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Queensgate Newsletter

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

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What a busy week

Dear Families,

It's been a week of residentials and trips and what lovely weather they all had too! More about these in the coming pages.

This week, our Early Years teachers have been visiting pre-schools to begin to get to know the next intake of children in September.

As you know there are many surplus places across the island and Queensgate is no exception. If you know anyone who has a child of school age, please encourage them to come and have a tour of the school to see us in action.

Working Together for a Successful Future

Year 4 Residential

Year 4 arrived back from PGL yesterday having had a brilliant time.

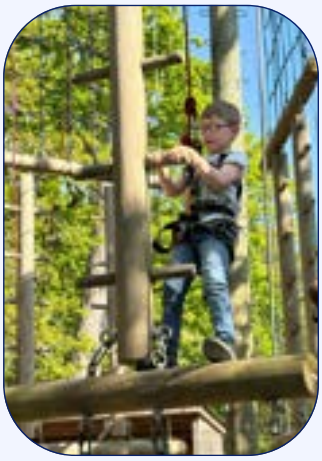
The children showed great resilience taking part in lots of new, exciting and challenging activities that took them out of their comfort zone, having a go at everything with a big smile and good humour, even when they felt nervous.

The activities that the children took part in included: vertical challenge, survivor, abseiling, balloon splash, swings, problem solving, archery and climbing.

The evenings were finished off with songs around the campfire and a well deserved hot chocolate before heading to bed.

Well done Year 4!

Ollie "It was good and very sunny. We did loads of activities and had our own cabins. We saw lots of red squirrels."
Annie "I found PGL really fun. My favourite activity was archery. Out of 10, I would give it 10 million."
Daisy "We had so many activities at PGL. My favourite was the problem solving."
Tylan "My favourite thing was the 3G swing. It was a massive swing and me and my friend went to the very top."



Working Together for a Successful Future

Reception walk to St Mildred's Church

This half term Reception are learning about transport and our local area. This week they took a lovely sunny walk from Queensgate to St. Mildred's church and then made maps of their walk.

Year 1 visit to Osborne House

Last Thursday, Year 1 children enjoyed a fun-filled day at Osborne House. They walked around the gardens, paying particular attention to the plants and trees. They 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.

Year 2 visit to Wildheart Animal Sanctuary

On Tuesday Year 2 went to the Wildheart Wildlife Animal Sanctuary.

The children had a lovey time finding out about all the different animals. They are learning about tigers in class so it was wonderful to see them in real life. The children also got to see the very nearly completed enclosure for the rescue bears Balu and Benji, that our school has raised money towards.

It looks like a fantastic site for these bears that have never laid a paw on grass....but will shortly be arriving. As always the playground was a highlight!

Sports News

Our Year 6 boys football team played Their last game of the year at Cowes High School where they faced Binstead. The game finished 1-0 to Queensgate.

Not only have the boys won the double of the league and cup, they were also unbeaten the whole year.

A very successful year for the Year 6 boys' team.

Year 6 Enterprise

On Friday 25th April, the Year 6 children completed their Enterprise Project and sold the goods they had made to the school community. They made a total of £80 profit which will be used for a treat during their end of SATs celebrations. Thank you to all of the families who supported the Year 6 event.

Year 6 SATS

As mentioned last week, 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 ex 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.

Queensgate Out & About

On Tuesday morning, our Reception Out and About team visited Ryde beach. The children enjoyed gathering shells, paddling in the sea, digging holes, building sandcastles, and making some amazing cakes and ice creams in their sand-kitchen! It was wonderful to see all the children playing together, taking turns and busy exploring.

The Year 3 Out and About group walked along the Western Yar, on Tuesday afternoon. The children have begun their topic on rivers and discussed the features of the tidal estuary. They all took great care to sketch the view from the riverbank in Yarmouth, using watercolour pencils to add colour to their work.

On Wednesday morning, our Year 1 Out and About children explored the grounds of the Garlic Farm, learning about how garlic is grown and the history of the site. The children loved spotting calves, squirrels, pheasants, ducklings, and goats, using maps to follow the trail around the farm.

Our little explorers from Year 2 had a super time at Newtown hunting for bugs and bird spotting, on Wednesday afternoon. The children had fun using the binoculars, bug pots and magnifying glasses in the 'discovery bags', borrowed from the National Trust visitors' centre. They were all keen to visit the bird hide and were super lucky to be able to see a seal!

Queensgate Out & About

Out and About next week...

