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Queensgate Newsletter

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

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Welcome back

Dear Families,

It was a real pleasure to invite all the children back after the Easter holidays and to hear about their half term activities and chocolate egg eating exploits! This half term is a relatively short one, but a very important one especially for our Year 6 children who will be sitting their SATs test during the week beginning 12th May. Diary dates for the summer term can be found later in this newsletter.

Staffing News

As you know the Governors did not appoint a new Head Teacher before the Easter holidays. The advert has gone back out and the governors, with support from the Local Authority, have started the process again. Interviews will be on 12th and 13th June. With reference to Mrs Sillito, I know she really appreciated the send off she received so thank you to all of you who managed to attend the clapping corridor. We all wish her every success in her new post - I'm sure she won't be a stranger and will visit Queensgate from time to time.

Today was the closing date for the temporary part-time position in Year 1 to backfill whilst Miss Crockford is on maternity leave. We will shortlist this coming Monday and have interviews on Tuesday 6th May - I will of course keep you updated.

You will soon be seeing an advert for a teacher vacancy at Queensgate. This is due to Miss Mawudoku handing in her notice. Miss Mawudoku has taught at Queensgate for 10 years and has been a teacher for 25 years having changed career from nursing. We wish her every success in her retirement and with whatever she chooses to do with her spare time! She will be greatly missed but if she decides to keep her hand in we will definitely invite her back for supply cover!

Year 4 Residential

Our Year 4's go to PGL on Monday - the weather looks spectacular. Please can parents remember to pack sunscreen, hats/caps and sunglasses for the children. We look forward to hearing all about it on their return; hopefully we will have a write up and photos in next week's newsletter.

Year 2 Trip to the Wildheart Sanctuary

On Tuesday 29th Year 2 will visit the Wildheart Sanctuary. Again children will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather and have sunscreen applied before arriving at school. Water bottles will be important too. Photos and write-up in next week's newsletter.

Sports News
After school today the Year 6 boys are in the football league final against Brading being held at Cowes. We wish them every success and hope they can bring yet another trophy back to Queensgate!

Year 6 Enterprise Initiative

After school today the Year 6 children hosted stalls on the front lawn. This is part of the their enterprise initiative. The children were tasked, in their PPA sessions last term, to come up with ideas on how to turn £2 into as much profit as they can. The proceeds will go towards the Year 6's and an activity of their choosing (after the SATS!). Thank you if you supported the Year 6's today.

Year 1 trip to Osborne

On Thursday, Year 1 children enjoyed a fun-filled day at Osborne House. We walked around the gardens, paying particular attention to the plants and trees. We walked down to the beach and back up again to have a well-deserved lunch outside the Swiss Cottage. Children enjoyed having a play in both play parks with a detour to the ice house in between. As always, our children were impeccably behaved. They showed consideration and good manners to other visitors of the house. Year 1, you are a credit to the Queensgate community. Well done

Tadpoles

Queensgate have kindly been given some tadpoles for our patch pond. Today the nest children went up to the patch to release them, they spoke about the life cycle of a frog and what happens next. The children explained that next the tadpoles will turn into frogs. Now they have been released into the pond the next step takes around 14 weeks.

Year 6 SATs

As mentioned earlier the Year 6 will sit their SATs during the week beginning 12th May, here is the timetable:

Monday 12th May English grammar, punctuation and Spelling Paper 1: questions
Monday 12th May English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 13th May English reading
Wednesday 14th May Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
Wednesday 14th May Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 15th May Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

The tests are strictly administered but it is worth reminding parents that some children are given extra time, some have scribes, some have the option to have questions read to them (apart from the reading paper), some have coloured paper - this is all standard practise and we, as a school, have applied for these extra measures. Mrs Tuck (one of our governors) is an x Head Teacher and will be coming into school to ensure that myself and the team are administering the tests correctly. It is also possible that we will get an unannounced visit from the Local Authority to check too.

