booked! We have had to book this to secure dates, as the opportunity goes so quickly with Diamond Adventures...

We are hosting a parent/carer information session on: **Monday 8th June at 3pm** in the Y6 classroom, where staff will present the details of the visit with you and begin the process of discussing and securing non-refundable deposits and setting payment plans to help you plan for this opportunity financially.

We really hope you can make it for this event 😊

Minecraft Focused Poster:

Please see the latest bulletin from the National College. This week it's all about Minecraft.

Minecraft remains hugely popular with young players, offering creative freedom and social interaction. This guide explores how features like public servers, in-game chat and multiplayer modes can introduce risks, including contact with strangers, exposure to inappropriate behaviour and privacy concerns linked to independent server hosting.

It also highlights issues such as griefing, in-game spending and potentially addictive gameplay loops. With clear, actionable advice, the guide helps parents and educators set boundaries, choose safer settings and support children in enjoying Minecraft responsibly while staying protected online.

Attendance:

As we approach upcoming half term break and bank holiday weekends, we kindly remind everyone of the importance of maintaining honesty and consistency with attendance. If time away from school is needed beyond scheduled holidays, a Leave of Absence form must be completed in advance. Forms are available for collection in the office and should be submitted as early as possible to ensure proper documentation and planning.

We would always rather children feel comfortable speaking openly and honestly about any holiday experiences, rather than feeling they need to hide or cover up the reasons for time away from school. Asking children to do so can place them in a difficult and uncomfortable position, and we appreciate families working with us in a spirit of openness and trust. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain accurate attendance records and a positive environment for all.

School Uniform

School uniform plays an important role in fostering a sense of belonging, pride and equality within our school community. When all pupils wear the same uniform, it helps create an environment where everyone feels included and focused on learning, rather than on differences in fashion or appearance. We are beginning to see an increase in non-uniform items, particularly trainers, being worn to school. We ask all parents and carers to support the school by ensuring that children arrive each day in the correct uniform and appropriate footwear. Your support helps us maintain high standards and reinforces the shared values that underpin our positive school culture.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

Please see some of the key features of OPAL play this week.

OPAL News

This Week in OPAL...

We have loved the sunshine and the chances to run around outside with our friends. The mud kitchen has continued to be a great success with all children and daisies and dandelions are lovely additions to the pizzas and milkshakes which are being created. After half term we will have our new swale on the field to extend our play areas even more!



Role playing is such an important part of childhood. In OPAL playtimes we use toys, costumes and our imagination to have fun.



Golden Welly Award

This week's winner was Max James for playing so patiently with the younger children and making playtimes so much fun!



MHST Transition Support

The MHST offer transition support for any child experiencing anxiety regarding transition to secondary school. They provide additional sessions through the summer to support your child with secondary school transition, making visits to new schools when they are quieter, to help acclimatise to the new environment. If your child would like this support, please send a message to Mrs Jones, who will be happy to assist with this support.

Important: Vaping

Vaping is a personal choice, however it is not permitted on a Primary school site. This week we have been made aware of an adult vaping on school grounds. Please ensure that all vapes are put away whilst on the school site please and are not used whilst dropping off or collecting your child from school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Personal achievements:



Personal achievement:

We regularly recognise pupil achievements outside of school as celebrating interests and achievements is important to us



This week we want to recognise staff achievements too. Mrs Woon took part in the IOW Ultra Challenge with her daughter running, jogging and walking the 107km route around the IOW coastline non-stop. This was completed in 22.5hours! WOW! What an achievement. In the week leading up to this Mrs Woon also ran the Brighton marathon. Set your goals and you achieve whatever you want to! Well done Mrs Woon ☺

Please remember to keep sending in achievements via Class Dojo.

Governor Newsletter

Please also find on Class Dojo this weekend a Governor newsletter. Governors will be writing their own newsletter in each term to update you about their priorities, focus and work within school. Please take time to keep abreast of this important information.

Walk to School Week

Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (8-12 June). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. This year's challenge, Mission Move, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

What do I need to do as a parent/carer?

