



Godshill Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is very important to please contact the office by email, or a phone call **everyday** if your child is absent.

You must include your child's symptoms and their reason for being absent.  
Thank you.

Mr. Snow & Mrs. Morgan-Huws.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025/2026

### Spring Term 2026

5th January - 27th March 2026

**Half-term** 16th February -20th February 2026

### Summer Term 2026

13th April—27th July 2026

**Half-term** 25th May—29th May 2026

## DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The school will be closed for a Development day on the following dates:

5th June 2026

22nd June 2026

27th July 2026

## TRIPS & OTHER INFORMATION.

15th May 2026 - Year 6 End of SATs Celebration

18th May 2026 - Year 6 Trip to UKSA

19th May 2026 - Year 3 Royal IW County Show

3rd & 4th June 2026 - Year 6 Trip to London



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## London Mini Marathon

Last Saturday, Mr Knight took a group of children to take part in the London Mini Marathon 2026. As the event was the day before the full London Marathon, the city was absolutely bubbling with excitement. The children took part in the 1.6 km run along the final stretch of the full marathon route which was lined by over 30,000 people cheering the children on, offering high-fives and encouragement as they went. Their children absolutely loved the day and to top it off were all given their medal. Mr. Knight would also like to thank a number of the parents who ran with the children and supported the event in its smooth running. We can't wait to do this all again next year with hopefully more of the 25 allocated school places taken up.





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## Long hair in school

Please ensure that if your child has long hair, it is tied up for school every day. This applies to both girls and boys.

## Parking Around the School

We are asking that you be considerate and mindful of our neighbours, who surround our school and parking at drop off, and pick up.

## Jewellery

Earrings are not to be worn for PE, they need to be removed, either by the child at school, or at home in the morning. Stud earrings only are permitted to be worn in school. If for whatever reason the earrings cannot be removed then they must be covered with tape for PE lessons, which must be provided from home.

## Coats in school

With the weather still so changeable at the moment, please ensure that your child brings a coat, named, into school every day.

## School Uniform

In the main reception area, there is a second hand uniform rail now with summer dresses and shorts (hopefully the weather is now getting warmer!)

Mrs. Groves has more items that cannot be displayed. If you are in need of certain items then please let us know, we will do our very best to try and accommodate you.

## Contact Details

If you move house or update any contact details (phone numbers/emails) please remember to let us know via email to the office, to ensure that our records are correct.

## Godshill Griffins Childcare

The staff team in preschool have been continuing to develop the outside area and during the weekend came in to enhance the area by introducing a work bench, water wall and reading shed. The children had had the opportunity throughout the week to fully embrace these areas whilst playing outdoors. Whilst in our baby unit we have been celebrating some of our younger children's first birthdays this week with exciting experiences such as balloon play.



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## Reception & Year 1

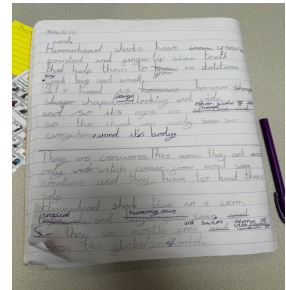
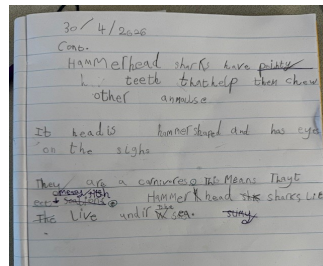
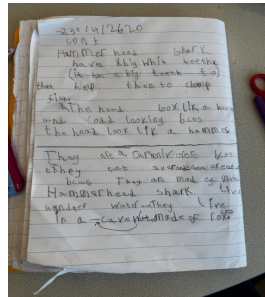
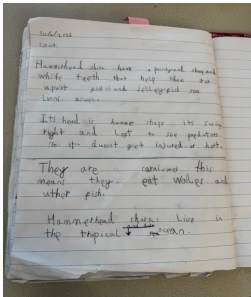
This week the children have been working really hard on their handwriting. Thinking carefully about forming their letter's correctly.

They have been focusing on letters - B, H, K and P. They have been doing a marvelous job!



## Year 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 have had an amazing week constructing their non fiction reports on Hammerhead sharks. The children have used the ICT skills they have learnt with Mr Fessey to research and collate facts to use within their own writing.



## Year 3 - Naturezones Trip

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their trip to Naturezones where we explored the wonders of the natural environment. The day was full of exciting discoveries and hands-on learning that brought our classroom topics to life.



