



Queensgate Newsletter

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



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Breakdancing and Beatboxing Workshops next week!

Dear families,

Next Thursday we have invited Creative Urban Activities to run workshops in Beatboxing and Breakdancing. Each Year group will get some time with the team - be active through the dancing and creative with the beatboxing. Previous feedback from the children has been excellent. Please can all children come to school in their PE kit on Thursday 18th September. I'm expecting many children to be getting Dojos for being **Creative** (in their dancing and singing), showing **Courage** (being brave enough to give it a go), showing **Curiosity** (wondering what these two activities are and seeing the possibilities in them, Working together showing **Collaboration** and of course being kind to each - showing **Compassion**. As you can see these workshops hit all of our values. I will share photos with you in next week's newsletter.



East Cowes Parochial Church Council donation

A big thank you to the church council for their kind donation of £50 for breakfast club. This will be spent on games and activities.

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Mountbatten Go Yellow Day

This year we are supporting Mountbatten's Go Yellow day on Friday October 10th. Chartwells are donating 10p from every meal sold that day and are also supporting the event by having a special menu. I will give more details closer to the date, this is just for your diaries!

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

We have received 37 applications for this role from children in Year 4, 5 and 6. It was great to receive so many, but it meant that myself and Mrs Rowsell had to be strict in who we take forward to the interviews next week. Those children in Years 4 and 5 who haven't been shortlisted will always have the following year to try again, and this goes for the children who won't be successful next week.

Open Evenings

As you will be aware, a lot of primary schools have surplus places as there are too many schools/places for the numbers of children on the Island. We will be having an advertising campaign to promote all of the great things that make Queensgate such a good school to come to. We are holding two Open Evenings for anyone on the Island to come and see Queensgate and what we can offer. These evenings will be on Tuesday 18th November between 4.30pm and 6.30pm and Thursday 27th November also between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. Although aimed at preschool children (ready for parents to decide in January '26 where to send their children the following September) it is obviously open to children in any Year group. I would be grateful if you would promote these days to anyone you know with primary aged children, or children that will be starting school in September '26. Anyone wishing a tour during the day should contact the school office on (01983) 292872 in the first instance.

Good News Postcards

Congratulations to all of these children who have earned themselves a Good News Card this week:

2JM - Nova, Joshua, Lyla-Rose

3AH - Bodhi, Daniel, Lenny, Max, Ace, Rosie, Arthur

3PT- Elijah, Sadie, Penny, Milly, Imogen, Titan

4MW - Abel, Oliver, Lena, Bella, Max, Kendall, Charlie F, Charlie S, Seb

5RA - Mia (2), Amber (2), Max (2), Luna, Jamie, Juniper, Dexter, Nimalan, Daisy, Mia, Adeline, Esmae, Ollie, Milana, Nathan

5TS - Ayia, Layla, Johnny, Benjamin, Freddie, Aryton, Tylan, Danielle, Theo

6TM - Keian, Jesse, Freddie, Teddy O, Flynn, Levi, Jack, Alfie, Scarlet, Mia, Tayla, Logan R

Some other children may have received Good News Cards - but names haven't been passed to me - please bare with us as it's a new system!

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Queensgate Out & About

On Tuesday morning, our **Year 2** Out and About children visited Nettlecombe Farm to support this term's Science learning about animal needs. The children learnt about the different animals (and variety of breeds) on the farm and had the opportunity to hand feed chickens, goats, sheep, alpacas, cows, and donkeys. It was really amazing to see the children supporting one another to develop confidence and get involved!



The children in **Year 4** are studying Charlie and the Chocolate Factory this half term. As part of their topic, the Out and About group visited The Isle of Wight Sweet factory at the Needles. The children learnt about the ingredients and process of making sweets and watched a demonstration using traditional machinery and methods from the early 19th century. The group were surprised by the high temperatures (approximately 150oC) that the granulated sugar, glucose syrup, and water needed to be heated to, to start the process.



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On Wednesday, our **Year 3** Out and About team visited Yarmouth to learn about the River Yar. This half term they will be studying the topic of Rivers in Geography. The children enjoyed a (rather wet) walk along the riverside, identifying the key features. They sketched the estuary and used watercolour pencils to add colour to their work.



Our **Year 1** Out and About children used maps to explore the local area, during their session on Wednesday afternoon. The group identified where the school is on the map and followed a route to the seafront, stopping off at play parks on route. They talked about where they live as well as other friends and family. The children looked at different symbols on the OS maps and discussed key geographical features of East Cowes.