Dates for your diary for the Summer Term

Monday 28th April - Year 4 Residential @ PGL

Tuesday 29th April - Year 2 Trip to Wildheart Animal Sanctuary

Thursday 1st May - Reception walk to Red Park

Friday 2nd May - 1.00pm Year 5/6 Quick Stix @ Smallbrook Stadium

Thursday 8th May - 12.30pm Year 3/4 Football Festival @ Smallbrook

W/B 12th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 23rd May - 2.45pm Year 6 Boys Cricket @ Greenmount

Friday 23rd May - MUFTI Day - Animal themed for the bears at Wildheart Sanctuary

Wednesday 4th June - Year 6 Residential @ Runways End

Thursday 5th June - Eco Day

Wednesday 11th June - Year 6 @ UKSA - Sailing

Thursday 12th June - 4.00pm Vocal Prom @ Carisbrook Castle

Wednesday 25th June - Class Group & Leavers Photos

Tuesday 1st July - 10.00am London Sinfonietta Concert @ Medina Theatre

Friday 4th July - Queensgate Summer Fayre

Tuesday 8th July - Queensgate Move up Morning and Year 6 transition Day

Monday 14th July - 9.00am KS1 Sports Day

Wednesday 16th July - From 3.15pm - School Discos

Thursday 17th July - 9.00am KS2 Sports Day

Tuesday 22nd July - 1.30 pm and 6.00pm Year 6 production to Parents

Thursday 24th July – 9.00am - Attendance Award trip

Monday 28th July - 1.30pm Year 6 Leavers assembly and Clapping Corridor

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Queensgate Out & About

The children in Reception are learning all about transport this half term. To support their learning, the Out and About group enjoyed a train ride from Ryde Esplanade to Brading, on Tuesday morning. They enjoyed going through a tunnel, under bridges, changing platforms and meeting different train staff. The children loved spotting lots of different modes of transport in Ryde too and had fun watching the hovercraft arrive.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Year 3 Out and About team walked along the river path of the Western Yar, in Yarmouth. This half term the children will be learning all about rivers within geography. The children noted features of the tidal estuary and had a go at using watercolour pencils to sketch the area.

To support the Year 1 topic of Planting and Growing, the Out and About children visited the Garlic Farm, in Newchurch, on Wednesday morning. The children used maps to follow a route around the farm. They learnt how garlic is planted in the Autumn (from a clove) and harvested in the Summer. The children had a great time playing frisbee golf in the woodland too!

"I really liked finding the animals. I liked the goats the best." Ananya.

"We went to the Garlic Farm and had a walk. My mum sells Garlic fudge there." Finley.

"My favourite bit at the Garlic Farm was the smell." Joshua.

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 2 Out and about group became nature explorers, when they visited Newtown. Inspired by their new topic about Charles Darwin, the children used binoculars and magnifying glasses to spot and identify any insects, birds and plants. They had a great time walking around the meadow, old harbour, boardwalk and spotting birds in the hide.