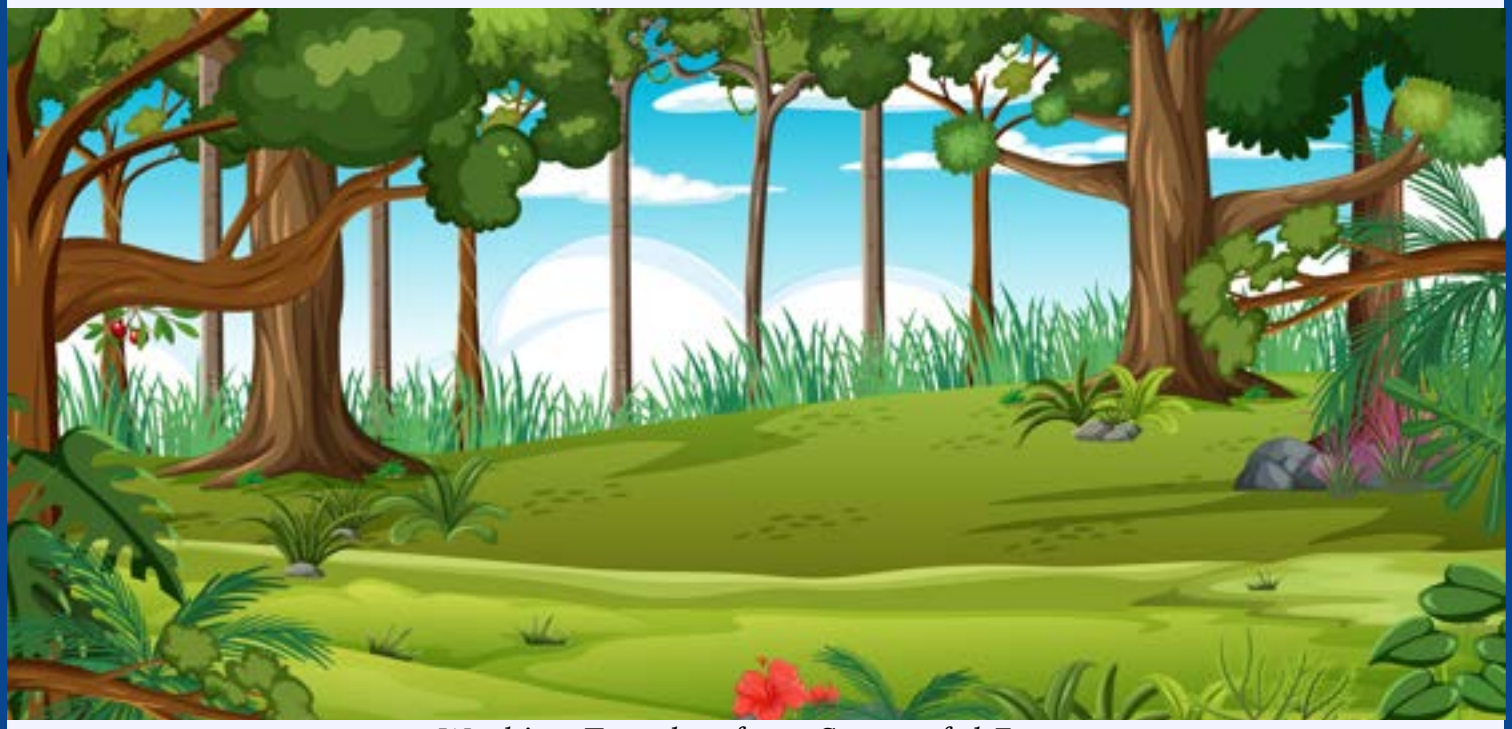
Please send your child to school wearing old play-clothes, suitable footwear and a sunhat. We will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and has suncream applied at home. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Tuesday 6th May am- Reception- RLM
Train ride
Ryder, Evie, Rafe, Freddie, Alf, Myah, Nia, Aurelia, Stanley, Teddi, Finley, Freya and Alfie.