"It was my first Out and About and it was really fun! We got to go to three parks!!!"

Jaxon M, 1CE



Queensgate Out & About

Just another friendly reminder that children should now wear their PE kits for Out and About (PE T-shirt, school sweatshirt, navy shorts/joggers/leggings) and suitable trainers or wellies. Don't forget, we go Out and About whatever the weather so please send your child with a waterproof coat (and waterproof trousers if they have them). Many thanks for your support.

Out and About next week...

Tuesday 16th September am

Year 2 (2JM)

Nettlecombe Farm

*Please note children need to wear wellies on the farm. If your child doesn't have any, please let us know so we can arrange for them to borrow some.

Clayton, Dylan, Jovi, Hunter, Coen, Elizabeth, Charlie, Molly, Niamh, Lyla-Rose, Theo WF and Joshua W.

Tuesday 16th September pm

Year 4 (4KG)

The Needles Sweet Demonstration

*Please note, we are likely to be late back due to traffic through Newport.

Poppy, Marleigh-Rose, Corey, Jimmy, Harry N, Jack P, Edward, Eli, Paisley T, Max, Arlo, Clara, AJ and Logan.

Wednesday 17th September am

Year 3 (3AH)

River Yar Walk

Ace, Arthur, Isabelle, Lenny, Matteo, Inara, Verbena, Holly, Sophie, Rosina, Nathan, Sully, Luke and Raemarni

Wednesday 17th September pm

Year 1 (1CE)

Local Area Walk

Ethan, Rafferty, Zia, James, Alex, Oscar, Clover, Cece, Darcie, Rosie and Ada.



Attendance

Whole School Attendance since 3rd September is 96.25%

Whole School Attendance this week is 95.98%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RJB & 1CE with 100%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5RA with 98.56%

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU		WEEK 2				
		W/C: 28/04/2025, 19/05/2025, 16/06/2025, 07/07/2025, 28/07/2025, 15/09/2025, 06/10/2025				
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	OPTION 2	Macaroni Cheese OR Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy OR Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta OR Vegetable Fajita Wrap Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips OR Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
	HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DESSERT		Apple and Golden Syrup Cake	Strawberry Jelly	Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Ice Cream	Lemon Cake
BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY With a choice of toppings		AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water		Chartwells Schools		
Vegetarian		Vegan	Oily Fish	Wholegrain	Fruity!	Nutritionist's Choice
Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.						

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Best wishes,

Chat

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Robin Chubb
Acting Headteacher



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Dear parent/carer,

Your child's school has chosen to be part of an exciting initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school.

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates

What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park **at least ten minutes away** from the school and walk the remaining journey.

If using public transport, hop off **at least ten minutes away** and walk the rest (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker).

Where walking to school isn't an option, we work with schools to establish a bespoke approach to WOW that works best for their pupils' needs.

If you have any questions on the adaptability of WOW or have suggestions of how we can improve, we would love to hear your thoughts. Please email walktoschool@livingstreets.org.uk

What is a WOW badge?

There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2025 – July 2026. Each badge has been designed by a pupil as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils walk/wheel, cycle, scoot, 'Park and Stride' or hop off at least once a week.

WOW 2025/26 encourages pupils to *Walk with Joy*, with badges depicting everything from jumping in puddles to painting

The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit:

livingstreets.org.uk/recycling

Last year, around 2,100 schools and over 540,000 pupils across the UK enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

Launching with you soon!

The Isle of Wight will be hosting a week of WOW launches in September, with **Queensgate Foundation Primary** having its launch on **Thursday- September 25th** with a visit from our mascot Strider (pictured below) outside the school in the AFTERNOON! We hope to see you there and that you join us in the excitement for this new initiative!

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact

juliette.cross@livingstreets.org.uk or find more information and useful videos at:
livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch

Let's swap those school runs for school walks.



EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



East Side Curve
Wednesday afternoons 3.30pm
Free to attend, no need to book.



Come and join us to enjoy an informal story session from 3.30pm to 4.00pm.

After stories, there will be some games and activities available if you wish to stay longer.

Email: library@eastcowestowncouncil.gov.uk
Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU
Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



East Side Curve
Wednesday mornings 10.15am
About 30 minutes of songs and rhymes.

Stay for a chat and choose some books to borrow.



Fun, informal and noisy session for babies and toddlers (0 to 5 years).

Support your child's learning development through songs, rhymes and rhythm activities.

Free to attend, no need to book. All welcome!

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Congratulations to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge this year. The Story Garden challenge officially ends on the 6th of September but we will keep going while we still have rewards in stock.

Don't forget our community library is free to access all year round.

A 0 - 16 years library card is still free. Ordering children's books is also free on this card. You can order books by bringing a list into the library or through the online library catalogue at www.iow.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-heritage. When your ordered book arrives in East Cowes we will contact you. (Adults are charged 80p for this service.) To access free online library services you will need your borrower number (under your card barcode) and a four digit PIN. You can request a new PIN at any library.

Due to the success of the summer holiday storytime sessions, we will be relaunching our weekly Story Time. This will be each Wednesday at 3.30pm for stories and book chat, then at about 4pm we will have some 4 - 7s board games and colouring for everyone who wants to stay a little longer. Rhyme Time will continue on Wednesday mornings for the 0 - 4s. Do check out our Town Council website for more information on community events.

We look forward to seeing you. Good luck and best wishes for the new school year!

Kind regards from library volunteer, Angie.

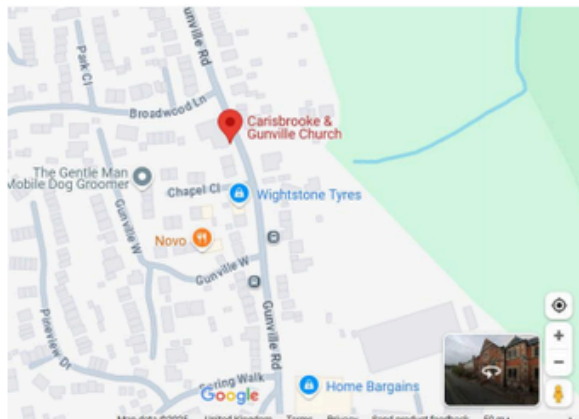




Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions

Where: Gunville Methodist Church Hall

When:



11th September 2025 (10am - 12 noon)

6th November 2025 (10am - 12 noon)

15th January 2026 (10am - 11am)

5th March 2026 (10am - 12 noon)

7th May 2026 (10am - 12 noon)

Come along to meet with other parents / caregivers for an informal meet up and chat about your neurodiversity journey. Refreshments provided. No need to book, just turn up.

Free onsite parking.

Drop-in Sessions For parents of Early years children with emerging



SEND



Please scan the QR code for
more information and to book

Come and join us for a friendly and informal drop in session, designed to provide support, advice, and a chance to connect with other parents and carers.

We often have Occupational Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists available to offer specialist advice.

10th September- Newport Family Centre

17th October- Sandown Family Centre

7th November- Ryde Family Centre

9th December- Newport Family Centre

9.30am - 10.30am or

10.30am - 11.30am

Vectis Rugby Club
Sunday 14th September
Training 2pm
Red Roses kick off: 4pm

GIRLS' RUGBY - BRING A FRIEND SESSION!

WE'RE INVITING ALL OUR GIRLS' RUGBY PLAYERS TO BRING A FRIEND (YR 6 + 7) ALONG TO TRAINING FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, GAMES, AND RUGBY SKILLS.

• ENJOY A TRAINING SESSION FOLLOWED BY WATCHING THE RED ROSES WORLD CUP MATCH.
• NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED - JUST SPORTS KIT, A SMILE, AND A CAN-DO ATTITUDE! LET'S SHOW THEM HOW GREAT OUR RUGBY FAMILY IS



Corisbrooke College

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Monday 29 September 2025
5.00 - 8.00 pm

Please join us for

- a short presentation, repeated at 5.15, 6.00 and 6.45 pm
- tours of the school

- opportunities to meet staff (including SEND) and current students
- Subject demonstrations

Please visit our website for more details: www.carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk



Medina College

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Meet our students, talk to our staff, tour the school and see our curriculum in action!



Tuesday 23 September 2025
5.00 - 8.00 pm

www.medina.iow.sch.uk

Unleash your creativity and write your own songs!

THE SONGWRITERS DEN

NO EXPERIENCE
NEEDED



- Learn different lyric writing techniques
- Find out how to create melodies
- Create chord progressions
- Try out new instruments
- Perform your songs at events and festivals
- Meet like minded people and share ideas

Contact us at islandmusicians@gmail.com to book your place for Sep 2025
£28 per month (half price for anyone in receipt of support services)

FOR 8 TO 16 YEAR OLDS
WEDNESDAYS - 4PM TO 5PM - SEPTEMBER TO JULY
NEWPORT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH