



## Attendance

Please can I just bring to your attention and as a reminder that school attendance and punctuality is really important in supporting your child's progress.

The school doors open at 8:25am. School starts at 8:30am and the children should be inside before this time so that we can get started and settled promptly.

If for any reason your child is absent, please inform the office as soon as possible each day via email, with your child's symptoms. Thank you. Mr Snow.

## FSM (Free School Meals)

Many families may now meet the criteria for applying for Free School Meals. If you are in receipt of certain benefits, please see the link below, which will direct you to the Isle of Wight Council website for more detailed information.

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/article/2436/Free-school-meals>

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals under the **Universal Infant Free School Meals Policy**.

Even though you are eligible for UFSM please complete the Free School Meals form as this will help with extra funding for the school.

## 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, when 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 lots of second hand uniform on the rail, please come and have a look. We only ask for a small donation if you are able to.

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.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025/2026

### Autumn Term 2026

2nd September - 16th October 2026

**Half term** - 19th - 30th October 2026

### Spring Term 2027

4th January - 25th March 2027

**Half term** - 15th - 19th February 2027

### Summer Term 2027

12th April - July 28th 2027

**Half term** - 31st May - 4th June 2027

## DEVELOPMENT DAYS

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

2nd November 2026

3rd November 2026

## TRIPS & OTHER INFORMATION.

Year 5 Residential March 2027

## Godshill Griffins Childcare

This week we have been celebrating National Teddy Day where our children brought in their teddies from home to share a teddy bears picnic with. Our younger children have explored different fruits and made sandwiches for snack time. In our preschool room we have also been exploring activities linked to space week which has included finding the stars in the loop.





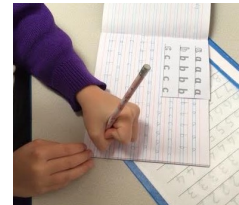
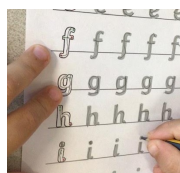
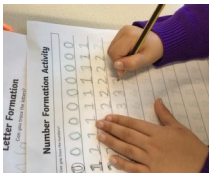
## Reception

What a fantastic first full week we had had in Reception. It was a little wet on Tuesday but we didn't let that dampen our spirits as we got suited and booted and went outside for some puddle jumping. If your child hasn't brought a puddle suit and wellies to leave at school, please bring one as soon as possible as we only just had enough spares to go around. When it brightened up a little we used the planks to build a bridge over the puddles too. We have spent lots of time playing outside and learning how to look after our learning landscape.



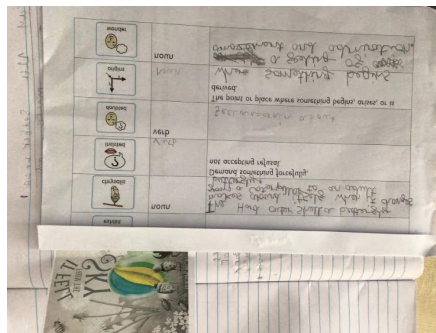
## Year 1 & Year 2

It has been a fantastic first full week in Year 1 and 2. The children have adapted really well to their new morning routines and have shown fantastic attitude towards learning across all subjects. In English, we have started to look at our new class and in Maths, we have started to explore place value.



## Year 2 & Year 3

It has been a great start to the year for Year 2 & 3 and the children have settled into their learning really well. Year 3 were amazing at swimming for their first lesson and were a real credit to the school. In Science, we have been learning about skeletons and the difference between endoskeletons and exoskeletons. In English we have been starting to look at our first book and wondering where all the marbles appeared from on Wednesday.



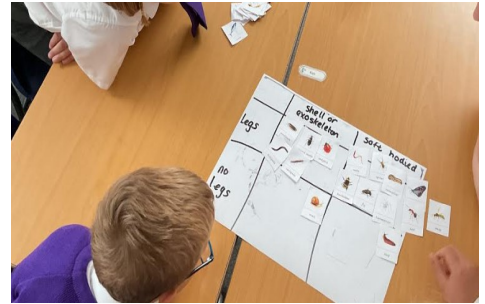




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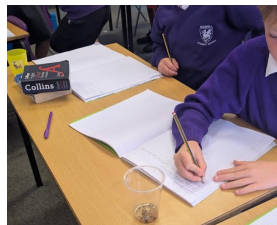
## Year 4

Year 4 have settled back brilliantly, with a great mature attitude to moving into a new year group. They have worked together to create their own class rules, using the school values to guide their discussions.



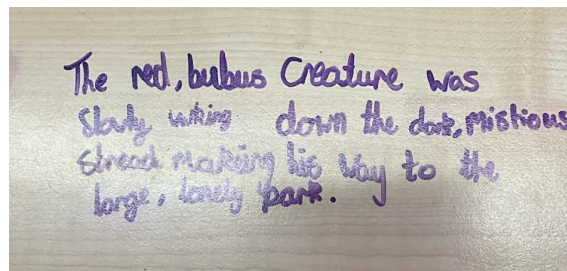
## Year 5

What a brilliant week of learning! In English, we dove into Shaun Tan's *The Lost Thing*, exploring the difference between formal and informal tone—from official-sounding municipal notices to casual, friendly dialogue. Meanwhile, in Science, our young scientists got hands-on with mixtures, testing different methods to separate solids and liquids.



## Year 6

Year 6 have made a fantastic start in all areas of their learning. This week we began to look at evolution, the Isle of Wight and also started our reading lessons on "Cogheart" and writing lessons on "The lost thing."





## 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 your 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     | Thursday & Friday |
| Year 1 & 2 | Monday & Tuesday  |
| Year 2/3   | Monday & Tuesday  |
| Year 4     | Monday & Tuesday  |
| Year 5     | Monday & Tuesday  |
| Year 6     | Monday & Tuesday  |

## School Meals

All children in Yr. R, 1 & 2 are entitled to free school meals under the Universal Free School Meal scheme.

For all other children in Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 the cost will be **£3.20** per meal (unless your child has Free School Meals) & then they are free.

**Chartwells have decided to continue the Spring & Summer menu until October half. Therefore week beg 14th September will be week 3.**

The menu can be found on the website.

## 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...**





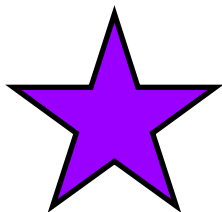
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**Sports Stars of the Week:**

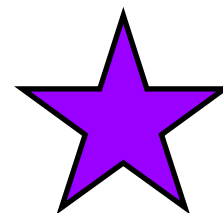
★ KS1 - **Georgie M (YR2)** - For brilliant passing and moving skills in PE.

★ KS2 - **Vinnie B (YR5)** - For fantastic attacking skills in Tag Rugby.





| Year group                    | Attendance % |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| R                             | 96.00        |
| 1/2                           | 96.36        |
| 2/3                           | 99.20        |
| 4                             | 97.89        |
| 5                             | 95.38        |
| 6                             | 97.14        |
| Whole school                  | 96.96        |
| Last Weeks Attendance figures | 96.68        |
| Whole school target           | 96.00        |



## Why high attendance is important for education

As a parent/carers 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)







Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Form 2026-27 Open  
Day/Evening dates (as at 8/6/2026)

| School/College                           | Date                               | Time                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Carisbrooke College                      | 29 September 2026                  | Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm                                                                                                                                          |
| Christ the King College                  | 17 September 2026                  | Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm                                                                                                                                    |
|                                          | 11 November 2026                   | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm                                                                                                                      |
| Cowes Enterprise College                 | 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2026      | Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm                                                                                                                                          |
|                                          | 9 November 2026 – 11 December 2026 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Month                                                                                                                                     |
| Island Free School                       | 10 October 2026                    | Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm                                                                                                                                              |
|                                          |                                    | Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon                                                                                                                         |
| Medina College                           | 22 September 2026                  | Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm                                                                                                                                          |
|                                          | 29 September 2026                  | Open mornings 9.30-12noon                                                                                                                                           |
|                                          | 8 October 2026                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                          | 13 October 2026                    |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Lift Ryde                                | 7 October 2026                     | Y6 & Y5 Open Evening                                                                                                                                                |
|                                          | 10 October 2026                    | Quiet School Tours and meet the Headteacher sessions                                                                                                                |
|                                          | 18 November 2026                   | 6th Form Open Evening                                                                                                                                               |
| Ryde School                              | 18 September 2026                  | Y6 and 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm                                                                                                                |
| ST George's School                       | 7 October 2026                     | Open event: tours at 1.15pm (limited spaces during the school day)                                                                                                  |
|                                          |                                    | Y6 and 6 <sup>th</sup> Form 3.30pm and 4.30pm                                                                                                                       |
|                                          |                                    | Please note that the child MUST have an EHCP as an admissions criterion<br><b>Please call St George's to book a place</b>                                           |
| The Bay CE School                        | 1 October 2026                     | Y6 Open Evening: 5-7.30pm                                                                                                                                           |
| The Island VI Form                       | 12 November 2026                   | VI Form open evening: 5-8pm                                                                                                                                         |
| The Isle of Wight College                | 17 September 2026                  | 5-7pm Open Evening                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                          | 7 November 2026                    | 10am-1pm Open Day                                                                                                                                                   |
| The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham | n/a                                | Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Tel: 861222 or email: <a href="mailto:mail@prioryschool.org.uk">mail@prioryschool.org.uk</a> |







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## Year 7 Open Evening

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026,  
5.00-7.30pm**

Presentation at 5.00pm and 6.00pm followed by tours of the Secondary School.

Open Morning: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 9.00-11.00am,  
please call to book an appointment.

Contact us for more information: Telephone: 01983 403284 Email: [office@bayceschool.org](mailto:office@bayceschool.org) Website: [bayceschool.org](http://bayceschool.org)



Carisbrooke College

## Year 6 Open Evening

**Tuesday 29 September 2026 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Please join us for:**

- A presentation from the Headteacher (repeated at 5:15, 6:00 & 6:45 pm)
- Tours of the school and our facilities
- Opportunities to meet staff (including SEND) and current students
- Interactive subject demonstrations

**All welcome - no need to book!**

 [carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk](http://carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk)



Medina College

## YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

**TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2026  
5.00 - 8.00 PM**

- ✓ Explore our facilities
- ✓ Meet staff and students
- ✓ See our curriculum in action
- ✓ Discover extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities

Every young person  
deserves a path.  
Come and discover yours...

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