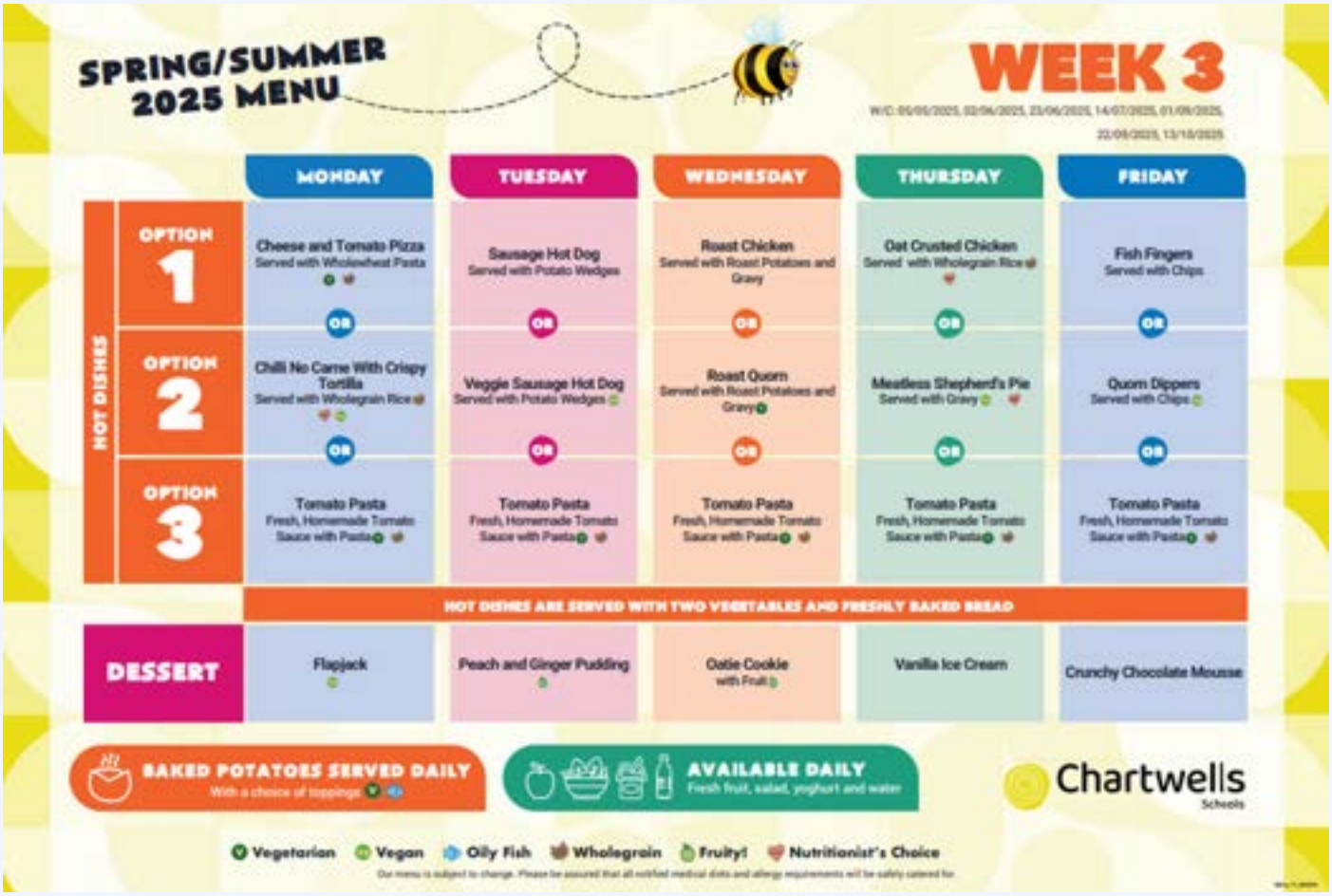
Tuesday 6th May pm- Year 3
Yarmouth River walk
Elijah, Figgy, Amelia-Lily, Seb, Leo, Kendall, Mia, Jesse, Joe, Harry, Charlie, Jimmy and Gracie-Mai.

Wednesday 7th May am- Year 1- 1CE
Farming walk
Jason, Kaden, Owen, Eden, Rosey, Amelia, Coen, Elizabeth, Molly, Theo, Lyla and Louie.

Wednesday 7th May pm- Year 2- 2KA
Newtown walk
Bowie, Jasper, Rudy, Marnie-Rae, Evelyn, Jack, Max, Daniel, Vienna, Arthur, Isabelle, Jake, Elsie-Mae and Harry.



What's for lunch next week ...



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 3

W/C: 05/05/2025, 02/06/2025, 23/06/2025, 14/07/2025, 01/09/2025, 22/09/2025, 13/10/2025

HOT DISHES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Oat Crusted Chicken Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
OPTION 2	Chilli No Carne With Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Veggie Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Shepherd's Pie Served with Gravy	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
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	Flapjack	Peach and Ginger Pudding	Oatie Cookie with Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse

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.

Is your little one starting school this September? Come hang out at Isle Imagine this June & July!

We're hosting playful afternoon meet-ups where kids can use their imagination, make new buddies, and get excited for school.
Parents, grab a coffee, meet other grown-ups in the same boat, and make it a little easier for you both.
Let's make those first-day feels a little more fun—for everyone

Each session will run from 12.00 til 2.00pm, and will have a designated seating area for your school with free crafts and cake!

