



Godshill Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25 September 2026 Issue 4



THE DIGITAL CORNER No 1

Navigating the Online World Together!



Dear Parent/Carers,

Technology moves fast, but we can move faster together!

At Godshill Primary School, we know that managing the digital world at home can feel like a bit of a balancing act. From managing **screen time limits**, to understanding the latest **AI tools**, like ChatGPT and Gemini, our children are growing up in a rapidly changing landscape.

We want to build a true partnership with you. Our goal is to turn this section of our newsletter into a community "Digital Portal"—a space where school and home can share real, practical ideas, advice, and tips.

Our Big Four Topics

Online Safety: Keeping our children safe from hidden risks.

Smart Filters: Setting up house rules and parental controls.

Screen Time: Finding a healthy, tech-free family balance.

Artificial Intelligence (AI): Safely exploring new educational tech.

Let's Share! What's Working for You?

Do you have a genius trick for keeping meal times screen-free? Found a parental control app that actually works? We want to hear it!

How to get involved:

Drop us a line: Email your top tips to the school office, office@godshillprimary.co.uk with the subject line "**Digital Corner Ideas**".

Ask a question: If you are struggling with a specific app or setting, let us know! We can address it in the next newsletter.

Look out for guides: We will be posting resources directly from trusted advice portals to keep everyone clued in.

"It takes a village to raise a child, and a community to keep them safe online!"

Due to excellent attendance today for the whole school Mr Snow has agreed that the children will be having extra play this afternoon. Well Done Everyone!



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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.

15th October (am) - School Photographer in for individual photos (not Nursery children)

Year 5 Residential March 2027

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.

Godshill Griffins Childcare

This week we have been starting to talk about Autumn and all our children have been experiencing autumnal activities and opportunities which have involved, leaf rubbings, leaf printings, listening to autumnal stories and singing autumnal songs.

Some of our Preschool children have also visited the local park and collected autumnal resources whilst out on our walk such as leaves, conkers, acorns etc.





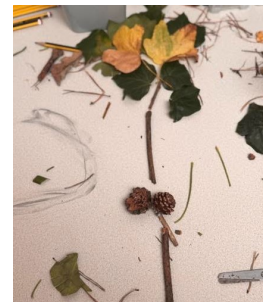
Reception

This week Reception have been thinking about our amazing bodies and what they can do. In PE we continued to develop our ball skills by kicking the ball with increasing control. We have also begun our fine motor carousel during calm time with the children accessing the library and developing their threading and scissor skills.



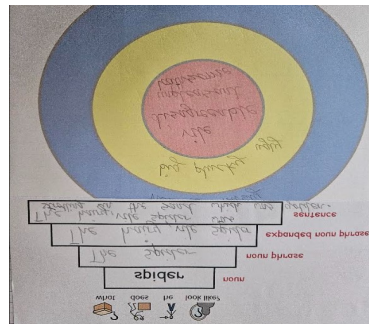
Year 1 & Year 2

This week the children have really enjoyed using their creativity across a range of different subjects. A highlight was how they incorporated their art topic of sculptures and natural materials around the school site to create a sculpture of a tree. They did find it difficult to join the materials together however via creative thinking the children all managed to overcome this obstacle.



Year 2 & Year 3

This week in English we have been looking at zones of relevance. We have been using vocabulary focused on the spider from the story 'It fell from the sky'. The children have been sorting out the vocabulary by its relevance, from this we used our expanded noun phrases to make a sentence about the spider.



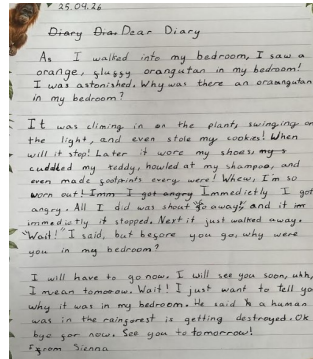
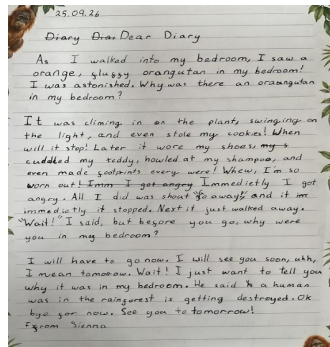


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Year 4

In Year 4 we have been reading the story "There's a Rang'Tan in My Bedroom," and decided to write a diary entry from the point of view of the child who discovered the orangutan. The children have planned, drafted, edited and published their diaries, and have done a fabulous job.



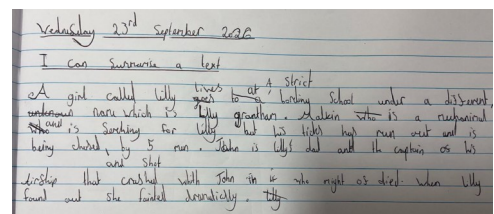
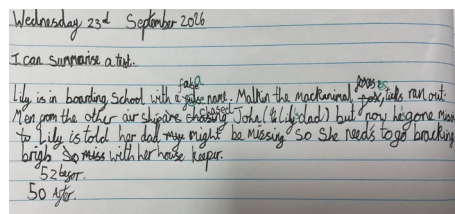
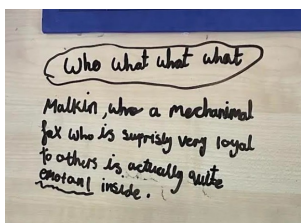
Year 5

Year 5 have been super busy this week. In RE, students celebrated the Jewish festival of Sukkot by getting creative and building their own miniature sukkahs! We also welcomed Seaview Sailing for a fantastic taster session, giving everyone an exciting preview of the nautical adventures to come later this year.



