



Queensgate Newsletter

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



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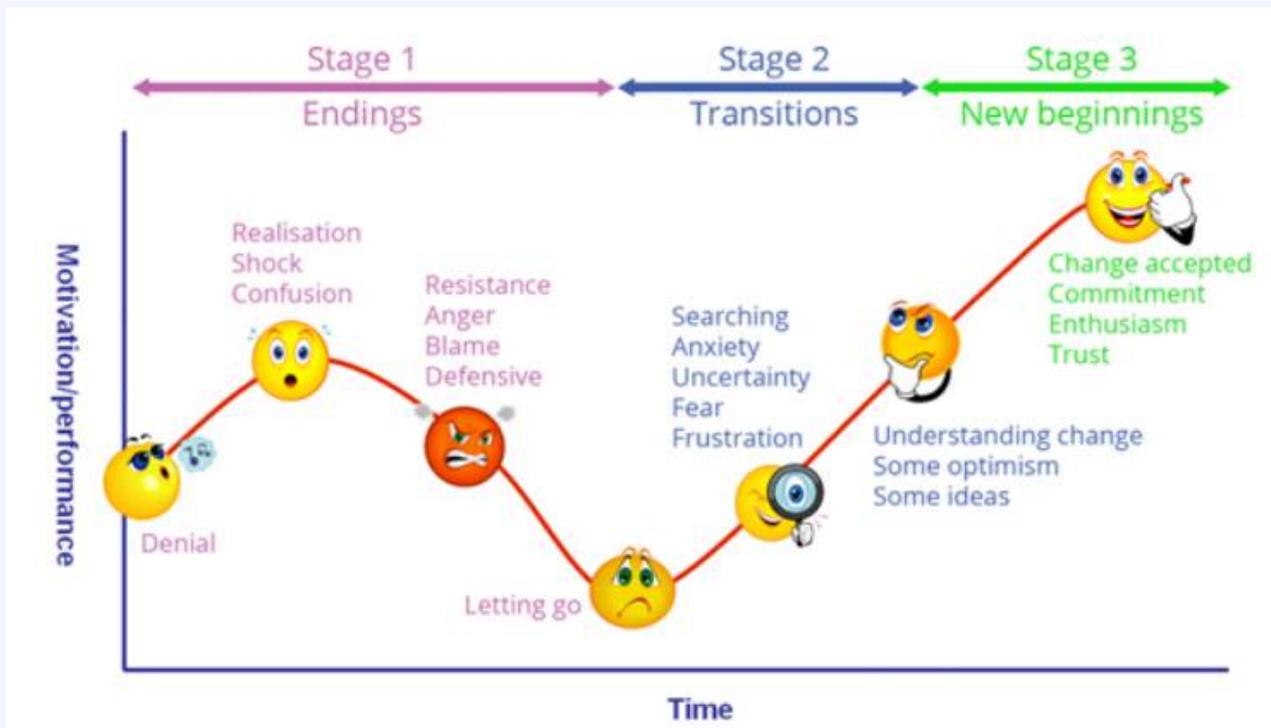
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Move up morning - Next Tuesday

Dear families,

Move up Morning

Next Tuesday (8th July) our Year 6 children will visit their secondary schools. This is also when the rest of the school find out who their new teacher in September will be. They will spend the morning with them, beginning those important relationships that will see them progress in the next academic year. Where classes have been mixed, it has been decided with careful thought around learning first and foremost. I know that Queensgate cannot please everyone all of the time and we are sorry if you or your child feel hard done by. On the next page is a change curve that everyone experiences when something new is introduced. It may help you understand that what you are feeling is normal and things will eventually get back on an even keel. We will not change any of our decisions as it is too complicated and once we say yes to one parent, then we would have to say yes to everyone! Remember these children (whatever age they were) went through Covid and lockdowns - they will be resilient to class changes!



Showcase Evening

Next Wednesday (9th July) is our Showcase evening. This is an opportunity for families to visit the school, tour the site with your child, visit their old classroom to see some of their work, then go and meet their new teacher. The school opens to the public at 5pm and closes at 6pm. Myself and Mrs Grant will be on the main door welcoming you and escorting you out. Feel free to ask any questions and we will endeavour to answer them!