We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on week commencing 8 June, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Dates coming up:

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
Fri 22.5.26	End of half term	Everyone	Last day of half term – have a lovely May half term break.
HALF TERM BREAK – Mon 25.5.26 – Fri 29.5.26			
Week 1			
Maths Multiplication Screening Check Week – National test for all Y4 children			
Mon 1.6.26	Start of half term	Everyone	Welcome back to school for the start of the final half term of the year.
Thurs 4.6.26	Event Day	YR	Minibeasts Day
Thurs 4.6.26	Workshop	Y5 and Y6	Bible Explorers Session
Fri 5.6.26	Sailing	Y5A	5A class begin their sailing session this week. Please ensure you bring a swimming

			kit to school and wear your PE kit each Friday. Session 1/5
Week 2			
All week	Phonics Screening Check	Y1 (and Y2 retakes)	All Y1 children will undertake the National Y1 phonic screening check as well as any children in Y2 who need to retake this year
All week	Walk to school week	Everyone!	See newsletter item! Everyone is encouraged to walk to school every day this week...see full item.
Wed 10.6.26	Sea Safe	Y5	Y5 Sea Safe sessions – more info to follow
Thur 11.6.26	Workshop	Y5 and Y6	Bible Explorers Session
Fri 12.6.26	PTA Event	All children	Sponsored penalty shoot-out and or sponsored skip. Children choose which they would like to take part in and collect sponsorship money. This event will take place during the school day.
Fri 12.6.26	Sailing	Y5A	No sailing this week – sea safe instead.
Week 3			
Y2 SATs Week and NfER tests for Y1, Y3, Y4, Y5			
Wed 17.6.26	RSE Meeting	All parents and carers	RSE information event over the new curriculum for each year group. See newsletter item.
Thur 18.6.26	Educational Visit	Y6	Visit to Network Ryde
Thur 18.6.26	Clinic	All children and families	School Nurse Clinic at school. To book a session with the school nurse team, please contact Mrs Jones who will be happy to help you and confirm an appointment time.
Fri 19.6.26	Sailing	Y5A	5A class sailing - Session 2/5
Week 4			
Mon 22.6.26	Inset Day	All children, all classes	School Closed today for staff OPAL training
Tues 23.6.26	Workshop	Y6	White-tailed Eagles workshop
Wed 24.6.26	Class Photos	All classes	Class photographs of each class across the school
Thur 25.6.26	Workshop	Y5 and Y6	Bible Explorers Session
Fri 26.6.26	Sailing	Y5A	5A class sailing - Session 4/5
Week 5			
Mon 29.6.26	Bikeability Day 1	Y6	Bikeability session for Y6 pupils – more info to follow
Mon 29.6.26	SEND Visit	Y6	SEND visit to Lift Ryde for transition visit
Tue 30.6.26	Bikeability Day 2	Y6	Bikeability session for Y6 pupils – more info to follow
Wed 1.7.26	Y6 Residential	Y6	Day 1 of Federation residential to London
Thur 2.7.26	Y6 Residential	Y6	Day 2 of Federation residential to London
Fri 3.7.26	Y6 Residential	Y6	Day 3 of Federation residential to London
Fri 3.7.26	Sailing	Y5A	5A class sailing - Session 5/5
Week 6			
Mon 6.7.26	Sports Afternoon	Preschool and YR	Sports Day afternoon for Preschool and YR class – parents and carers welcome from 1:15pm
Tues 7.7.26	Transition Day	Y6 to Y7	Y6 children go to their new school for the day
Tues 7.7.26	Transition Day	YR to Y5	All children go to their new classes for the day across the school. Registration and dismissal from their current class.
Wed 8.7.26	Young Carers	Young carers in school	Young Carers session in school

Wed 8.7.26	Sports Afternoon	Y5 and Y6	Sports Day afternoon for Y5 and Y6 class – parents and carers welcome from 1:15pm
Thurs 9.7.26	Sports Afternoon	Y3 and Y4	Sports Day afternoon for Y3 and Y4 class – parents and carers welcome from 1:15pm
Fri 10.7.26	Sports Morning	Y1 and Y2	Sports Day morning for Y1 and Y2 class – parents and carers welcome from 9:30am
Fri 10.7.26	Summer Fair	All children and families	More information about the summer fair coming soon.

Inset Days for the remainder of this year:

- Inset Day 3 - Monday 22nd June 2026
- Inset Day 4 – Friday 24th July 2026
- Inset Day 5 – Monday 27th July 2026

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



It's easy to think of a lunchbox as just fuel for the physical body, but for a child in a classroom, it's **actually brain fuel**. What they eat at lunchtime dictates exactly how much they'll get out of their afternoon lessons. A good balanced lunchbox will help with their energy, concentration and mood both at school and for the whole afternoon. We know it can be hard sometimes...we are here to help.

