Greenmount Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating Our Ofsted Success and Next Steps

We are delighted to share the results of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 9th and 10th June 2026. The inspectors recognised the "significant changes" we have introduced in the "best interests of pupils," establishing a strong foundation for Greenmount Primary School's future.

The report highlights several key areas where the school is meeting the "Expected standard," reflecting the hard work of our staff, pupils, and the entire school community:

- **A Positive, Safe Environment:** Inspectors found that pupils are happy and feel safe, noting a calm, orderly, and positive atmosphere where children greet each other and staff politely.
- **Exceptional Safeguarding & Attendance:** Our safeguarding standards are fully met with an "open culture," and tenacious leadership is successfully increasing regular school attendance.
- **Excellence in the Early Years:** Our Early Years provision was highlighted as a particular strength, offering a secure, warm, and nurturing environment where children become confident learners.
- **Holistic Support & Inclusion:** Inclusion is a clear priority, providing a secure sense of belonging and strong personal development that effectively meets pupils' social, emotional, and mental health needs.
- **Rising Achievement:** Inspectors confirmed that current pupils are making better progress, with older pupils noting that their learning is becoming more purposeful and expectations are rising.

While the inspectors identified some areas that still need attention to reach full consistency, they were highly encouraging about the "early signs of impact" from our recent improvements. School leaders already have an accurate understanding of our needs and are taking appropriate action.
Moving forward, our focus is on ensuring these improvements become fully embedded. We are committed to achieving consistent teaching across all subjects, standardising support for SEND pupils, refining how we assess learning gaps, and significantly improving communication and engagement with our parents and the wider community.

Thank you for your continued support as we build on this progress to secure the very best outcomes for every child at Greenmount.

A Warm Welcome to Our New 2026 Children and Families!

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our New Entrants Evening on Tuesday. It was wonderful to meet you all! Information packs were handed out; please ensure that all completed forms are returned to the school office as soon as possible, along with your child's birth certificate so that we can take a quick copy for our records.
We are incredibly excited to welcome your child to school in September. We will be in touch with the dates for home visits on either Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September. School starts at 8:20am on Monday 7th September for new Reception children. We look forward to seeing every child in the class then.
If you require any preloved uniform before the summer break, please do enquire at the school office.
Please remember to use the QR code to sign up to Class Dojo, so you get all our communication too.

Family First Link

Please find a link to Family First here: https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/
A magazine with some useful links for you.

Robin Hood and The Merry Misfits



Robin Hood & The Merry Misfits was an absolutely spectacular end-of-year production and a wonderful celebration of the incredible talent at Greenmount Primary. From the moment the curtain rose, the children captivated the audience with their confidence, enthusiasm, and infectious energy. Every performance reflected the immense hard work, dedication, and determination they have shown throughout rehearsals. The chorus delivered beautiful, powerful singing that filled the theatre with warmth and joy, while the cast impressed everyone with their confident stage presence, superb line delivery, and wonderful characterisation. Every child played their part with pride, creating a performance that was both entertaining and heart-warming. Huge thanks to Lift Ryde for providing the venue for us.

The laughter, music, and teamwork on display were a true testament to what can be achieved through perseverance and collaboration. The cast should be incredibly proud of themselves, they brought Robin Hood & The Merry Misfits to life in the most memorable way and gave their families, friends, and staff a performance to remember.

A huge congratulations to every single child involved. Your talent, commitment, and passion shone brightly on stage, making this production an unforgettable finale to the school year. Well done to everyone involved at Greenmount Primary! Huge thanks to Mr Hough for all his hard work in making this happen and the wider team for their continued work to support this.









The children's report…

In English Year 5 have been writing reviews this week… what better way to contextualise their work than to write a real review about a real event. Thank you ☺

ROBIN HOOD AND THE MERRY MISFITS a review

Robin Hood and the merry misfits is a play about how Robin Hood (the hero) and his band of merry misfits reclaimed the taxes from the greedy Prince John. There are two main villains (The Sheriff of Nottingham and the prince's snivelling adviser Simeon) who loathe each other. The beautiful Maid Marion is best friends with Ruby and is in love with Robin. In the end something changes.