PTFA News

Thank you to everyone that supported the Summer Fair today. I will let you know the total money raised in next week's newsletter.

Our summer Disco is on Wednesday 16th July. Times are:

Reception 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Y1-3 4:00pm - 5:15pm

Y4-6 5:30pm - 6:45pm

It is £2 for reception and £2.50 for Y1-5. Y6 have free entry as it is their leavers Disco. We will have our tuck shop as usual with treats for both the Y1-3 and Y4-6 discos. We are looking for some extra help from some volunteers to help run the tuck shop. If you are able to help out, maybe whilst your child is in the disco or just for a short period, that would be amazing. We ideally need someone to help out 15 mins before the start of each discos as children start to arrive and will head straight to the tuck shop and this is usually the busiest time during the disco. If you can help out please email ptfa@queensgateprimary.co.uk with what you are able to help out with.

On a worrying note, I have been advised by the Chair of the PTFA that two members of the committee will be leaving at the end of this academic year which means that the PTFA is in danger of not being able to function as it doesn't have enough members. Please can I urge anyone who has a small amount of spare time to get in contact with the Chair, Mike Harris (ptfa@queensgateprimary.co.uk), to offer their services. Many thanks

Parent Workshops from Love Matters

Unfortunately, these workshops on the 7th and 14th July have been postponed until the Autumn term. We will let you know new dates as soon as possible.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Once again it is time for myself and Mrs Grant to speak with all the teachers about the children in their class. Final assessments have taken place and we will talk around whether children have reached their target or not. If they have, new targets will be set, if they haven't then a plan is put in place to make up the gap in the coming weeks. These meetings also include the new teachers so that they can hear, first hand, about the children they will be working with, this is so they can hit the ground running in September.

Dates to remember

Monday 7th July - Year 6 Quad Kids Final - Hampshire

Tuesday 8th July - Queensgate Move Up morning and Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday 9th July - Showcase Evening - 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Thursday 10th July - Year 6 Cruise Ship Challenge at Isle of Wight College - 9.00am - 2.30pm

Friday 11th July - Year 6 Hampshire Handball Finals - 9.30am - 3.00pm

Monday 14th July - KS1 Sports Day - 9.00am - 11.30am

Tuesday 15th July - Year 1 Trip to Appley Beach - 9.00am - 3.15pm

Tuesday 15th July - Reception Trip to Southsea Aquarium - 9.45pm - 3.45pm

Wednesday 16th July - School Discos

- Year R - 3.15pm - 3.45pm
- Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 - 4.00pm - 5.15pm
- Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 5.30pm - 6.45pm

Thursday 17th July - KS2 Sports Day 9.00am - 12.00pm

Tuesday 22nd July - Year 6 Production to Parents - 1.30pm - 2.30pm and 6.00pm - 7.15pm

Thursday 24th July - Attendance Award Trip - 9.00am - 2.30pm

Friday 25th July - Year 3 Trip to Robin Hill - 9.00am - 3.00pm

Monday 28th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly followed by clapping corridor - 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Ocean Stem Day

Ocean Race STEM Day - Wednesday 2nd July 2025

The Ocean Race Europe is coming to Portsmouth this summer, it will feature high intensity racing and focuses on championing ocean health, climate action and global citizenship. To support this exciting event, Portsmouth International Port invited us to spend the day engaging in a multitude of exciting STEM stations looking at marine careers and ocean health. This fabulous event was fully funded by Portsmouth International Port. We would like to thank Chris Hatter, Head of Compliance and his team at the Port for providing this exciting opportunity for our children.

The Portsmouth Ocean Live Park will be free to attend and open from 14th - 17th August at Gunwharf Quays.
portsmouth-port.co.uk



Working Together for a Successful Future

World Record Attempt

On Tuesday a group of children took part in Jamie Oliver's pasta for champions. We joined a live zoom to follow one of Jamie's chefs to make a delicious pasta recipe. We even made our very own pasta!