Barton	02/06	Nettlestone	25/06
Bembridge CE	03/06	Newchurch	26/06
Binstead	04/06	Newport CE	27/06
Brading CE	05/06	Nine Acres	30/06
Brighstone CE	06/06	Niton	01/07
Broadlea	09/06	Northwood	02/07
Carisbrooke CE	10/06	Oakfield CE	03/07
Dover Park	11/06	Queensgate	04/07
Freashwater & Yarmouth	12/06	Shellfleet CE	07/07
Gatton & Lake	13/06	St Blasius Shanklin CE	08/07
Godshill	16/06	St Francis Catholic	09/07
Greenmount	17/06	St Helens	10/07
Gurnard	18/06	St Mary's Catholic	11/07
Haylands	19/06	St Saviour Catholic	14/07
Holy Cross Catholic	20/06	St Thomas of Canterbury	15/07
Hunnyhill	23/06	Summerfiekds	16/07
Lanesend	24/06	Wootton	17/07
		Wroxall	18/07

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.65%

Whole School Attendance this week is 96.09%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 99.48%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 99.04%

Have a lovely weekend and please remember that Monday is a bank holiday so the school is closed. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 6th May.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Robin Chubb
Acting Headteacher

Working Together for a Successful Future

Schools Walk the Wight 2025

There's still time to sign up for this amazing cause whilst also helping to get Queensgate on the Leader board! For more information or to register for 2025 School's Walk the Wight please use the link:

https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/schoolswalkthewight

Tiberius has now come out of hibernation and is already clocking up his miles !

Schools Walk the Wight Leaderboard		
1st	Broadlea Primary	£1181.85
2nd	Lanesend Primary	£1169.60
3rd	Carisbrooke CE Primary	£1167.60
4th	Wootton Primary	£1113.75
5th	Binstead Primary	£1051.60

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

Funded by Isle of Wight Council

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

Funded by Isle of Wight Council

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

Classorama

News from Naturezones April' 25

Reduced Fees School Visits 2025

The Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded Naturezones Wildlife Education Trust (NWET) a grant to support Scientific and Natural History educational visits to it's dedicated 10 acre site for primary school children on the Isle of Wight.

We can also accommodate some small-groups visits for free.

Curriculum subjects Naturezones can cover

- Everything Plants
- Habitats & Micro Habitats
- Bugs
- Life Cycles
- Food Chains
- Observation and Surveys
- The soil
- Carbon sequestration and Light
- Bird Migration
- Arts and crafts with natural materials

Planning your Spring/Summer Class visit?
Bring your science lessons alive at Naturezones
Led by our experienced workshop leaders

In Brief

Natures Table - For years 1,2,3,4 and 5. Sessions commence 10 am —2.30 pm'ish. **Max 30 children** normally £220/session **now £75/session**

Reception Class Special - 90 min visit. £80. **now £50.** Make it a morning session, bring a packed lunch and stay a little longer

Ten for Free - Normally in July. Suitable for the Eco group, special achievers, children that would benefit from an outdoor experience in nature.

Reduced prices are available until the grant is exhausted
1 session/school or 2 if there are 2 cohorts/yr
1 discounted visit per school

Greenmount—Activities were fun and informative. Instructors knowledgeable and enthusiastic

Wootton—Great, children kept busy and engaged throughout. Instructors, top quality, clearly experienced

Gatten and Lake—Better than expected. We have had an amazing time

Arreton—The flowerfree detective activities were very scientific and covered a lot of our objectives.

TO BOOK Your visit

Summer Term bookings are being taken on 1st May

Please supply 2 preferred date options

We need to know year group. Number in class (max30), curriculum subject to be covered.

Visit details are on the next page

NATUREZONES
Wildlife Field Study Centre
Giving nature a helping hand

Introduction

Our 10 acre Nature Reserve at Blackwater is designed to support primary school education on natural history subjects including the environment with links to literacy, numeracy, creativity. The scientific study of habitats. woodlands, ponds and meadows. The study of life cycles and food chains. Discovering natural materials, textures, colours and shapes

Numbers

We can take a class or group of up to **a max of 30** children/visit during the school day 10am—2.30 pm

Cost Sept 24—May 25

A £220. We require a deposit of £100 to confirm the booking

We have a booking form on our website or email angela.hewitt@btclick.com

www.naturezones.org.uk

Find us on Facebook

Naturezones Wildlife Education Trust

About Us

- Naturezones provides a safe environment for your children
- Our instructors are CRB checked and have 15 years experience in running school visits at our Field Study Centre
- We are fully public liability insured
- We work with children from reception to Yr 6
- Although we are an outdoor activity centre we have an indoor education pavilion should it rain. But, we don't let rain put us off and recommend that children come prepared for all weathers.
- Toilet facilities

A typical visit will commence with the coach dropping your children at the bus stop opposite Blackwater Mill care home where we will meet them and conduct a nature walk along the cycle track to our centre. Energy expended, children will be ready to have a really good learning experience.