Year 6

Year 6 have worked really hard this week figuring out the "Golden Nuggets" in our reading book "Cogheart" by picking out the essential parts of the story and looking at how each one moves the story on. The children were then challenged to summarise the story so far in 50 words or less! In writing, we have been writing congeries to help us with descriptive sentences using the structure who + what + what + what.





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.

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.

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)

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...**





Stars of the week

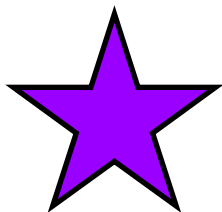
Year R	The children in Reception class are not currently joining in with the main school celebration assemblies. Any awards will be given to the children and celebrated in class for the time being. Heath M - Heath has had a phenomenal start to his school journey. He engages with all areas of the classroom and is an expert at tidying up. He also loves to share his vast knowledge with his friends and adults. Thank you for teaching us so much about so much!
Year 1_2	Anna B - Anna has been fantastic in writing, using her imagination and recall of the story to independently write sentences.
Year 2_3	Charlie Wel - Charlie has shown an amazing change in his attitude towards his learning. He has worked incredibly hard, shown great determination and has really tried his best, even when things have been challenging.
Year 4	Harper PC - For being brave to say when she is not sure of something and persevering even though she found work challenging.
Year 5	Henry C - For always putting in 100% effort in every lesson and despite adversity carries on. Well done!
Year 6	Arthur W - Arthur has worked really hard in English this week. He remembered essential information from the story and created a summary of what had happened so far in exactly 50 words. Well done!

Sports Stars of the Week:

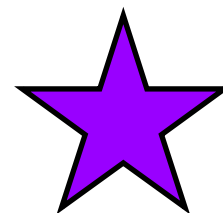
KS1 - Whitney K (YR2) for fantastic teamwork and balancing skills in PE.

KS2 - George R (YR6) for brilliant defending and attacking skills in Tag Rugby.





Year group	Attendance %
R	100.00
1/2	90.00
2/3	94.80
4	93.68
5	98.08
6	99.05
Whole school	96.09
Last Weeks Attendance figures	93.33
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





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.

DON'T MISS OUT ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

MORE FAMILIES THAN EVER NOW QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, EVEN IF YOU'VE CHECKED BEFORE.

- ★ If your child's eligible, they can enjoy a FREE school lunch every day, saving your family time and money by signing up
- ★ Nutritious meals help keep your child energised and focused throughout the school day
- ★ From September 2026, all Universal Credit households qualify, regardless of income
- ★ Signing up is quick and confidential, and could really make a difference to your child's day

Scan the QR code to find out more, including how to register for free school meals, or contact Chartwells at education.csu@compass-group.co.uk or on free phone 0800 917 6818.

DELICIOUS!

SCAN THE CODE TO FIND OUT MORE AND HOW TO REGISTER

Chartwells

Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme

We are supporting the Rotary Club Shoebox scheme again this year. We have shoeboxes and leaflets in the office.

The boxes must be returned to school no later than the 16th October (last day of this half term).





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SCARF At Home

PSHE—AUTUMN 1



Me and My Relationships

This half term in PSHE we will be exploring feelings and emotions, developing skills to manage conflict, help children to identify people who are special to them. We will equip them with skills to recognise the qualities of healthy friendships and how to manage them. Follow the QR code to find out ways that you can support your child at home in their learning this half term.

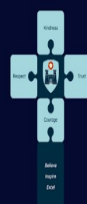
<https://www.coramscarf.org.uk/family-scarf/sarf-at-home/me-and-my-relationships>



Lift
Ryde

**Lift Ryde
Open Evening
October 7th
4:00pm - 7:00pm**

Parent Presentations 4:30pm and 5:30pm



THE BAY CE SCHOOL
Believe · Inspire · Excel



Year 7 Open Evening

**Thursday 1st October 2026,
5.00-7.30pm**

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

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

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Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th 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 th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	15 th October 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
	9 November 2026 – 11 December 2026	6 th 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 th 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 th Form 3.30pm and 4.30pm Please note that the child MUST have an EHCP as an admissions criterion Please call St George's to book a place
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: mail@prioryschool.org.uk





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COMPETITION!

HELP US CREATE
**BRILLIANT
LETTERBOX
TOPPERS!**

WE WANT YOUR IDEAS!

**SHARE
YOUR IDEAS**
Come up with fun,
creative designs for
knitted letterbox
toppers.

**JUDGED BY
THE MAKERS**
Ideas will be judged
by the makers and
the most original
will get a **prize!**

**BE CREATIVE
HAVE FUN
WIN A PRIZE!**

SCAN THE CODE
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