This was an attempt to get in the Guinness Book of World Records to see how many children we could get cooking at one time.

The children were incredible as no help was allowed to be given from the adults in the room. They followed the live zoom incredibly well and managed to keep in time with all the instructions given. Their pasta making skills were amazing and they learnt how to make different types of pasta shapes which were pici and gnocchetti. The children had so much fun making these shapes although they had to work quickly.

The children made a no cook tomato based sauce using fresh ingredients. They demonstrated excellent chopping skills throughout.

At the end of the session the children were able to eat the delicious pasta they made and they all really enjoyed it.

Adeline said "I enjoyed myself and making the pasta was fun we used eggs and flour to make a dough and made pasta shapes. My favourite shape to make was gnocchetti, we used the back of the fork to roll our dough down to make a shape. We cut tomatoes and basil to make a delicious pasta sauce. It tasted fantastic – I have taken the recipe home to make it again!"

George said "First we made the dough, then we started kneading the dough. Then we made the tomato sauce, then we made the dough into different shapes, we could either make pici or gnocchetti shapes, pici was my favourite shape to make it was easy! We then cooked the pasta, once it started to cook it expanded. Then we put the pasta in to the tomato sauce and mixed together ready to eat. I added extra salt for seasoning. It was very delicious and refreshing."



Queensgate Out & About

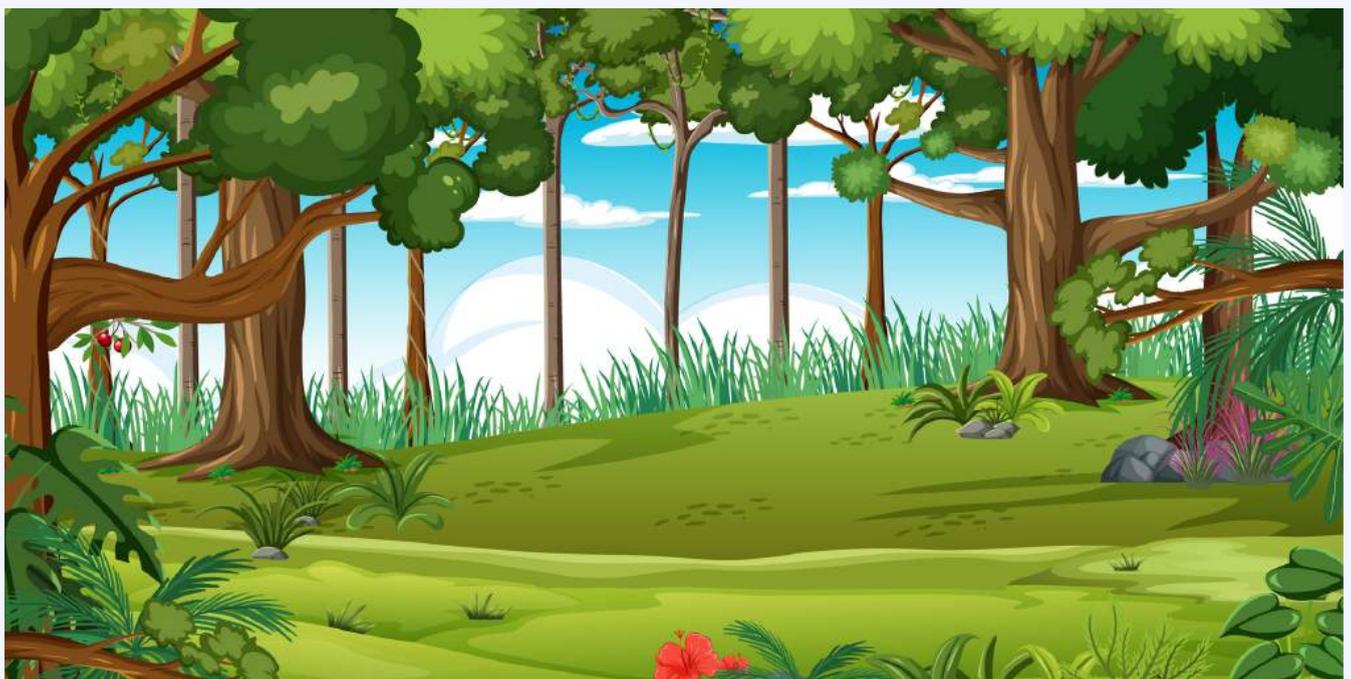
In Year 1, the children have been learning about the heroic story of Grace Darling and the role of lighthouses. This week our Out and About team visited The Needles pleasure park and walked down to Alum Bay. The children learnt about the Needles lighthouse and listened to lighthouse themed stories on the beach. They were amazed that it has a helipad on the top of it and fascinated by the coloured sands within the cliffs.