Queensgate Out & About

Out and About

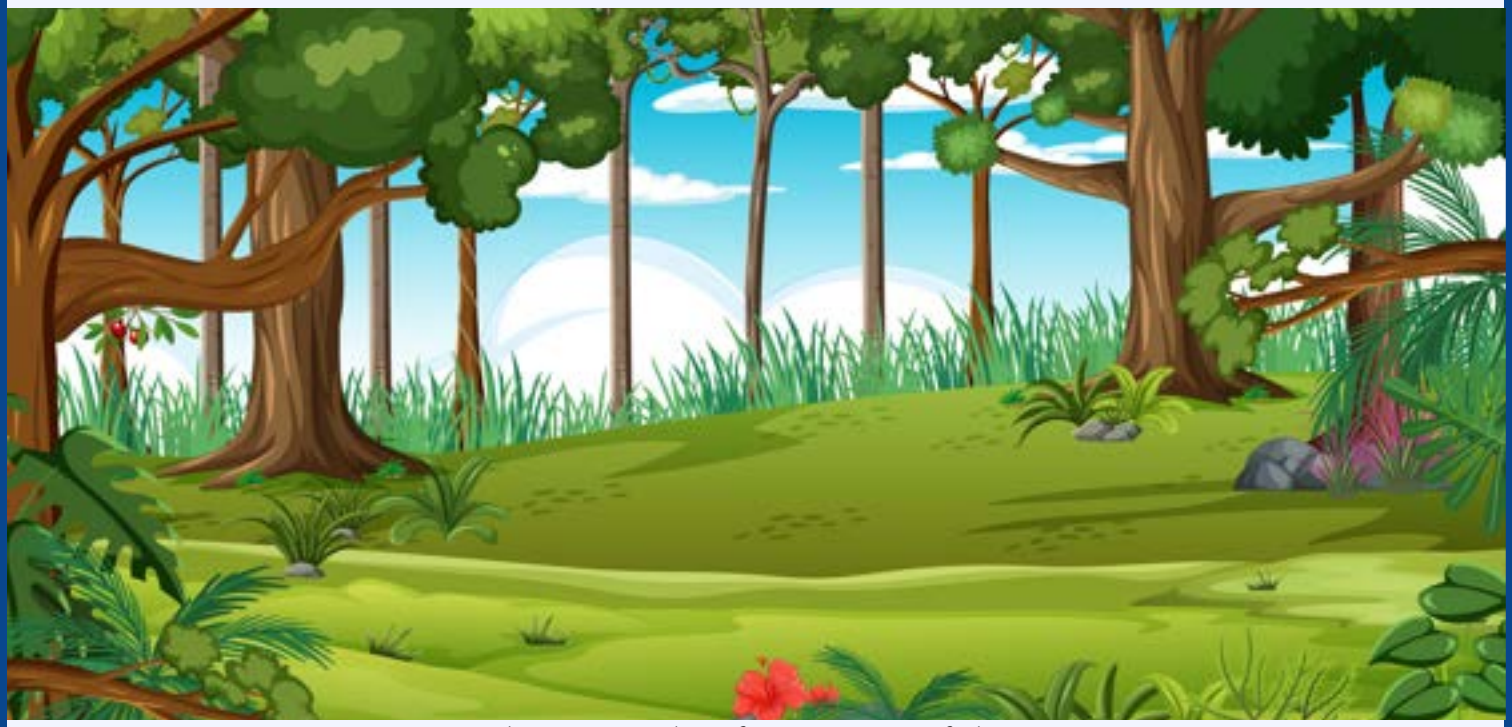
Please send your child to school wearing old play-clothes, suitable footwear, a sunhat and waterproof coat. We will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Tuesday 29th April am- Reception- RJB
Beach
Toby, Jaxon, George, Jack, William, Noah, Mavrick, Tilly, Chikaima, Elysia and Flora.

Tuesday 29th April pm- Year 3
Yarmouth River walk
Daisy, Pippa, Noah, Henry, Marleigh-Rose, Eli, Tyler, Lena, Lacey, Jack, Arlo, Harry H and William.

Wednesday 30th April am- Year 1- 1CE
Garlic Farm walk
Jacob, Ronney, Nova, Blake, Riley, Harper, Clayton, Dylan, Hunter, Archer, Emily, Niamh and Eliza.

Wednesday 30th April pm- Year 2- 2KG
Newtown walk
Ellis, Alfred, Freya, Roman, RJ, Mollie Matteo, Cassidy, Sophie, Poppy, Peyton, Marley, Charlie and Sully.



Biodiversity Group

On Thursday some of the biodiversity group went on a visit to Care in the Garden. They were told about the different plants and given some suggestions about what plants would grow well together. The children were then given a budget and had to select plants to go in the different areas of the garden. All the children enjoyed looking at the selection of plants available and had some hard decisions to make. They have selected a range of perennials, some ever greens, some climbing plants as well as some fruit and vegetables. Next task is to get the raised beds planted.

