



Queensgate Newsletter

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



The End of Term!

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Well, another term has flown by, filled with lots of hard work and plenty of fun for everyone. As we look ahead to next term, I am excited to share a new project we will be starting at Queensgate. We will be beginning our OPAL journey, a structured playtime programme designed to enrich children's play, support positive interactions and reduce the playground disputes that at times can make their way back into the classroom. By improving the quality of play, we increase learning time, strengthen relationships and help children return to lessons calm, happy and ready to learn.

This programme links with our school values of curiosity, creativity, courage, compassion and collaboration, and will help us create playtimes that are purposeful, engaging and inclusive for all children.

If you would like to see OPAL in action, please take a look at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXU0gUmjaeE>

More information will be coming soon as we begin this exciting journey!

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term, and fingers crossed the weather is kind to us all. Enjoy the break.

Isle of Wight Story Festival 2026

We were incredibly lucky this week to have 7 authors and story tellers joining us to celebrate the Isle of Wight Story Telling Festival. Every pupil had the chance to work with an author and listen to them telling their stories and talking about how they come up with the ideas for their books. The children, staff and visitors all had a thoroughly great time enjoying story telling and promoting a love of books.

Here are some quotes from a few of the authors!

“Thank you for making me so welcome at Queensgate on Tuesday. I loved telling stories to your Year 2's and 1's. They were great listeners and I would be very happy to visit Queensgate again!” Sue Bailey.

“I thoroughly enjoyed visiting your school and I was delighted by the enthusiasm of the children and their willingness to think differently – which is not always an easy thing to do.

Thank you all for looking after me so well, and it is wonderful to see reading being celebrated on the island!” Andrew Lee

“I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone at Queensgate for making me feel so welcome during my visit. Year 4 were wonderful, and very creative!” Kathryn Rosatti.

“That was the BEST thing ever!!! They were amazing. If we could get a post out about them and where they are performing over the Summer, I think the children would love to see them again. We've never laughed so much!” Mrs Mucaster about Dilly Dally story tellers.

“Wow! What a brilliant morning. She's always amazing and her new book is going to be excellent!” Miss Stone about Tracey Corderoy.

“The children were totally transfixed!” Mrs Adams about [Holly Medland Storyteller](#).

To end our half term we gave away hundreds of books for free or a small donation because we want everyone to have something great to read at home! We hope you all managed to bag a book at the end of the day!

Don't forget that May's Reading Challenge is to read at least 20 times this month!
Keep reading!



Queensgate Out & About

Out and About this week

Our Reception Out and About team visited Bembridge Lifeboat Station on Tuesday morning to find out about the role of the RNLI and how to stay safe at the beach. The children looked at the big Tamar lifeboat in the boat house and visited the kit room where they saw all the equipment that the crew have to wear. They listened to Lesley, one of the RNLI volunteers, talk about what to do in the event of an emergency at the beach or in the sea. The children all enjoyed trying on the mini lifeboat crew kit too. There are lots of events at Bembridge Lifeboat Station next week, including the launch at 6.30pm on Tuesday if you're looking for something to do during half term!

"We went to the see the lifeboat. It was really cool! We learnt how it tilts to go down the ramp so it can get in the sea to go out and save people. The had got a new orange lifeboat and it was really awesome." Henry



On Tuesday afternoon our Year 5 Out and About crew followed the Solar System trail along the seafront at Bonchurch. The children took it in turns to read the information about each planet and find out the distance to next planet (with the scale of 1 inch to 100,000 miles). The group looked at sports balls to see the comparable size of each planet.

"We went to Bonchurch and we had lots of fun finding out about all the planets in the solar system. We had to find out how far each planet was from the sun and we got to hold a ball to represent the size of the planets." Lilly



Queensgate Out & About

Out and About this week

Our little explorers from Year 2 visited Newtown meadows and harbour on Wednesday. The children enjoyed taking our 'Adventurer bags' with them, packed full of things for their morning adventure. They loved using the magnifying glasses to study different insects in the meadow and looking for birds in the hide using the binoculars. It was great to meet one of the National Trust volunteers in the hide who talked to the children about the differences between Black-headed and Mediterranean gulls and how to identify them.