On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 3 Out and About children visited Godshill play-park to explore forces in action, as part of their current Science topic. Most of the children hadn't visited the park so they had fun exploring the new equipment. They worked in pairs to identify if a push or pull force was changing which way an object moved. It was a warm afternoon, so the children enjoyed ice-pops to cool down!



In Science, our Year 2s have been learning about the importance of, and impact of, exercise on our bodies. The Out and About group visited Culver Down, where they recorded their resting heart rate using a pulse oximeter. The children then walked down to Whitecliff Bay, enjoyed a play on the beach, before the steep walk back up to the minibus. They re-tested their pulse rate when they got back to the bus. The group confidently discussed why it had increased and explained that their heart had to beat faster to pump the oxygen in their blood to their muscles!



Queensgate Out & About

Out and about...

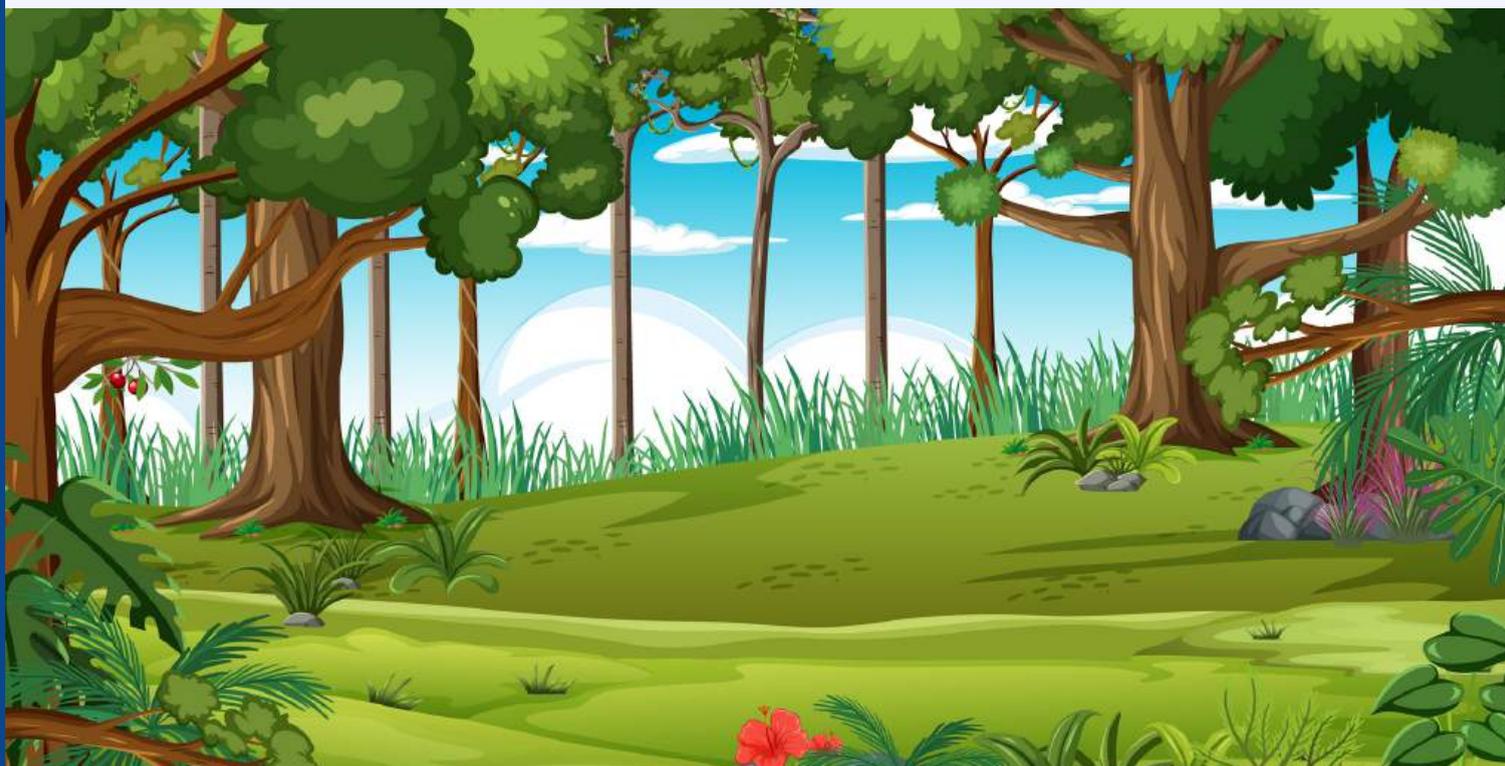
Please send your child to school wearing old play-clothes, suitable footwear, a sunhat and waterproof coat. We will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and has suncream applied at home. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Tuesday 8th July am - Reception
No O&A due to Transition morning