Football

Year 4 girls football festival

On Thursday 27th March, our Year 4 girls football team travelled over to Smallbrooke to take part in a girl's football festival. The children were all very excited about getting lots of playing time and showing off their skills. We faced a tough group and although the girls were slow to get going, made massive improvement in their team work and won their last two games. Well done Queensgate.

Year 6 boys football

On Friday 28th March, our Year 6 boys football team played against Barton Primary school, in the first of their two cup finals. The journey over to the 3G pitch in Cowes was electric with excitement and determination. The boys stepped onto the pitch and pushed hard from the first whistle and throughout the match. The goals came thick and fast finishing with a 4-0 win and a clean sheet! Gold medals and the Island finals cup were coming home with our boys. Focus now turns to their next cup final. Well done Queensgate.

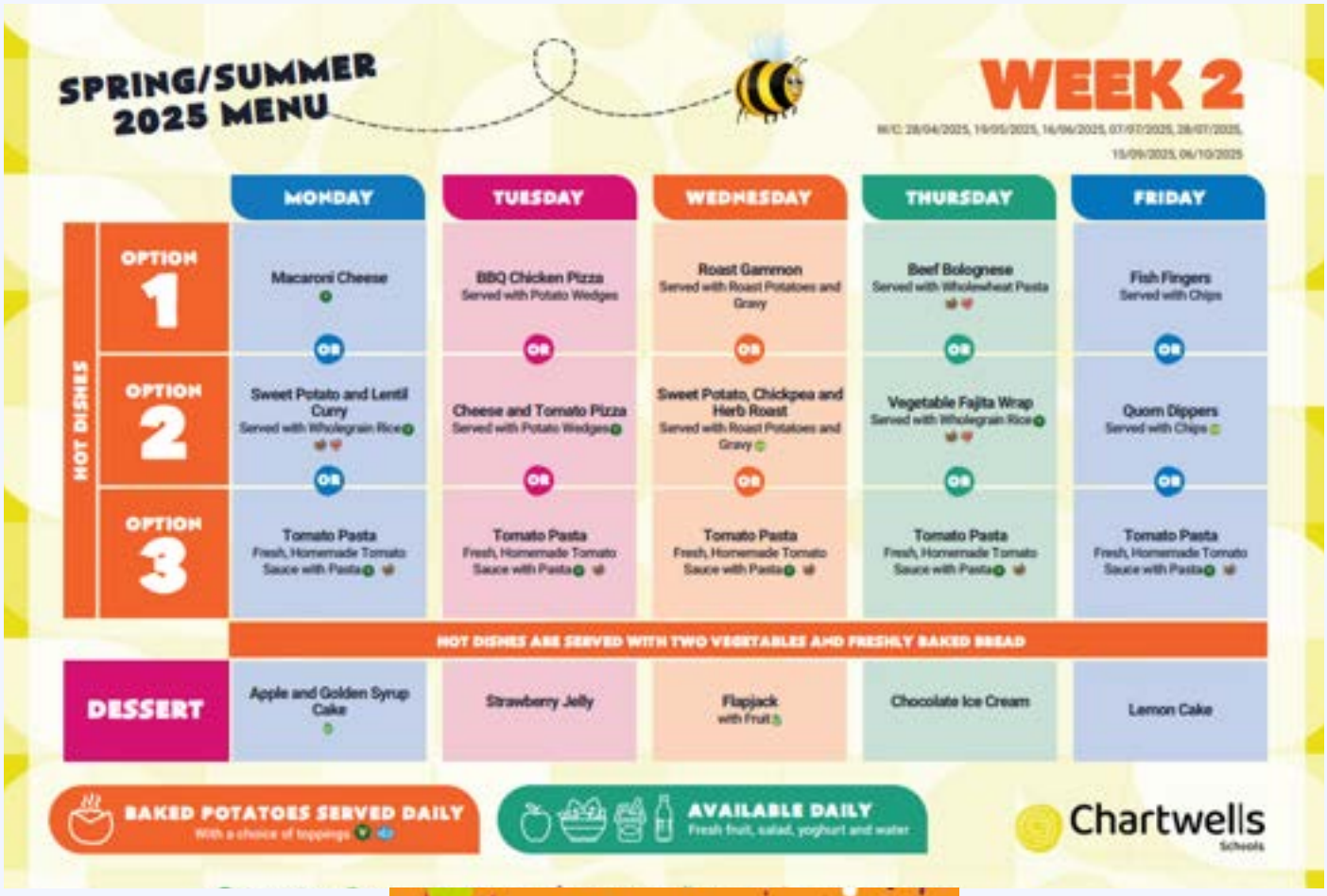
Year 5/6 girls football festival

On Friday 28th March, a team of Year 5/6 girls competed in a girl's football festival at Smallbrooke. This is a team that have never played together before and some that have never even played competitively. We faced four other schools in our group, starting with a 1-0 loss, followed by a 0-0 draw. This put some fire in the girls and suddenly everything started to click on the pitch. We won our 3rd game 1-0 (goal from Amelia) and our 4th 3-0 (goals from Sophia). The girls were on a roll at this point.

This meant we were through to the semi-final, facing Newchurch school. The girls fought so hard but ended with a 0-0 score at full time, an additional 3 minutes were played but still no goals. This could only mean one thing, penalties! Three girls stood on the spot; Sophia, Maya and Paloma. We scored one of our penalties! Thankfully Emmie braved our opponents shots in goal, saving all three!

We were in the final... this was to be played against St Helens, this was an intense match of end-to-end action, full time came with a 1-1 draw. It was decided by Mr Harris, the event organizer and referee of the match, that both teams were so equally matched, they would both receive gold medals. Both teams were more than happy to share 1st place, after all their hard work. Well done Queensgate.

What's for lunch next week …



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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES – OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
OR					
HOT DISHES – OPTION 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Fajita Wrap Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
OR					
HOT DISHES – 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

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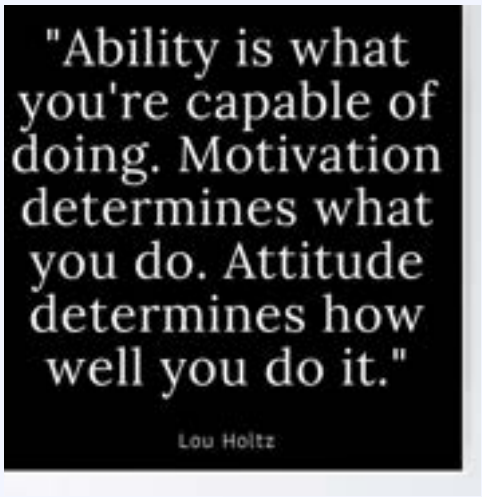
Attendance

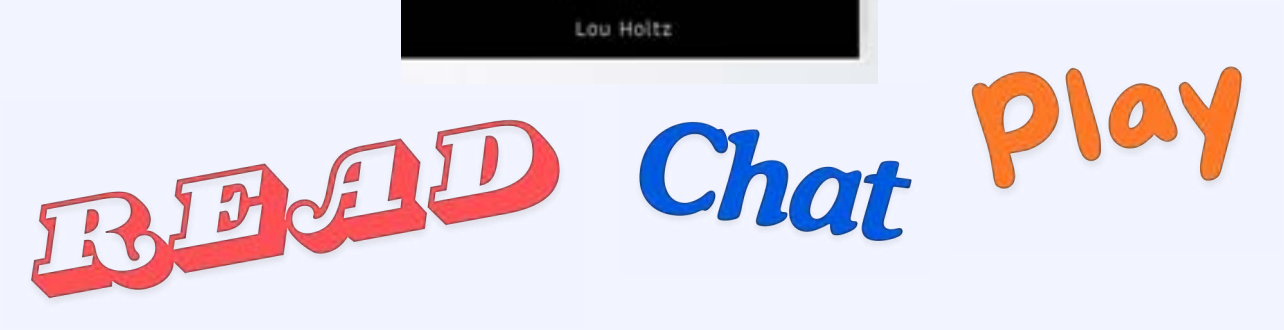
Whole School Attendance since September is 94.58%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.69%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 98.55%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6TM with 97.62%