Personally, we thought the actors, actresses, storyline and props were astounding. It was **INCREDIBLE** how Mr Hough managed to write and direct the play in that much time and not stress out *too* much. In our opinion, the soldiers (Private Pilluck - the idiot, Officer Oldman - the deaf oldman and Captain Fumblesworth - the clumsy one) were some of the funniest characters. Our favourite parts were when Ruby pulled out her dagger and when Private Pilluck threw the bag of gold away and the chorus scrambled for it. Our favourite songs were 'REACH for your bows' and 'Accidentally Robbed 'Em Blind' but we also liked 'Welcome to Sherwood.'

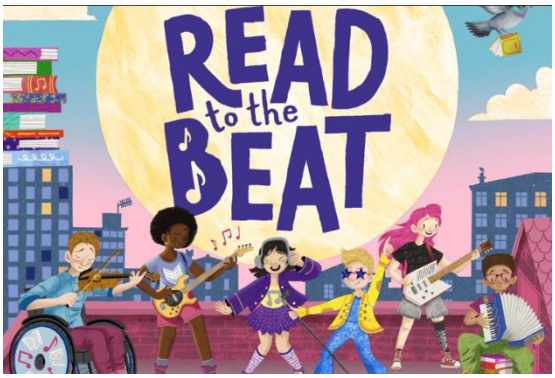
We would *definitely* recommend Robin Hood and the Merry Misfits to anyone who likes comedy, action and pantomimes. It was *very* funny. We would give it five stars.

Lorna Sedgwick and Edith Allen

Summer Reading Challenge

We would like to encourage all of our pupils to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, 'Read to the Beat!', which is running in libraries across the Isle of Wight throughout the summer holidays. Children can sign up for free at any Island library, including our nearest library in Ryde.

The challenge encourages children to enjoy reading over the summer, with rewards, stickers, certificates and even medals available for those who complete their reading goals.



Children can read whatever they enjoy, including stories, fact books, comics and audiobooks, making the challenge suitable for all ages and abilities. We hope lots of our children will take the opportunity to visit their local library, discover some fantastic books and keep their love of reading growing over the summer break. Happy reading!

For more information about the summer reading challenge pop into your local library or click on the link here https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

Breakfast Club in September 2026

Greenmount Primary School have been successful in the free breakfast club provision for all children to run before the school day starts from September 2026. Free provision is for the 30minutes before registration. Therefore free provision is from 8am. If you require childcare form earlier this is also available, but at a small charge to support families.

This two-session structure will offer more flexibility for families and will provide a free breakfast for every child that takes up the offer:

- Early Session: 7:30am - 8:30am (Cost £2.50)
- Standard Session: 8:00am - 8:30am (Cost: FREE)

We would be grateful if you could complete the Google form in the link below to help us gauge interest and plan staffing effectively, as at the present time interest is unexpectedly low and we want to support as many children and families as possible.

https://forms.gle/n5iAFuV8S7XAvkvy9

Year 6 Criminology Workshop

Our Year 6 students took part in a fascinating, hands-on workshop focused on criminology and the justice system last week. The morning kicked off with a visit from members of the Youth Justice Team, who helped the children explore what justice really means, who is involved in the legal system, and busted some common misconceptions about careers in this vital field and what those careers include in the day to day duties. In the second half of the morning, the school hall transformed into a buzzing crime scene! Working as crime scene investigators, the children read through detailed briefings and reports, analysed main suspects, and carefully explored a cordoned-off crime scene for clues to uncover the truth and catch the culprit. Alongside their detective work, they discovered the science of fingerprinting, learning that everyone's prints are entirely unique, with some students even identifying rare "whorl" patterns on their own! It was a fantastic, immersive morning that brought critical thinking and real-world science to life.





Reception Class Educational Visit to Havenstreet

On Tuesday 14th July, Reception visited Havenstreet Steam Railway. The children were incredibly excited to ride on the steam train and were fascinated as they watched the engine being recoupled.

During the visit, we explored the Train Story museum, where the children had great fun trying on a conductor's uniform and pretending to shovel coal into the engine. They also enjoyed driving toy trains around a map of the Isle of Wight, talking about key locations that were important to them, including where they live. To finish the day, the children played in the park, engaging in train-themed role play as well as climbing, sliding and swinging.

The Reception children behaved exceptionally well throughout the trip, showing enthusiasm and a real passion for learning. They were an absolute pleasure to take out on this adventure. A special thank you goes to our parent volunteers for their support.





Attendance - keep on going…

Attendance Matters! As we approach the final week of the school year, we want to finish on a high note. Every single day counts, and we would love to celebrate our final days together with a full house. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy these last moments, reflect on their achievements, and celebrate the end of the year alongside their current class teacher and classmates. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is here every day this week to join in the celebrations!

London Residential for Y6 in 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…

Thank you to those that came along to the meeting this week to find out about the planned visit. The deposit this year is £100 per pupil to secure your child's place. This can be done via ParentPay by 4th September 2026. The rest of the payment schedule will be set via banking card and the school bank will be set up for payments each week from the Autumn term.

The presentation from the meeting is on the Y5 Class Dojo page to find out the information that has been shared so far. Thank you.

Important Notice: School Fees and Accounts

Please ensure that all outstanding balances and payments are brought fully up to date by the end of this term. Our School Business Manager is currently reviewing all accounts and will be contacting families with outstanding arrears directly.

Like any organisation, the school relies on timely payments to manage our budget and continue providing excellent resources for our pupils; unfortunately, we cannot afford to carry significant arrears. Just as we expect to pay at a restaurant or grocery store before leaving, we expect prepayment please for school meals, clubs, school visits and event days prior to attendance.

Thank you for your continued support, cooperation, and understanding in helping us keep our school finances balanced and enabling these to happen.

Young Carer Champion



If you believe your child is a young carer, please do let us know and we will be willing to support them and the family.

Dates coming up:

Date	Event	Year Group	Details / Special Arrangements
Week 8			
Wed 22.7.26	Graduation	Preschool	Graduation Event in the school hall during the afternoon.
Thur 23.7.26	Leavers Assembly	Y6 parents/carers	Y6 Leavers Assembly in the hall for parents/carers. 9:15am
Thur 23.7.26	Leavers Cream Tea	Y6 parents/carers	Stay with us after the assembly and enjoy a cream tea the children have prepared for you whilst enjoying a final sports event.
Thur 23.7.26	Last Day of term	Everyone	Last Day of term for everyone – have a wonderful summer break ☺
Fri 24.7.26	Inset Day 4	All children, all classes	School Closed today for all children
Mon 27.7.26	Inset Day 5	All children, all classes	School Closed today for all children
SUMMER HOLIDAYS : Tuesday 28th July to Monday 31st August 2026			
Week 1			
Tues 1st Sept	Inset Day 1	All children, all classes	School Closed today for all children – staff in training all day
Wed 2nd Sept	Inset day 2	All children, all classes	School Closed today for all children – staff in training all day
Thur 3rd Sept	Welcome Back	Y1 to Y6	Welcome back to school for Day 1 of the Autumn term ☺
Thur 3rd Sept	Home Visits	EYFS	New EYFS family visits at home
Fri 4th Sept	Home Visits	EYFS	New EYFS family visits at home
Fri 4th Sept	Payments due	Y6	Y6 Residential deposits (£100) due in by today please ☺
Week 2			
Mon 7th Sept	YR start school	YR	All Reception children start school, full-time from today ☺ Welcome everyone.
Mon 7th Sept	Biosphere Project	Y6	Day 1 of Biosphere project
Tues 8th Sept	Biosphere Project	Y6	Day 2 of Biosphere project
Week 3			
Expectations Events – one for each class – more info to follow			
Week 4			
Y6 Mock SATs – To ensure the children see the papers and know what to expect across the year			

More dates added next week, for the end of term ☺

Inset Days for the remainder of this year:

- Inset Day 4 – Friday 24th July 2026
- Inset Day 5 – Monday 27th July 2026

Inset Days for next year:

- Inset Day 1 – Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Inset Day 2 – Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Inset Day 3 – TBC
- Inset Day 4 – TBC
- Inset day 5 – Wedesday 28th July 2027

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

THESE CHANGES WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE START OF THE 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR.

2026/2027

The current £7,400 income cap for Universal Credit claimants will be removed, meaning all households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible. Additionally, all previous 'transition protections' will permanently end.

TARGETED FSM

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less (the existing threshold prior to expansion) will be eligible for Targeted FSM.



Pupils eligible under this category will continue to recieve free meals and also attract Pupil Premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools.

EXTRA SUPPORT FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

Only children eligible for Targeted FSM will receive:

- Holiday Supermarket Vouchers
- Free access to holiday clubs (Holiday Activities and Food (HAF))

Important: Only children eligible for Targeted FSM will receive Holiday Supermarket Vouchers and free access to holiday clubs (HAF)

EXPANDED FSM (NEW CATEGORY)

Children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings above £7,400 will be entitled to Expanded FSM.

