



Queensgate Newsletter

A newsletter for the pupils, families and staff of Queensgate Primary



Dear Parents and Carers

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Well, what a start to the week with a win for England! The children who chose to watch the match had a brilliant time cheering and celebrating with their friends. It was a lovely way to begin the week.

We also enjoyed a very successful Move Up morning on Tuesday. All children were able to meet their new teachers and teaching assistants and spend the morning working in their new classes. There will be further opportunities before the end of term for children to work with their new teachers, helping to support a smooth transition and begin building those all-important relationships.

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to join us for the Showcase Evening. This gave children another chance to speak to their new teachers and share their excitement for September.

A reminder that next Wednesday is an INSET day. Teachers will use this time to meet with previous teachers to discuss attainment, any additional support needs, and what your child enjoys or finds challenging. This ensures each teacher has a holistic understanding of every child before they officially start in their new class.

Next week we also have the Year 6 production, which is always a highlight of the summer term. The Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard on their lines, and we are all looking forward to seeing their performance. Finally, at the end of the week we have our Summer Fayre. Please do come along after school if you can – have a look around, enjoy the stalls, and perhaps spend a few pennies. All money raised goes directly back into resources for your children.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead and fingers crossed another win for England!

Working Together for a Successful Future



Friday 17th July 2026

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED!

Support Our School Summer Fayre

Our School Summer Fayre is fast approaching, and we're looking for generous local businesses, organisations, and individuals to help make our raffle a fantastic success!

 Could you donate a raffle prize?

Whether it's a gift voucher, hamper, experience, product, or service, every donation—big or small—makes a difference.

Your support will help us raise valuable funds for:

 School resources

 Educational activities

 Enrichment opportunities for our pupils

 Projects that benefit our whole school community

Thank you for helping us make our School Summer Fayre
a wonderful success!

Together, we can make a real difference for our pupils.

Thank you!

A Huge thank you to all the local businesses and companies who have generously donated raffle prizes for our Summer Fayre so far:

- Red Funnel - Return trip on Red Funnel Ferries for a car and 7 people.
- The Folly Inn - £20 vouchers
- Shaniece's Personalised Pieces - £20 voucher
- East Cowes Liberal Club - bottle of Pimms
- Bright Wight Electrical - bottle of wine and beer
- The View Cafe - £15 voucher
- The Lunch Box Cafe - £10 voucher

We really appreciate your kindness and support.

Queensgate Out & About

Out and About this week

On Tuesday afternoon our Year 5 Out and About team visited the Wight Aviation Museum to further their knowledge on Space. The children took part in workshops about rocket travel and had the opportunity to go inside the planetarium. Local astronomer, Peter Bassett, who delivers the planetarium sessions, took live photographs of the sun (using his telescope) to share with the children- showing it's sunspots. The group were all very engaged throughout their visit and asked some amazing questions to develop their understanding about rockets, satellites, the solar system and constellations.

"We went in the planetarium. It was like a big bubble and Peter projected stars. He taught us about how the dinosaurs died and showed us the constellations. It was really good!" Layla



On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 6 Out and About group had fun on Appley beach playing volleyball, building sand sculptures and splashing around in the shallow water together!

"I really enjoyed our last Out and About trip in Year 6 because we got to splash around with our friends in the sea and play volleyball on the sand. I'm really going to miss Out and About!" Maisy

"We went Out and About to the beach. We played volleyball and went in the sea. I enjoyed it a lot!" James



Queensgate Out & About

Out and About this week

Our Year 2 Out and About crew had a super time on Wednesday morning at Barton Manor. The children walked through the woodland and down to the private beach, looking out for wildlife and identifying trees. The group really enjoyed exploring the bay, paddling in the sea, finding crabs and hunting for shells. Some of the children were fascinated by the old D-day mooring cable that can be seen on the beach at low tide. They spotted anemones inside the reel, where a rock pool has formed! The group also loved seeing the peacocks wandering around the grounds of the manor.

“We went to Barton Manor it’s part of Osborne House. I liked seeing the peacocks and finding shells.” Harper

“We went to Barton Manor, I saw a water fountain and peacocks. I liked it because we paddled in the sea.” Riley



Out and About next week

Please note there is no Out and About next Tuesday for Year 5 due to our Reception trip to Southsea aquarium and we have an Inset Day on Wednesday. Out and About sessions will resume as normal for our last week of term!



Cookery Next Week

These Children have cookery next week please can they bring in a container.....

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Suitable for Lollipop Flower Pots on **Wednesday 15th July;**

Albie, Luna, Harvey, Isaac, Elissa, Raign, Demi, Andy, Stanley, Ernest, Elliott and Lucas.

Suitable for English Muffins on **Thursday 16th July;**

Ace G, Arthur K, Isabelle M, George A, Inara P, Verbena PG, Holly P, Sophie S, Rosina S, Nathan W, Luke W and Raemarni W all from 3AH.

If your child attends cookery club, please can they bring in a container every week.



Summer Fayre Raffle!

We still have raffle tickets available to sell for our Summer Fayre. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. There will be a prize for the class that sells the most tickets. Please make sure your child writes their name on the back of each ticket they sell. If one of the first three winning tickets was sold by your child, they will receive a sweet treat as well as the ticket holder winning a prize.

Please return all ticket stubs and money to the school in a named envelope by Thursday, 16th July. More raffle tickets will be available from the school office and on the day of the Summer Fayre.

Thank you for your support!

Queensgate Rewards



CONGRATULATIONS

Bronze/Silver/Gold Badge for 100/200/300 Dojos Rewards



Reception

RJB - Albie, River, Ayla (200)

Year 1

1CE - James B (300)

Year 2

2KA - Riley, Rosey, (200) Eliza, Denis (300)

Year 3

3AH - Sophie (300)

3PT - Alfred (200) Cassidy, Freya (300)

Year 4

4KG - Gracie-Mai, (200) Poppy (300)

Year 5

5TS - Peyton, Samuel (300)

Year 6

6LR - Ella, Katelyn (200) Rachel (300)



Good News Cards



Year 3

3AH - Inara, Lenny, Raemarni, Luke, Bodhi, Ace, Matteo, Daniel, George

Year 5

5TS - Peyton, Laya

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 14th July - Reception trip to Southsea Aquarium

Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 production to parents 1:15pm and 6pm

Wednesday 15th July - **INSET DAY**

Thursday 16th July - Year 1 Trip to Appley Beach and Puckpool Park

Thursday 16th July - Year 6 SATS results

Friday 17th July - Summer Fayre 3pm

Tuesday 21st July - Year 6 BBQ & water fight

Thursday 23rd July - Year 3 Trip to Robin Hill

Thursday 23rd July - Year 2 Trip to Osborne House

Friday 24th July - Year 6 Leavers assembly, followed by clapping corridor

Friday 24th July - LAST DAY OF TERM

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since 3rd September is 94.06%

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.93%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RJB with 98.83%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3PT with 96.84%

What is for lunch next week...

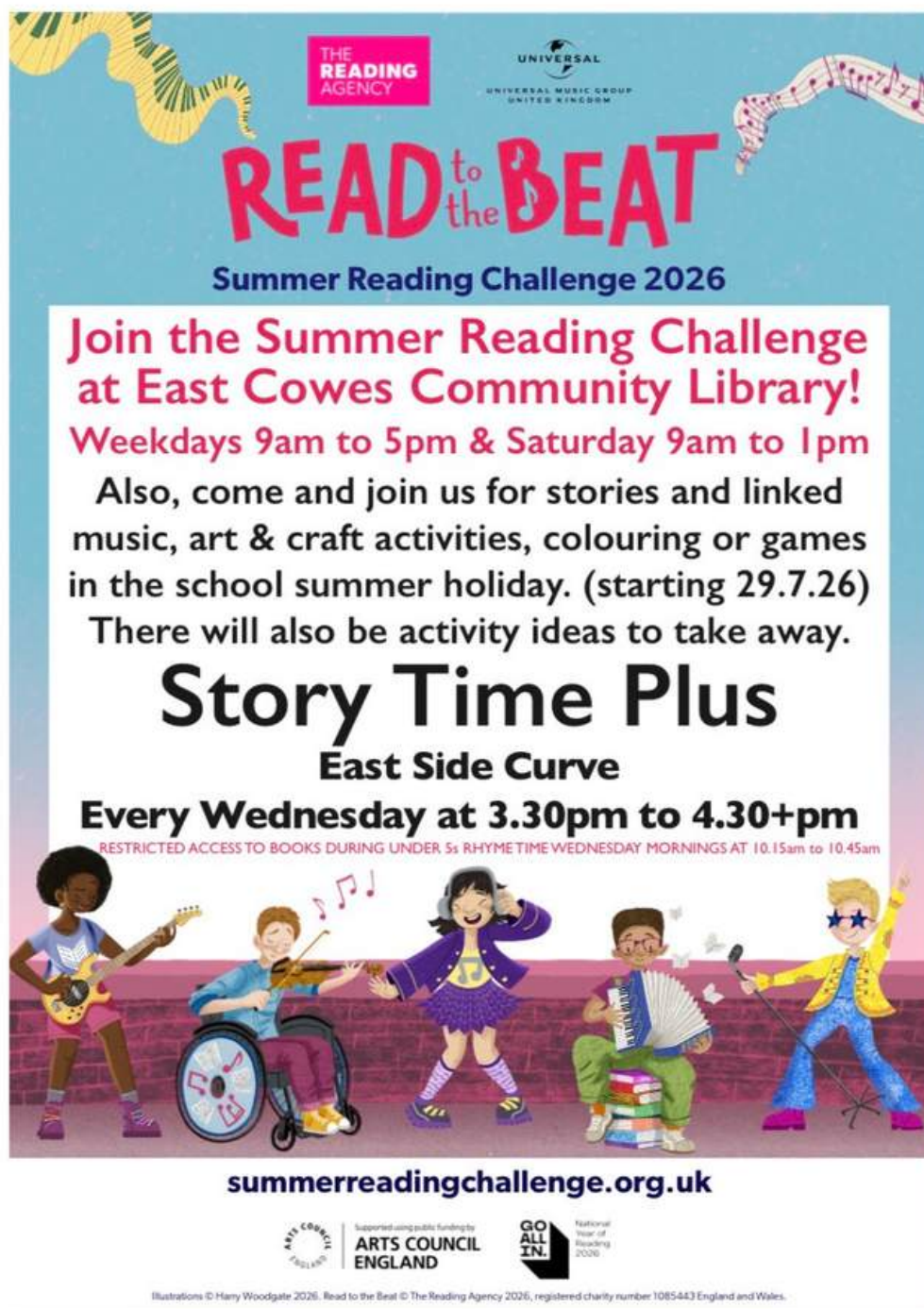
SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		WEEK 1 W/C: 13/04/2026, 04/05/2026, 01/06/2026, 22/06/2026, 13/07/2026, 11/08/2026, 17/09/2026, 12/10/2026				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	I.O.W Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast BBQ Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta
	OPTION 4	HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES				
DELI		Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna
		DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD				
DESSERT		Chocolate Brownie	Oat Cookie	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Vanilla Slice with Melon Wedges	Chocolate Ice Cream
BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY With a choice of toppings		Available daily				
Vegetarian		Vegan				
		Oily Fish				
		Fruity!				
		Wholegrain				
		Nutritionist's Choice				
		Chartwells Schools				

Best wishes,
Mrs T Wall
Headteacher



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THE READING AGENCY

UNIVERSAL
UNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP
UNITED KINGDOM

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Join the Summer Reading Challenge at East Cowes Community Library!
Weekdays 9am to 5pm & Saturday 9am to 1pm

Also, come and join us for stories and linked music, art & craft activities, colouring or games in the school summer holiday. (starting 29.7.26)
 There will also be activity ideas to take away.

Story Time Plus

East Side Curve
Every Wednesday at 3.30pm to 4.30+pm

RESTRICTED ACCESS TO BOOKS DURING UNDER 5s RHYMETIME WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 10.15am to 10.45am



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

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Don't Forget!

- * it's free to join the library
 - * it's free to join the challenge
 - * we can replace lost library cards
 - * we can sort out lost books or long overdue books
 - * there are no fines
 - * there's no charge for ordering books on a child's card
 - * library cards cover all Island libraries
 - * the library team are happy to help you with any questions
- www.iow.gov.uk/article/2217/Discover-the-library

Hello everybody!

Come and sign-up at East Cowes Community Library to join in The Summer Reading Challenge from 4.7.26 to 5.9.26. There are prizes and a medal and certificate at the end! Check out the website to find out more.

Miss Hunter's Year of Reading August Challenge is to complete The Summer Reading Challenge. You will earn five dojos and an entry into her book raffle.

We look forward to seeing you, whenever you can come.

All best wishes,

Volunteer Angie Mathews at East Cowes Community Library.



SUMMER GYMNASTIC FUNDAY

THE BAY SPORTS COMPLEX,
THE FAIRWAY, SANDOWN, PO36 9JH

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST
10AM-3PM

THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST
10AM-3PM

BOOK ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://LITTLE-ROCKETS.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](https://little-rockets.classforkids.io)

£32 PER CHILD
(SIBLINGS DISCOUNT AVAILABLE)



BRING PACKED
LUNCH AND DRINKS. WEAR
COMFORTABLE SENSIBLE
CLOTHES.



Dola AI

SUMMER GYMNASTIC FUNDAY

Cowes Sea Cadets, Whitegates,
Artic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG



Bring packed lunch and drinks



Wear comfortable sensible clothes



Wednesday 12th August
10am till 3pm



Wednesday 19th August
10am till 3pm



Wednesday 26th August
10am till 3pm

Book online at
<https://little-rockets.classforkids.io>
£32 per child (siblings discount available)

Dola AI

Charity Registration No. 1049004



Fancy 3k Fun Run

We're holding a fancy-dress fun run
as part of the Wight Games Festival.

Open to all ages.

Dress up as a doctor or nurse (this
is optional) and you can walk, run,
skip, hop, the 3k course the choice
is yours! Raising money for your
local hospital.

Prizes for the best fancy dress.



Buy your ticket
by scanning
the QR code

Sunday 26 July 2026
10am

Ryde School, Ryde,
Isle of Wight,
PO33 3BE

Entry: £5



If you'd like further information, please email us: iownt.charity@nhs.net

Together, we can make a difference

Term Time Gymnastics Classes



Mondays Sandown-The Fairway
Sports Complex, The Fairway,
Sandown PO36 9JH

Beginners - 6pm - 7pm

Beginners/Intermediate - 6.45pm - 7.45pm

Intermediate - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday - Cowes Cowes
Sea Cadets, Whitegates,
Artic Road PO31 7PG

Beginners - 4pm - 5pm

Beginners/Intermediate - 5.05pm - 6.05pm

Intermediate - 6.10pm - 7.10pm
Advanced - 7.15pm - 8.15pm

£33 per term

book online at: <https://www.little-rockets.classforkids.io>

Email - little.rockets@hotmail.com

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WIN A FREE FAMILY VISIT TO OSBORNE!



Osborne is getting three new buses.....and we need YOUR help to name them!

Think of a name that links to Queen Victoria, her family or Osborne.

Explain why you chose the name.

PRIZES: Three winners will each receive a FREE family visit to Osborne and a ride on their named bus.

Entries must be received by **Friday 31st July** at Osborne for the attention of Anne Walters, Learning and Participation Officer or emailed to anne.walters@english-heritage.org.uk



Osborne House Bus Naming Competition

Can you help us name the new buses at Osborne House?

Name:

School:

Age:

Bus name:

I chose this name because.....

Entries must be received by Friday 31st July at Osborne for the attention of Anne Walters, Learning and Participation Officer or emailed to anne.walters@english-heritage.org.uk



HARBOUR SAFETY DAY



A day of interactive maritime safety exhibits, demonstrations and family activities!

Saturday 18th July 2026

Sugar Store at Shepards Marina
10.00 - 16.00

FUN FOR ALL AGES! FREE ENTRY!

Meet local experts from island and Solent-based maritime safety organisations.

Explore the latest equipment, take part in hands-on activities and learn how to stay safe on the water.

Safety Equipment · Perfect for all ages
Plus much more!

Exhibitors

Cowes RNLI · NCI Coastwatch · Maritime Volunteer Service
Flying Fish · Seasafe · Royal Life Saving Society
St Johns Ambulance · Gosport Lifeboat · HM Coastguard
HIOW Fire Service · Ryde Lifeguards · Alzheimer's Cafe

NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

Cypress Road, Newport, IW PO30 1HA

FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY

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



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

Event organised by IW Heritage Service



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



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