Thank you for your kind and positive comments and asking me how I am getting along, it has been much appreciated. The Queensgate team are a fantastic team and we are all supporting each other to ensure that the children get the best possible education they can here at Queensgate. Have a wonderful weekend.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Robin Chubb
Headteacher

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new carnival

Circus Skills Course

Make your own juggling balls, flower sticks, poi, and staffs, then learn how to use them to boost brain function, coordination, and fitness.

No experience is necessary, and you can impress family and friends with your new skills this summer!

£30 (£20 Concessions)

Friday 2, 9, 16, 23rd May and 6 & 13th June
10am to 12:30pm
(Week off for half term on 30th May)

The Coaching House
13b Union Road
Ryde
PO33 2ER

For ages 19+
Booking is essential
Please call 01983 716095 or
Email Abigailnewcarnival.co.uk

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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

ADULT LEARNING

Summer 2025

All workshops and courses are for adults (19+ years old) and take place at The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde, PO33 1QS. To book your place go to www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses

IT

ICT courses are fully funded unless otherwise stated.

Computers for beginners
Six week course.
Thursday 24 April to 29 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm.
Monday 2 June to 7 July, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Essential digital skills for work
12 week course.
Tuesday 22 April to 15 July (no session on 27 May), 9.30am to 12pm.
Please note: there will be an exam in the final week.

Introduction to Powerpoint presentation
Workshop.
Monday 28 April, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Introduction to Excel
Workshop.
Monday 12 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Introduction to Word
Workshop.
Monday 19 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Everyday computer skills
Six week course.
Thursday 5 June to 10 July, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Create short videos from photographs
Workshop.
Sunday 1 June, 10am to 2pm.
Cost £22/£12*

For more information and to book your place.
iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses
01983 817280
acl@iow.gov.uk
IWCACL
*Concessionary rates are offered to learners who are in receipt of specific means tested benefits. Proof of eligibility required.

Art

Seascapes in oil using palette knives
Three week course.
Tuesday 29 April to 13 May, 9.30am to 12pm. Cost £48/£28*

Pen and wash
Workshop.
Thursday 1 May, 10am to 3pm.
Cost £36/£24*

World of collage
Workshop.
Monday 19 May 10am to 3pm.
Cost £36/£24*

Acrylic portraiture on canvas
Three week course.
Tuesday 3 to 17 June, 9.30am to 12pm. Cost £48/£28*

I wish I could draw
Workshop.
Saturday 14 June, 10am to 3pm.
Cost £36/£24*

Craft

Wire and silk painted suncatchers
Three week course.
Friday 9 to 23 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Cost £55/£32*

Modern mosaics
Two week course.
Friday 30 May and 13 June, 6pm to 8.30pm. Cost £40/£28*

Get hooked on crochet
Three week course.
Monday 2 to 16 June, 6pm to 8pm.
Cost £35/£20*

Willow sculpted birds
Workshop.
Friday 6 June, 10am to 1pm.
Cost £22/£15*

Embroidery for beginners
Workshop.
Sunday 29 June, 10am to 2pm.
Cost £25/£16*

Papier mâché tealight holders
Two week course.
Monday 7 to 14 July, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Cost £35/£20*

Japanese hapazome art
Workshop.
Saturday 12 July, 10am to 2pm.
Cost £25/£16*

Free online courses
To access a wide range of interactive and engaging short online courses - visit **iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses**

Health and wellbeing

Indian head massage
Workshop.
Sunday 27 April, 10am to 2pm.
Cost £22/£12*

Improve your self esteem
Three week course.
Tuesday 6 to 20 May, 6pm to 8pm. Cost £35/£20*

Workshop day

Sunday 11 May, 10am to 12pm or 1pm to 3pm.
Cost £10 each or £15 for both.