This provides meals only and does not attract Pupil Premium funding.



PLEASE NOTE:

Pupils who are currently eligible for FSM or who have been eligible previously, will no longer be protected under transitional arrangements.

All families will be required to submit a new application, all transitional protection will cease at the end of the 2025/26 academic year.

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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY
7TH AUGUST	8TH AUGUST	14TH AUGUST	21ST AUGUST	28TH AUGUST
10AM – 1.30PM	10AM – 2PM	10AM – 1.30PM	10AM – 1.30PM	10AM – 1.30PM

LOCATION:
Network Ryde
50 St Thomas Street, Ryde

CONTACT:
community@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk

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Contact us
Roberta: 07894546619
34themallwellbeing@gmail.com

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Parents & carers support group

Fortnightly
Wednesday evenings 7-8:30pm
34 The Mall, Newport

Informal and friendly (plus tea & biscuits!)
Meet with other parents / carers
Share experiences
Find out more about where to go for help, advice, signposting etc.

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0-16 year old's



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NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

Cypress Road, Newport, IW PO30 1HA

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FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY

- Drop-in archaeological finds identification
- Family activities and trail
- Roman artefact handling



ALL-WEATHER ATTRACTION

- £1 entry
- 10am to 2pm
- Saturday 18 July 2026

Event organised by IW Heritage Service

NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA ON TOUR!

- PLUS - find us in the Tourism Tent at Royal IW County Show, PO31 8QU
- Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July 2026

01983 823433 ◆ iow.gov.uk/museums ◆ museums@iow.gov.uk

CBA FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY 2026

Portable Antiquities Scheme www.finds.org.uk

NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

Isle of Wight Council

FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD!

SOFT PLAY ASPIRE & CAFE

FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

SUMMER FOOD AND FUN

10am–2pm
last entry 11am

Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st July

Tuesday 4th to Friday 7th August

THIS ACTIVITY IS FREE FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

PARENTS AND CARERS MUST STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE WHOLE SESSION.

TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE BOOKING LINK
HTTPS://EEQU.ORG/BOOK/ASPIRE-SOFT-PLAY-SUMMER-FOOD-AND-FUN-WITH-ASPIRE-15872

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Flu Vaccine

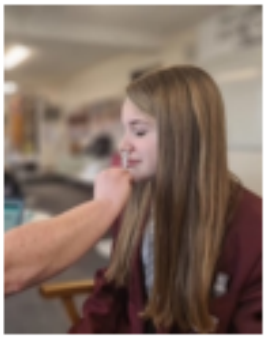
The NHS School Age Immunisation Service are planning the roll out of the 2026 winter flu vaccination programme to all year groups. The service offers the flu vaccine between September and December. You will receive an email, with details on how to complete the online form, for your child to receive the vaccine in school.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and young people. High vaccine uptake reduces the risk of flu spreading rapidly in school settings. This helps ensure they remain well, do not miss school days and continue to learn. Vaccinating children also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people.

The vaccine is given as a painless nasal spray. An alternative porcine free injection is offered to those who cannot have the nasal spray.







Vaccines offered to secondary age students during the spring and summer term include:

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

HPV vaccine is offered to boys and girls in year 8. This vaccine protects against different types of cancers in the future.

Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)

Meningitis vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against four different strains of bacteria (groups A, C, W, Y) and protects against Meningitis and Sepsis (blood poisoning).

Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (3-in-1) booster vaccine

The 3-in-1 booster vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases and provides long lasting immunity against these specific conditions.

Community clinics are available during the school holidays for missed vaccinations.

Find out more about the vaccine programmes and our contact details here: School Age Immunisation Service - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids

Isle of Wight School Terms And Holidays
2026 – 2027

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2026/27

SEPTEMBER 2026					
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OCTOBER 2026					
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DECEMBER 2026					
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JANUARY 2027					
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Bank and Public Holidays 2026/27

Christmas Day	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day	26 December 2026	May Day Holiday	3 May 2027
New Year's Day	1 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

* First day after break

School Holidays

Bank Holidays and National Holidays

\# Last day before break

Islandwide development day

There remain to be two school inset/development days to be determined.