Tuesday 8th July pm - Year 3
Godshill Play-park
Elijah, Figgy, Amelia-Lily, Seb, Leo, Kendall, Mia, Jesse, Joe, Harry, Charlie, Jimmy and Gracie-Mai.

Wednesday 9th July am - Year 1 - 1CE
Alum Bay
Jason, Kaden, Owen, Eden, Rosey, Amelia, Coen, Elizabeth, Molly, Theo, Lyla and Louie.

Wednesday 9th July pm - Year 2 - 2KA
Culver Down
Bowie, Jasper, Rudy, Marnie-Rae, Evelyn, Jack, Max, Daniel, Vienna, Arthur, Isabelle, Jake, Elsie-Mae and Harry.





Eco Schools

GREAT NEWS!

We have just received our first feedback from Solar Panels for Schools and are delighted to say in the last quarter we have managed to save **£513.00!**

Not only that but our saving means we have saved **6,235kg** of CO2. This is the equivalent of planting and caring for **7 trees** over a period of **40 years!**

We've included some tips below to help you have a sustainable summer, whilst at the same time leaving as little of an environmental footprint as possible. Make sustainability a way of life. Every small step counts towards a more ethical and sustainable future for our children. Make summer a time of fun and environmental awareness.

Eco Tips!

- Having a summertime picnic this year? Try using either reusable or biodegradable plates, cups and cutlery in place of single use plastics
- We all think about BBQs at this time of year. Charcoal BBQs can emit dangerous fumes. Consider buying a cleaner, more energy efficient BBQ which uses electricity or propane
- Going to the beach? Take your rubbish home with you; help to preserve the beach and sea.
- Rooms too hot? Utilise energy efficient fans, close your blinds or curtains during the hottest times of the day

Inspiring children to contribute to a greener environment and world is something we could and should do.



What's for lunch next week ...



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 2

WC: 28/04/2025, 19/05/2025, 14/06/2025, 07/07/2025, 28/07/2025, 15/08/2025, 06/10/2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
OPTION 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Sweet Potato, Chickpeas and Herb Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Fajita Wrap Served with Wholegrain Rice	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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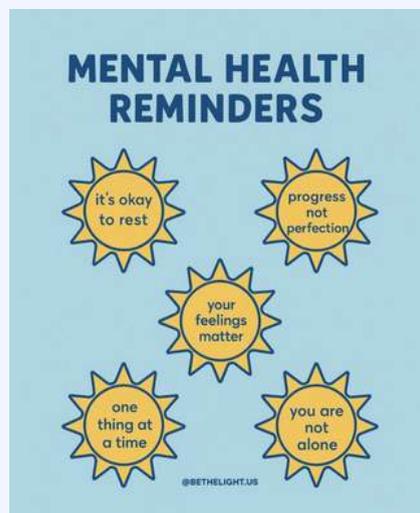
Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.28%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.33%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 97.50%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 99.57%



READ

Chat

Play

And finally...