After our safety talk children will either be split into 2 groups or groups of 6. Activities will be divided and after a hot chocolate/squash break in our woodland circle, groups will swap over.

We will return to the barn approx' 12.30 where they will eat the packed lunch that they have brought with them. After lunch there will be a short playtime. We will go over what the children have learnt and then do an art activity (Day Diary) before returning along the cycle track to catch the coach back to school.

The Journey: Coming by mini bus? You can drive right up to the centre. We have a small car park. *It can be arranged for parents to collect children from Naturezones at the end of the day.* ***We have a small car park so we encourage car sharing.*** *Please ask parents to turn off engines while waiting. (CO2 emissions initiative)*

Pocket Money: *Optional, recommend £2/3 spend.*

Note to Schools: Attending school staff will be acting Loco Parentis

So as not to waste the day please ensure children go to the toilet before setting off.

Please take any rubbish away with you. Thank you

East Cowes Cricket Club

East Cowes Cricket Club Colts

Cricket Training SESSIONS

The sessions will cover cricket skills through activities and practice matches to ensure a fun enviornment for beginners and experienced cricketers. All children welcome

Starting Thursday 24th April

THURSDAY EVENINGS
6-7.30PM
(Weather permitting)

- Open to all aged 8-14
- First session FREE
- £3 a week after
- Opportunites to play in a team

CONTACT JENN:
07717477876
jebbs85@hotmail.co.uk

LOCATION:
East Cowes Sports Ground
Beatrice Avenue
East Cowes
PO32 6LW

CHARITY 4K FUN RUN

Join us to raise money for East Cowes Carnival 2025! Register here

MAY THE 4TH, 2025

2.30pm-4pm | The Pavillion CIC, East Cowes

Prizes for best dressed adult and child (under 16)
Star Wars Themed

£3 Suggested registration donations (to cover event costs)
Registration and Sponsor forms can be collected from The Pavilion CIC, The Lifeboat Pub or East Cowes Library (The Curve)
Please return these either on the day with the sponsorship or to The Pavilion CIC by May 3rd

Cowes Enterprise College
An Ormiston Academy

Crossfield Avenue
Cowes
Isle of Wight
PO31 8HB
Tel: 01983 203103
E-mail: info@cowesec.org
Website: www.cowesec.org
Principal: Mrs Rachel Kitley
1st May 2025

Educate for life

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of upcoming changes to our school hours, designed to align with updated government guidance. The Department for Education has issued guidance to help schools in England that currently offer a school week below 32.5 hours to meet the minimum expectation announced in the Schools White Paper in March 2022.

Currently, our school day runs from 8:30am to 2:45pm, meaning we fall 35 minutes short of this requirement each week.

After careful consideration, the academy's Senior Leadership Team and Ormiston Academies Trust have developed a proposal that will support school improvement priorities and enhance student learning outcomes. To comply with this directive, we will be making a small adjustment to our timetable.

Beginning from September 2025, the new school hours will be:

Time	Activity
8:30 – 9:00	Tutor Period
9:00 – 10:00	Period 1
10:00 – 11:00	Period 2
11:00 – 11:20	Morning Break
11:20 – 12:20	Period 3
12:20 – 1:00	Lunch
13:00 – 14:00	Period 4
14:00 – 15:00	Period 5

This adjustment ensures compliance with government guidance while maintaining a structure similar to our current schedule, with an additional 15 minutes at the end of the day.

Consultation Period:

We value your input and welcome your feedback regarding this adjustment. **The consultation period will be open from 5th May to 30th May 2025.** If you have any comments or concerns, please share them via email at info@cowesec.org. We will carefully consider all responses during the consultation period, and a final decision will be communicated in June.

We appreciate your continued support and aim to provide parents and carers with as much notice as possible ahead of the adjustment in September 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Kitley
Principal

NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Occupational therapy
Parent advice sessions

The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks - e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- Preschool / school readiness

Session Dates for 2025
(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 18 September, 16 October, 20 November

Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on **01983 534520** or via email to **iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net**

Sessions will take place at the Childrens Therapies Department, St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight