



Annual Flu Vaccination

We are coming to [Godshill Primary](#) on [13/11/2026](#) to give pupils their annual flu vaccination and would like your consent to vaccinate your child.

How to respond

It's important to let us know whether you do or do not want your child to have the vaccination. It will take less than 5 minutes to respond using the link below.

Flu Vaccination Form

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk//Forms/Flu?schoolcode=CW118159>

You need to respond by [11/11/2026](#). Please enter the Year group that your child is currently in.

If you cannot use the online form, you can respond over the phone using the contact details below.

About the children's flu vaccine

The vaccine protects against flu, which can cause serious health problems such as bronchitis and pneumonia. It is recommended for children from Reception to Year 11 every year.

[Find out more about the children's flu vaccine on NHS.UK](#)

You can also find a range of [information resources about the vaccine on GOV.UK](#), including in other languages.

How the vaccine is given

Most children are given the vaccine as a nasal spray. This is a quick and painless spray up the nose and offers the best protection against flu.

The nasal spray contains a small amount of gelatine derived from pigs (porcine gelatine). If your child does not use gelatine products, or cannot have the nasal spray for medical reasons, you can choose an alternative injected vaccine that has no gelatine or any other animal product. You can request this in the consent form. This vaccine will be given at the session in school. Please contact either the school immunisation team or your school if you want to be present for this.

[Find out more about the use of gelatine in the flu vaccine \(including the views of faith communities\)](#)

Contact us

Speak to a member of our team by calling 0300 123 5074 or email hiowh.iowimms@nhs.net

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2026

2nd September - 18th December 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)

15th October - Harvest Festival Assembly—any food donations will be going to the Foodbank—FROG's Vegetable competition to be brought into school in the morning.

16th October - Halloween Fancy Dress & Afterschool treats. (FROG's)

5th November - Afterschool Hot Chocolate & Marshmallows (FROG's)

3rd December - Christmas Disco (FROG's)

15th December - Nativity Performance PM (More information to follow nearer the time)

16th December - Nativity Performance PM (More information to follow nearer the time)

17th December - Christmas Dinner Day (Letter to come home in November)

17th December - Christmas Fancy Dress/Jumpers & Afterschool Sweet Treats (FROG's)

18th December (AM) - Carol Service at Church (more information to follow in November)

Year 5 Residential March 2027

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.





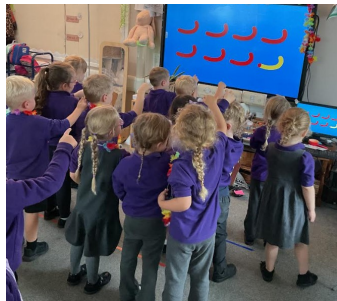
Godshill Griffins Childcare

This week we have been continuing to explore natural autumnal objects as we incorporate them into different day to day activities. We have added leaves and flowers into our potion making area, conkers and munchkin pumpkins with our small world dinosaurs and developed our fine motor skills with blackberry playdough.



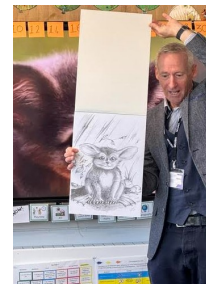
Reception

This week Reception have been working on recognising initial sounds in words. We have been making Silly Soup with lots of funny ingredients during some of our literacy sessions. We have also been using music tracking to grow and strengthen our shoulder muscles which are vital for writing.



Year 1 & Year 2

There was only one thing that was ever going to make the newsletter this week from year one and two. Our visit by Nick Pointing who wrote the Widgit book and made Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Nick enthralled the class with his presentation on the Island's very own mythical creature. And what a cute one it was too!





Year 2 & Year 3

Year 2 and 3 had a special visitor this week as Nicholas Pointing came in to talk about his books and he brought his amazing Chitty Chitty Bang Bang car in as well - the children loved hearing him talk about his books and then got to see around his car too.

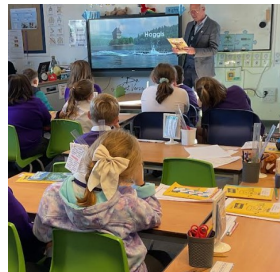
Year 3 had their penultimate swimming lesson and have really grown in confidence over the past 5 weeks.

In Science, the children have started to make model hands which show how our fingers and joints work.



Year 4

Year 3 & 4 have loved having the author, Nick Pointing in to visit. They were enthralled with the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang car and all of its gadgets. The children also loved hearing about The Widget on the Isle of Wight and how it came about. Year 4 then went on to create their own characters afterwards.



Year 5

What an action-packed week for Year 5! Our young scientists put their practical skills to the test using sieves to separate different mixtures based on particle size. To make the week even more special, we enjoyed a thrilling visit from Thomas Taylor, author of Malamander, who shared the secrets behind his mystery writing and inspired some fantastic story ideas.





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Year 6

In PSHE we have been working on acting appropriately and staying safe. We have had some great discussions about relative scenarios and topics, and looked at the correct way to be assertive. The children also took part in some role play scenarios, where they acted in different roles that people play in groups: the target, the bystander and the controller.



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.

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.

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.





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

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 well-being, Young people, Leisure and much more...**





Stars of the week

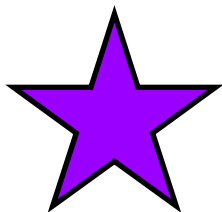
Year R	The children in Reception class are not currently joining in with the main school celebration assemblies. Any awards will be given to the children and celebrated in class for the time being. Percy B - Percy consistently works hard, listens well and gets involved in the learning in Reception class. Mrs Felis can always rely on him to help around the classroom and he often offers to help his peers, if they need it. Thank you Percy for being so helpful.
Year 1_2	Georgie M - for asking such engaging and thoughtful questions during the author visit.
Year 2_3	James M - James has been brilliant in class this week and he has really impressed us with his willingness to help in the classroom.
Year 4	Lexi S - for trying her best in everything, including instructions to improve her work.
Year 5	Sofia H - for her fantastic work and presentation in Maths.
Year 6	Hunter B & Alex B - for their great work in PE this week and persevering through the challenges during the lesson.

Sports Stars of the Week:

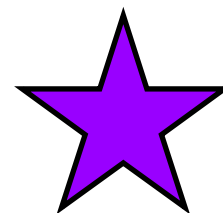
KS1 - Harrison D (YR2) for fantastic movements and balancing skills in PE.

KS2 - Rosie FW (YR5) for brilliant attacking skills in the tag rugby tournament.





Year group	Attendance %
R	92.80
1/2	92.99
2/3	93.60
4	91.58
5	94.62
6	95.71
Whole school	93.60
Last Weeks Attendance figures	95.36
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





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NEWSLETTER



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FROGS
HARVEST FESTIVAL
VEGETABLE ANIMAL
COMPETITION

Bring in your fabulous
vegetable creations on
15th October.

Please make sure to put
your **name** and **class**
on your entry.

Prizes will be giving to
the best creations in
each year group.

Happy crafting!



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THE DIGITAL CORNER No 3

Should children watch TV or screens while eating? A therapist explains

Parents often use screens during meals because they work. Children stay seated, eat even when picky, and everyone avoids conflict. It can make meals easier, especially after a long day.

But while this may solve today's dinner, could it create problems in the long run?

Here's what parents need to know.

Key takeaways

- Regular screen use during meals can make it harder for children to recognize hunger and fullness cues.
 - Eating while watching TV or other screens may interfere with healthy eating habits, family conversations, and language development.
 - Children who only eat with screens aren't being difficult, the habit develops through normal learning and conditioning.
- Replacing screens gradually, staying consistent, and creating positive family mealtime routines can help children adapt to screen-free meals.

Learn More via the following link..

<https://www.bitdefender.com/en-us/blog/hotforsecurity/children-screens-while-eating>

Mr Fessey - IT Teacher