Have a lovely weekend, looks like another scorcher!

Best wishes,

Robin Chubb
Acting Headteacher



Working Together for a Successful Future

NHS 111 Online & Local Pharmacies

NHS 111 online and local pharmacies can help you get the right care

People with urgent but non-life-threatening medical needs are encouraged to use NHS 111 online to get quick advice and be directed to the most appropriate care, especially over the bank holiday weekend when services are expected to be busy.

NHS 111 online is a fast and easy-to-use alternative to the NHS 111 phone service. It can provide help for people 5 years and over by assessing symptoms, giving advice on what to do next, and connecting people to local services without having to wait on the phone.

Whether you need help with a minor injury, mental health support, advice about dental pain, or emergency medication, NHS 111 online is available 24/7. It's especially useful if you can't get a GP appointment or your surgery is closed.

Sophia from Newport recently searched 111.nhs.uk for help when she woke up with red, itchy insect bites after a family BBQ. When they started getting worse, she used NHS 111 online for advice and was directed to her local pharmacy. The pharmacist recommended a cream and gave her tips on managing the symptoms including what to do if the bites got worse.

Sophia said: "I was glad I went online first. A friend suggested I go to hospital but that didn't feel right for a few bites. The pharmacy was exactly what I needed."

You can access NHS 111 by:

Visiting 111.nhs.uk

Using the NHS App

Calling 111

Lee Haward, IW Ambulance Service Head of Clinical Coordination Centre, said: "If you've got access to the internet, NHS 111 online is a really quick and easy way to get help. It works just like calling 111, but you can do it all online, anytime, day or night. Just go to the NHS 111 website or use the NHS App, answer a few questions about how you're feeling, and it will guide you to the right care. It's really easy to use and there when you need help."

Pharmacies can help with minor illnesses - Your local pharmacy is also a great source of expert help for minor conditions. As part of the Pharmacy First scheme, many community pharmacies can now offer clinical advice and treatment for common illnesses without the need to see a GP:

Sinusitis

Sore throat

Earache

Infected insect bites

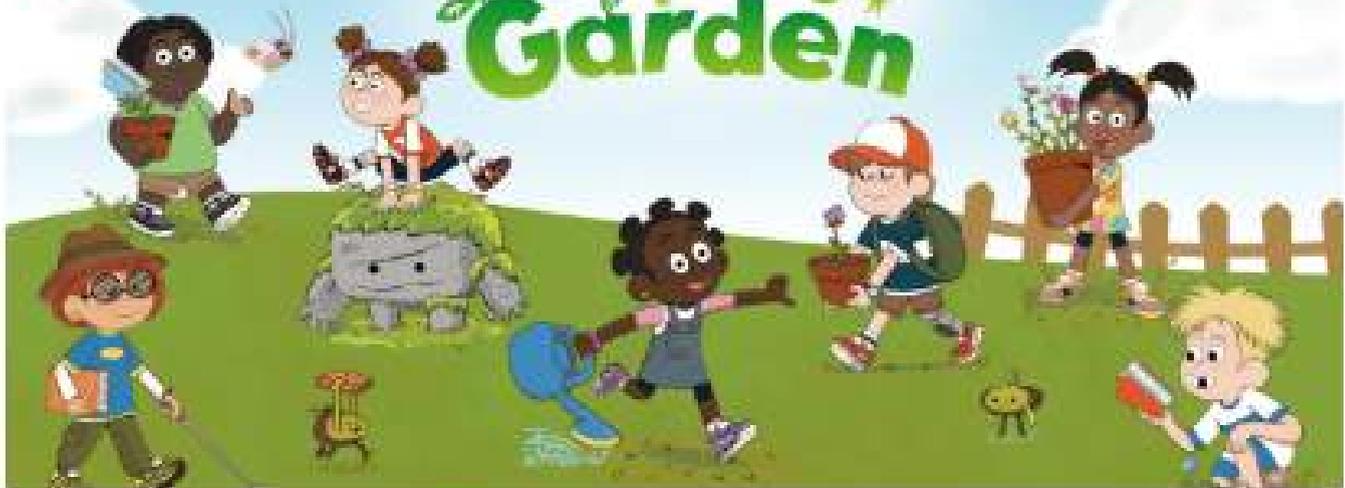
Impetigo (a bacterial skin infection)