Finding fresh lunchbox ideas every day can be tough, especially on busy mornings.

Veg Power's Love Your Lunchbox resources are here to make things easier with simple, affordable inspiration that help your children to enjoy a wider variety of foods complete with a Shaun the Sheep Lunch Box planner for you to download and use too.



Everyone at Veg Power are parents and we all know the lunch box battle so, on our website, you'll find practical and helpful ideas including:

- 🕒 Quick tips
- 🥕 Easy fruit and veg-boosting ideas
- 📺 Short videos from registered nutritionist Catherine Lippe RNutr. on what makes for a great lunchbox and covering the all-important question of "How do you get kids to eat what you pack?"
- 👨🍳 Ways to get your children involved in choosing and preparing their lunch



As it says on the website, aim for balance and not perfection - you don't have to do it all at once as small changes can make big differences.

Scan the QR code or follow the link to the website to explore new ideas and help to make packing those lunch boxes every morning a little bit easier and fun for you and your child.

go.vplink.click/LoveYourLunchbox

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audiences of all ages to harness their creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from your Endermen, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2026 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVER COMMUNICATION

Many players enjoy Minecraft with others, including friends and unknown players online. In-game text chat is commonly used to coordinate building projects and gameplay, and this can extend to adding friends to voice chat. While often harmless, this creates risks around contact with strangers, and in some cases server hosts may expose IP addresses (if hosting independently), which raises privacy and security concerns.

GRIEFING BEHAVIOUR

Some players deliberately damage or destroy other players' creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying that can undo hours of effort and cause frustration or distress to affected players. Although many servers treat griefing as a serious offence, enforcement varies. Children who prefer to build independently may feel safer working on private worlds or controlled servers.

ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY LOOPS

Minecraft's creative focus can make it easy for players to lose track of time. The cycle of gathering resources and building projects can be highly engaging, which may challenge agreed screen-time limits. If not managed effectively, this can impact children's sleep, schoolwork, and real-world social interaction.

SCARY GAME ELEMENTS

Although often compared to digital construction toys, some gameplay modes include hostile creatures with unsettling sounds and sudden encounters. While there is no graphic violence, younger players may still find zombies, spiders, or dark environments frightening. These experiences can lead to anxiety or reluctance to play, depending on the child's age and sensitivity.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Minecraft requires a one-off purchase after a free trial, usually around £15, but additional spending is possible. Players can buy cosmetic content or subscribe to Minecraft 'Realms' for private servers. Without supervision, children may make unintended purchases. Subscription services and add-ons can also increase overall costs over time if not monitored.

ONLINE INTERACTIONS

Playing with others can introduce broader online safety concerns, including exposure to inappropriate language or behaviour. Some players may attempt to move conversations beyond the game, which can increase risks to children's safety and welfare. Children may not always recognise these situations, meaning guidance and ongoing conversations about safe interactions are essential.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES

Creative or Peaceful modes remove hostile creatures and reduce the pressure during gameplay. These options allow children to focus on building and exploration without fear of attack. They are also ideal for shared play between adults and children, creating a calmer environment to learn the game and enjoy collaborative projects.

USE PRIVATE SERVERS

Setting up a private server helps control who can join a child's game. Access can be limited to trusted friends through passwords or invitations. This reduces the likelihood of unwanted interactions and gives adults greater oversight. While some options involve a subscription fee, they offer a safer and more controlled multiplayer experience.

DISCUSS ONLINE STRANGERS

Children should understand that not everyone they meet online is who they claim to be. Clear guidance about not sharing personal information is essential. Encourage children to report any worrying or uncomfortable interactions and reassure them that they can seek help without fear of punishment. Open, ongoing conversations help build their confidence and awareness of these issues.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Agree on clear rules around purchases before letting children play, and use device settings or platform controls to restrict spending within agreed limits. Explaining that in-game currency uses real-world money can help children make informed decisions. Regularly reviewing purchases together can also prevent unexpected costs and encourage responsible behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes spent 7 years in games media, before moving into the games industry via PR and marketing. A parent himself to a Minecraft-loving son, he understands why it's so important to stay safe online.



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-Sat 23rd May

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For the Family

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Island Beasts with Studio Wren | 23 May | 10am - 1pm

Inspired by the legends and folklore tales of creatures and critters that have inhabited the island you are invited to bring to life colourful collaged monsters.



Stamp Your Mark with Studio Wren | 28 May | 10am - 1pm

Come and create your own geometric stamp avatar and collaborate on building a 2D map for the characters to explore and interact within.



Calm As The Sea with Studio Wren | 30 May | 10am - 1pm

Join us to assemble a miniature underwater world filled with wonderful sea creatures, plant life and maybe even lost treasure.



Can You Hear Us? with Laura Hathaway | 31 May | 10am - 1pm

Make abstract paper paintings inspired by the changing Landscape at Compton Bay.

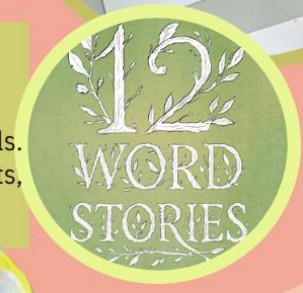


Sheltered with Laura Hathaway | 14 Jun | 10am - 1pm

Create your own local sea creature Inspired by the Appley Marine Murals on Ryde Esplanade.

12-Word Story with Anmarie Bowler & Teresa Grimaldi 27 Jun | 10am - 1pm

Write a 12-word nature story. Create it using collage letters and materials. Your work will be displayed at the 12-Word Story Exhibition at Quay Arts, part of the **IW Biosphere Festival**.



Cardboard Birthday Cakes with Steve Baxter 4 Jul | 10am - 3pm

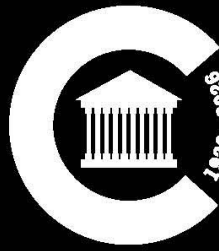
Help Quay Arts celebrate its 50th Birthday by creating an incredible giant cardboard cake!

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MAY HALF TERM

What's On...

Monday 25th

@ 11 am – Talk / Q&A / Fossil Handling: 'Meet *Vectipelta* and the awesome ornithischian dinosaurs!'

@ 2-3 pm – Fossil Handling

Tuesday 26th

@ 11 am – Talk / Q&A / Fossil Handling: 'Meet *Eotyrannus* and the terrifying tyrannosaurs and spinosaurs!'

@ 1 pm – Yaverland Public Fossil Walk

@ 2-3 pm – Fossil Handling

Wednesday 27th

@ 11 am – Hands-On Activities / Fossil Handling (Education Room)

@ 2 pm – Shanklin Public Fossil

@ 2-3 pm – Fossil Handling

Thursday 28th

@ 11 am – Talk / Q&A / Fossil Handling: 'Meet *Eucamerotus* and the gigantic sauropod dinosaurs!'

@ 2:30pm – Yaverland Public Fossil Walk

@ 2-3pm – Fossil Handling

Friday 29th

@ 2pm – Talk / Q&A / Fossil Handling: 'Meet *Caulkicephalus* and the amazing reptiles that lived alongside the dinosaurs!'

@ 3pm – Shanklin Public Fossil Walk



Our fossil walks are super popular, so you need to book your spot! – Ring the team on 01983 404344



DINOSAUR ISLE

MAY HALF TERM

'Meet the...' Dino Safari - Family Friendly Talks, Q&A

and Fossil Handling Meet the museum's new Curator, **Dr. David Button**, as he explores the biology and evolution of the island's dinosaurs that roamed here on the Wealden Floodplain in the Early Cretaceous, 126 million years ago. Dive into how we know so much about their lives and finally get answers to the questions you have always wondered about! With **real specimens** and years of **experience in dinosaur research** across the world, this series of talks is not to be missed! **Explore a different dinosaur group each day, and vote for your favourite!** Talks are **free** for museum visitors, do not need to be pre-booked.

Fossil Handling & Activities

Get the opportunity to handle some of the incredible (and real!) bones, fossils, rocks and artefacts that can be found on the Isle of Wight's coasts. Ranging from Ice Age beasts, to 80-million-year-old marine fossils, and of course our Cretaceous dinosaurs, an **experienced member of the team** will be on hand to **guide you and answer your questions**. Throughout the week there will also be other hands-on activities **including drawing available**, finding and **identifying fossils with our microscope**, and testing your knowledge of **habitats!** These activities are **free** for museum visitors, and do not need to be pre-booked.

Public Fossil Walks

Join one of our experienced staff for your very own fossil hunting experience (**dates, times and locations above**). Learn about the island's palaeontology and geology, unique fossil heritage, and of course what to look for to find and identify your own island fossils, safely and responsibly. **Our fossil walks are super popular, so you need to book your spot! – Ring the team on 01983 404344**





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