"I really liked going to Newtown. We all had special adventurer bags with binoculars, magnifying glasses, compasses and clipboards in. We looked for birds and saw birds from the bird hide. We saw lots of Black-headed gulls." Lyla



The Year 6 Out and About group enjoyed orienteering around Firestone Copse on Wednesday afternoon. The group used compasses and maps to locate 14 markers around the woodland, getting rather muddy on the way! Some of the children developed a great understanding of how to use a compass to navigate and had fun leading the group.

"We went orienteering and it was really fun. We had to go around the forest and find post with red and white numbers on." Toby G



Out and About after half term

Please can children wear their PE kits for Out and About (PE T-shirt, school sweatshirt, navy joggers/ shorts/ leggings) and trainers or wellies. Don't forget, we go Out and About whatever the weather so please send your child with a sun hat and/ or waterproof coat (and waterproof trousers if they have them), depending on the forecast. Many thanks for your support.

Tuesday 2nd June- Reception

Flora, Grace, Evie, Kira, Grayson, Arthur, Fionn, Enola, Alana, Jackson and Harper.

Tuesday 2nd June- Year 5

Violet-Rose, Daisy, Callum, Oliver, Kingsley, Daniel, James, Amber, Luna, Dexter, Milana, Nimalan, Juniper, George and Mia.

Wednesday 3rd June- Year 2

Clayton, Dylan, Jovi, Hunter, Coen, Elizabeth, Charlie, Molly, Niamh, Theo WF, Joshua W, Thomas and Nancy.

Wednesday 3rd June- Year 6

Children that are not attending the Y6 residential.



Cookery after half term

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

Suitable for Shortbread rain biscuit on **Tuesday 2nd June;**
Albie, Rosie, Luna, Ethel, Lilah, Jaxon, Finley, Beau and Remy.

Suitable for Space Rock Cakes on **Tuesday 2nd June;**
Ethan, Ralph, Theo, Freddie, Bonnie, Luca, Danielle, Peyton, Corey, Samuel, Arlo and Benjmin.

Suitable for Egg and Cress Sandwiches on **Wednesday 3rd June Year 1;**
Ethan, Rafferty, Zia, James, Alex, Oscar, Clover, Cece, Darcie, Rosie, Ada and William.

Suitable for a Sticky Toffee Pudding on **Thursday 4th June Year 3;**
Sadie, Bowie, Milly, Jacob, Freya, Marnie-Rae, Titan, Jack, Freddie, Roman, Alfred, Olivia, Cassidy and Archie.

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



Queensgate Rewards



CONGRATULATIONS



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

Rewards

Year 1

1CE - Ada (200)

Year 2

2KA - Joshua M Lorkhan (100) Amelia, Quinn, Remi, Blake (200) Louie W (300)

Year 5

5RA - Nathan, Bayley (200) Daisy, Juniper, Nimalan (300)

Year 6

6TM - Logan R, Levi B, Teddy O (200) Lily C (300)



Good News Cards

Year 1

1CE - Tilly, Darcie

Year 5

5RA - Dexter, Milana, Daniel

Year 5

5RA - Logan R, Levi B, Teddy O, Lily C



Working Together for a Successful Future

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 20th May - Reception Open Morning for new parents

Monday 25th May - May Half Term

Monday 1st June - First Day of Summer Term 2

Wednesday 3rd June - Year 6 Residential to Runways End

Monday 15th June - Assessment Week

Monday 22nd June - INSET DAY

Wednesday 24th June - Class and Leavers Photos

Monday 29th June - KS1 Sports Day

Thursday 2nd July - KS2 Sports Day

Monday 6th July - KS1 **RESERVE** Sports Day

Tuesday 7th July - Year 6 Secondary School & move up morning

Thursday 9th July - KS2 **RESERVE** Sports Day

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

Friday 17th July - Summer Fayre 3pm

Tuesday 21st July - Year 6 BBQ & water fight



Music lessons at Queensgate



*Sign up your budding rockstar for drum, guitar or piano lessons at
Queensgate this summer!*



To sign up for guitar lessons please contact: iwmt.org.uk/apply-online/



To sign up for keyboard / piano or drum lessons contact:

Graham.Hesp@southampton.gov.uk

Lessons take place on a Monday afternoon for drums, keyboard and piano and on a Thursday morning for guitar lessons.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since 3rd September is 94.38%

Whole School Attendance this week is 95.01%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RLM with 100%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3PT with 99.28%

What is for lunch after half term...

| | | MONDAY | TUE S DAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| HOT DISHES | OPTION 1 | Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges | Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta | Roast Chicken with RoastPotatoesandGravy | 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 RoastPotatoesandGravy | 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

Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Fruity!