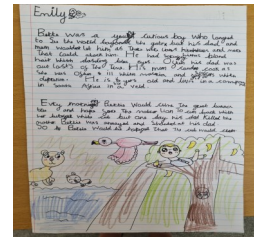
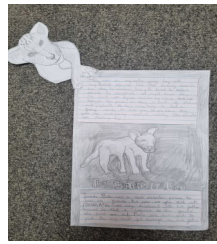
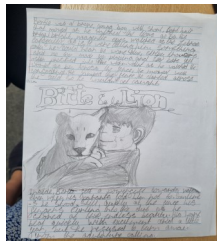
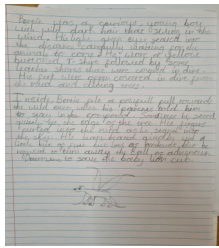


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This week in English, Year 4 have been writing and publishing their character descriptions of Bertie, from 'The Butterfly Lion'. They have used vivid description and a range of sentence types to hook their audience. They had to consider what we could see about him, but also his internal feelings and thoughts. Alongside this, children have been showing off their artistic flare by creating beautiful drawings of lion cubs to complement their writing.



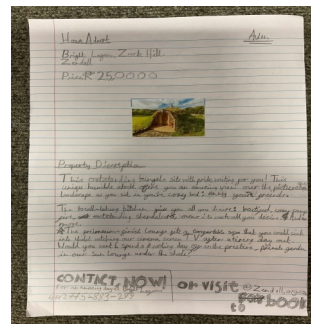
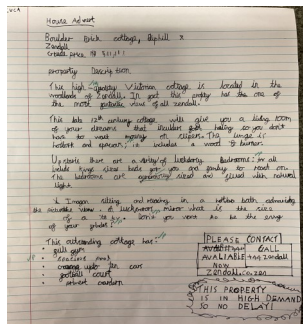
## Year 5

We've been busy! The class brought bird life cycles to life by acting out each stage. We are also diving deeper into Boy in the Tower. Students are currently using their devices to craft powerful setting descriptions, focusing on using literary devices to build atmosphere.



## Year 6

This week Year 6 have become amazing estate agents, writing fantastic property advertisements. In Maths we have continued to revise areas of the maths curriculum, including charts, fractions and percentages. We are also enjoying discovering facts about evolution in science.





## Nut Allergies

Please can we remind you that we are a nut aware school, as we have children with serious nut allergies & ask that you do **not** send your child in with any foods containing nuts, for example—Peanut Butter, Nutella, Nutty Cereal Bars, Bakewell tart etc.

We thank you for you co-operation & support.

## PE Days

Please send your child into school wearing the correct school PE kit on the following days (unless specifically mentioned otherwise):

Year R	Monday & Tuesday
Year 1 & 2	Monday & Wednesday
Year 3	Monday & Tuesday
Year 4	Monday & Tuesday
Year 5	Monday & Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday & Wednesday

## Good news from the inclusion team...

Recently the Supporting Families Team have launched a new website

### IW Family Information Hub ([iow.gov.uk](http://iow.gov.uk))

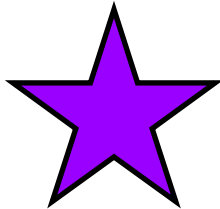
This website will help keep you up to date with the information, support and advice available in your area.

There are lists of organisations, services and activities available to you, that you can access either in person or online.

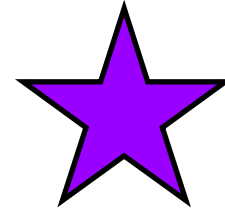
These include: **Early years and childcare**, **Support for families**, **Housing and finance**, **Learning and employment**, **Health and wellbeing**, **Young people**, **Leisure and much more...**







Year group	Attendance %
R/1	95.88
1/2	98.62
3	95.00
4	99.23
5	93.81
6	83.08
Whole school	94.24
Whole school target	96.00



### Why high attendance is important for education

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that:

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable

All absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their motivation
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

### Supporting your child's school attendance

Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents/carers set the standards and expectations for your child.

For hints, tips and advice on how you can support your child with their school attendance, check out the website: [www.iow.gov.uk/schoolattendance](http://www.iow.gov.uk/schoolattendance)





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**LEADERBOARD**

1st	Newchurch Primary	£1088.75
2nd	Carisbrooke CE Primary	£920.00
3rd	Lanesend Primary	£866.00
4th	Godshill Primary	£788.75
5th	Nine Acres Primary	£656.25

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