Shingles

Uncomplicated urinary tract infections (in women)

Pharmacists are qualified healthcare professionals who can provide advice, reassurance, and treatment options, often with no need for an appointment. Many pharmacies will remain open over the bank holiday weekend. You can find a list of pharmacies online

Story Garden



SUPER SIGN-UP SATURDAY

Join the
Summer Reading Challenge
on **5th July!**

EAST COWES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



We are based in the East Side Curve, our community hub beside the Town Hall in York Avenue.

Do pop in to see us, use our facilities and meet the staff and volunteers.

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to 1pm

- books for adults and children to browse and borrow
- books to request from stock or library service order
- monthly reading, arts and creative writing groups
- weekly Rhyme Time, Lots Time, games and puzzles
- bus pass applications, printing and copying
- free wifi, laptop computer access and charging points
- help with enquiries, information and onward support
- a comfortable area to read newspapers and relax
- a 'Warm, Welcome and Safe Space'
- a cafe area with free coffee, tea, soup & chilled water

For more information go to:
www.eastcowes.towncouncil.gov.uk/community-events/41870

Email: library@eastcowes.towncouncil.gov.uk

Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, PO32 6RU

Phone: 01983 299082 (option 5)

The Reading Agency is delighted to announce the theme for the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge: Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors.

Throughout the summer, children joining 'Story Garden' can discover new books, participate in free activities at their local library, and explore the link between reading and the great outdoors, where nature and imagination come together.

Recent research shows that children's enjoyment and engagement in reading is in decline, despite research from the OECD showing that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more important than either parents' educational background or household income.

The Summer Reading Challenge supports children to get excited about reading throughout the summer, helping to maintain their reading at a time when engagement can often dip.

East Cowes Community Library is proud to be supporting the Summer Reading Challenge at The East Side Curve.

Look out for more information about Story Time Plus sessions at our library on Wednesdays during the school summer holiday from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

Also join in with a couple of special outdoor events thanks to East Cowes Town Council.

Resources for Reception



The Reception classes are working on developing their inside and outside areas... if your child has outgrown any old toys or you are having a clear out at home please consider donating to us. We are looking for.....

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Puzzles | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby dolls and accessories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clock | <input type="checkbox"/> Toy pram |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Water toys - funnels, colander, sieves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small pet bed | <input type="checkbox"/> Soft toy animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tea, coffee, sugar jars | <input type="checkbox"/> Calendar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap dispenser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recipe books | <input type="checkbox"/> Teapots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baking tins/utensils | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft supplies - fabric, ribbon etc |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board games | |

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Silly Sentence

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EVERY TUESDAY @ 2PM ON ZOOM

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
2:00-3:00 PM

Starts Tuesday 29th July

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Odd socks optional

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Please contact our team on 01983 853721

You can also visit our practice at 4, Church Street, Ventnor PO38 1SW to make an appointment.