Macrame bracelets
Needle felted keyring
Beach themed sculptures

Careers appointments
Fully funded and offered at no cost. Call us to discuss your needs and book a one to one appointment with our career's adviser.

Learning and employment drop-in, Fridays 9.30am to 11.30am
Sessions on 25 April, 9 May, 23 May, 13 June and 25 July.

Computer support drop-in, Fridays 9.30am to 12.30pm
Sessions on 2 May, 16 May, 6 June, 20 June, 4 July and 18 July.

Isle of Wight Council

ANIMAL MUFTI DAY

Friday 23rd May 2025

School Council are hosting a mufti day to raise money for The Wildheart Animal Sanctuary in Sandown. This is to support them in rescuing Benji and Balu, the bears.

wildheart animal sanctuary

Please come to school dressed as an animal or in animal themed clothes. We suggest a donation of £1.

CARNIVAL WORKSHOPS

East Cowes Carnival is excited to offer FREE carnival workshops for all families on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Come along to create costumes and learn dance moves, to participate in the Mardi Gras and / or Summer carnivals across the Isle of Wight.

@EAST COWES SCOUT HUT ADELAIDE GROVE
STARTING 27TH APRIL 10 am - 12 pm

EAST COWES CARNIVAL

Come and make you own Costume to take part in the East Cowes Carnival August 23rd 2025 first time in 30 years!

East Cowes Carnival

MARDI GRAS

Come and make a Costume to take part in the New Carnival Mardi Gras on 5th of July

WINTER CARNIVALS

Come along and help us design the float for the Christmas Carnivals

DATES

27th April - welcome

4, 18 May 1, 15 June - Mardi Gras Making
6, 20 July 7 Sept - Carnival Costumes
21, Sept 5, 19 Oct - Fun Crafts
2, 16 Nov 7, 21 Dec - Christmas Designing
4, 18 Jan 1, 15 Feb 1 March - Fun Crafts

Subject to Change

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For more info visit our Facebook page or email eastcowescarnival@gmail.com

Get involved with girls' cricket on the Isle of Wight!

Isle of Wight Cricket
@isleofwightcricket
@IWCricket
@isleofwightcricket

There are four clubs with U11 & U15 Girls' cricket teams on the island for the 2025 season.

See below on how to contact them to join!

Arreton CC

Heasley Lane, Arreton, Newport, PO30 3AL

Pete Tarrant
petetarrant1971@gmail.com

Newport CC

Newclose County Cricket Ground, Blackwater Road, Newport, PO30 3BE

Ash Goldsmith
newportccgirls@gmail.com

Ryde CC

Harding Shute, Ryde, PO33 4AP

Tina Rowson
wgdo@isleofwightcricket.co.uk

Ventnor CC

Steephill Road, Ventnor, PO38 1UF

Ruth Noyes
ruthnoyes@icloud.com

Or contact the Isle of Wight Cricket Board directly
admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk
www.isleofwightcricket.co.uk

Is your child interested in cricket? Come and join one of our junior clubs!

Isle of Wight Cricket
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@IWCricket
@isleofwightcricket

		U11s	U13s	U15s	U11 Girls	U15 Girls
Arreton CC	petetarrant1971@gmail.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bembridge & St Helens CC	anna.benford@btinternet.com	✓	✓			
Cowes CC	j.robinson789@outlook.com	✓	✓	✓		
East Cowes CC	ebbsya@hotmail.co.uk	✓				
Freshwater CC	freshwatercc@hotmail.co.uk	✓	✓			
Newport CC	rdonald@bayceschool.org	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northwood CC	martyrichards@gmail.com	✓				
Ryde CC	andyday77@live.co.uk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shanklin & Godshill CC	guy.debelder@icloud.com	✓	✓	✓		
Ventnor CC	rjsnell86@googlemail.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Or contact the Isle of Wight Cricket Board directly
admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk
www.isleofwightcricket.co.uk