Available daily

Wholegrain Nutritionist's Choice

Best wishes,
Mrs T Wall
Headteacher



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Isle of Wight Pottery

Kids After School Pottery Club

Tuesdays or Fridays starting after May half term, 4pm-5.30pm



Let your child get creative after school! This 6-week pottery club is packed with fun, hands-on clay making and painting in a relaxed, friendly setting.

Spaces are limited—book now for £108!

Join us for:

- Pottery Wheel
- Hand sculpting
- Painting
- All glazing and firing included



Isle of Wight Pottery, 21 School Green Rd, Freshwater, PO40 9AJ
www.isleofwightpottery.com



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SCHOOL YEARS 1-3
Isle of Wight Community Club
PO31 7NP

Saturdays 9-10am

(Boots/trainers & shinpads needed)

Book now @ £4/session
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Is your child interested in cricket? Come and join one of our junior clubs!

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Head to <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Search> to sign up for All Stars and/or Dynamos programmes!

U11s U13s U15s U11 Girls U13 Girls U16 Girls

| Club | U11s | U13s | U15s | U11 Girls | U13 Girls | U16 Girls |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Arreton Cricket Club | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bembridge & St Helens CC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cowes CC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| East Cowes CC | ✓ | | | | | |
| Freshwater CC | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Newport CC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Northwood CC | ✓ | ✓ | | | | |
| Ryde CC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Shanklin & Godshill CC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ventnor CC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Wight Whizzers CC | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Or contact the Isle of Wight Cricket Board directly
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TUESDAY 26 AND THURSDAY 28 MAY



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- Wednesday 28 May



- 10am to 1pm
- £1 per person
- Tuesday 26 May and Thursday 28 May

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museums@iow.gov.uk

Guildhall, High Street, Newport, IW, PO30 1TY



Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service

Anyone who needs assistance with funding their child's activities please email sarah.baggott@westwight.org.uk or go to our website to find out how to apply, as there is financial support available.



All activities must be booked in advance including fun hours and swimming.

All under 8's must be accompanied by an adult on the premises during all activities.

Swimming pool – book online – to book online you need to register with us on (01983) 752168 and we will give you a PIN.

Booking terms and conditions

ACTIVITIES

- Payment must be made in full at time of booking
- Users and members are asked to notify us as soon as possible if attendance at a booked activity is not possible
- No refund will be given for cancellations less than 24 hours before a booked activity
- We reserve the right to refuse further bookings from anyone who repeatedly does not honour their booking or the terms and conditions
- Bookings can be made 9 days ahead for Fun Hour and Open Swim. Other activities are available to book sooner
- All under 8's must be accompanied by an adult on the premises. For public swim sessions, Open Swims and Fun Hours, it is mandatory for an adult to be in the water with any child under the age of 8.

ONLINE BOOKINGS – CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- Only Fun Hour and Open Swim can be booked online
- Users/members must be registered, with a valid email address and issued with a unique PIN in order to be able to access the online booking portal. Please telephone and ask for your PIN and details

- We reserve the right to suspend an online booking account at any time
- Bookings can be made online up to 2 hours before the time of the booking. After that time bookings should be made over the phone
- Bookings can be cancelled online no later than 24 hours before the booking. After that time bookings must be cancelled over the phone
- Payments cannot be refunded online. Please call us to process your refund

SWIMMING COURSES

- In the event of a cancellation of a swimming course by a customer, full fee will be retained unless the place can be re-sold, in which case a refund of 80% of the fees or pro-rata if the course has commenced
- In the event of cancellation by us 100% refund will be issued or pro rata if the course has commenced
- Minimum age for swimming lessons is 4 years

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MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY 23RD – SUNDAY 31ST MAY



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www.westwight.org.uk
E-mail: info@westwight.org.uk

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