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Working in partnership with the
Isle of Wight Music Education Hub



Instrumental & Vocal Music Lessons in Schools

Wight Music Tuition is pleased to be able to include the following lessons on offer to children in schools on the Island:

Guitar, Bass Guitar, Mandolin, Ukulele, Recorder, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophones, Bassoon, Cornet, Trumpet, Flugel Horn, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Baritone, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Drums Kit, Timpani, Orchestral Percussion, Tuned Percussion, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Piano, Keyboard, Voice (singing), Theory of Music, Composition & Orchestration, (Samba Drums*, Cajun Drums*, Djembe (African) Drums*)
* as part of an 'Initial access' class



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ISLE OF WIGHT MUSIC HUB

RLTCC Summer Holiday and Food Programme



August Programme Dates:
Week 1: Monday 11th - Friday 15th
Week 2: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd



15
Funded Spaces Per
Day

SPORTING AND
NUTRITIONAL
ACTIVITIES,
ACCOMPANIED WITH
A HOT MEAL

10:30AM - 2:30PM

Places are limited.

To book a place and find out more please scan the QR code below.

Ages 8yrs -
12yrs

Venue: Ryde Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Playstreet Lane, Ryde, PO33 3LJ

Rackets and Equipment Provided!

If you have any questions, please contact via phone (07909681007) or email us at: emma@beachhouseiow.uk



The social and educational benefits of learning to play a musical instrument, or learning to sing are well documented, among the findings of much research. However, it is also a really good way for children to enhance their confidence and life-skills whilst having a good deal of fun in the process!

The Wight Music Tuition co-operative of instrumental music teachers is a not-for-profit organisation that works in close partnership with the Isle of Wight Music Education Hub in the delivery of high-quality instrumental and singing tuition.



Our teachers work with a large number of children and young people within the majority of island schools, providing tuition on a wide variety of instruments and voice, from key-stage 1 through to 6th form. We also teach whole classes in many primary schools, delivering the Isle of Wight Music Education Hub's 'first access' scheme, which enables every child on the Island in key-stage 2, within participating schools, the chance of learning to play a musical instrument in whole classes, free of charge for one year.



Additionally, many of our tutors provide programmes of extra-curricular music in support of schools, the Isle of Wight Music Centre, and to community music groups.



It goes without saying that all our teachers have had enhanced DBS checks carried out and have completed training in the safeguarding of children to at least level 2. But at Wight Music Tuition we believe it important to maintain the quality of service that children, schools and parents deserve. That's why we run, in partnership with the Isle of Wight Music Education Hub, a programme of professional development, to keep us up to date with modern teaching, and why we all voluntarily submit to undergo lesson observations and inspections of our teaching by experienced external assessors.

County Press

Help Your Local School WIN EQUIPMENT!

Get ready to participate in our exciting token collect competition and help your school stand a chance to win amazing prizes.

Collecting Tokens Here

Drop your tokens to reception!

Collect tokens printed in the County Press from Monday 2nd June until Friday 11th July 2025.



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Mardi Gras

new carnival



SCAN FOR PROGRAMME

OUR FOLKTASTIC ISLE: THE WHEEL OF THE YEAR

SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2025

FROM 3PM RYDE ISLE OF WIGHT

ONLINE PROGRAMME & MAP NEWCARNIVAL.CO.UK



IW Mardi Gras is all about hand made costumes, designs by the children, increasingly using sustainable materials.



THE WIGHT STROLLERS Fundraising

THE WIGHT STROLLERS SUMMER FUN DAY

ROOKLEY VILLAGE HALL & SPORTS FIELD

SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025

11AM - 4PM

ARENA - DOG SHOW - KIDS ACTIVITIES - FREE PARKING

GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT.....ADULTS £2 - KIDS FREE

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Mardi Gras

SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2025

FROM 3PM RYDE ISLE OF WIGHT

OUR FOLKTASTIC ISLE: THE WHEEL OF THE YEAR

www.newcarnival.co.uk



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FAMILY FUN

MINI MARDI GRAS Free family carnival activities

TIME 11am - 2:30pm, just turn up

PLACE Simeon Recreational Ground
Choice to join the parade at 3pm

ACTIVITIES Face Painting
Circus Skills
Craft Activities
Play Area
Dressing Up
Games
Samba drumming workshop

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Creative Beats

the behind the scenes

TRACYS

Wild Woods Workshops



A chance to have fun this summer

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ages 8+

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