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Queensgate Newsletter

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

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Well done Year 6!

Dear families,

Staffing News

I was very happy that we had a lot of applicants for the upcoming teacher vacancy. We shortlisted five candidates and will be interviewing and observing them teach all day next Tuesday. I hope to be able to introduce you to another new member of staff in next week's newsletter.

Target Children Check in

All children are monitored throughout the year, but we do have specific children that we 'target' to achieve a combined score. Next week myself, Mrs Grant and Mr Tilling will be talking to all teachers to ask them how these children are getting along, and deciding how else we can support them to achieve their targets.

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTFA cake sale this afternoon. I will let you know how much was raised in next week's newsletter.

Year 6 SATs

Many congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who showed amazing resilience in sitting their Standard Assessment Tests. I had the privilege of distributing their bacon baguettes each morning and loved seeing their happy, smiley faces. Even when delivering the last paper on Thursday I was expecting loud cheers but they gave a muffled yay and definitely could have been more excited to be nearing the end! We now have to await their results on 7th July, Well done Year 6's we are all very proud of you.

Notable upcoming events

Next week we have another busy sporting week:

- Monday 19th May - Year 3/4 and 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival
- Monday 19th May - Year 5/6 girls cricket
- Wednesday 21st May - Hampshire Schools County Basketball finals
- Friday 23rd May - Year 6 boys cricket

Tuesday 20th May - Interviews for new teacher

Wednesday 21st May - Reception junk modelling - family event

Thursday 22nd May - Reception Open Morning for parents of children joining us in September

Friday 23rd May - MUFTI Day - dress like an animal (School council event raising money for the bears at Wildheart Sanctuary)

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May - half term holiday

Monday 2nd June - Start of Summer Term 2

Sports News

Year 6 Hockey

Year 6 pupils have excelled again in sport and are now Island Hockey Champions. Last Friday, a Year 6 mixed team took part in the Island Quicksticks competition at Smallbrook. Although the children had learnt hockey skills in their PE lessons last term, this was the first time they had played formal games. We took an attacking approach from the start which resulted in three wins out of three games in the round Robin event and meant we went into the semi-finals as group winners. Again, an attacking approach was taken in this game with Queensgate scoring two goals and going through to the final against Greenmount. The final game was very evenly matched, but Queensgate defended well and attacked on the break, winning the game by one goal. After playing five games, the team didn't concede a single goal. Well done all the team members and the rest of Year 6 who pushed these players during their PE lessons to develop their skills.

Safety around the school

We have sent many reminders in the past but they are still being ignored.
Please do not let your children ride their scooters when on the school grounds, especially in the front of the school as a Y3 boy was knocked over at the beginning of the week. It is not safe and we ask that bikes and scooters are walked round the school to be dropped off.

Regarding the school play equipment this is ONLY to be used by Queensgate children during playtimes and scheduled sessions. Please do not let your children climb them while waiting to come into school and at pick up. They will get hurt and it is not suitable for little children.

Thank you for your support with this.

Queensgate Out & About

On Tuesday morning, our Reception Out and About group enjoyed a train ride from Ryde to Brading. The children have been learning about different modes of transport so had fun spotting lots of vehicles in Ryde, before catching the train. The group learnt lots of new vocabulary about trains and listened to train stories on the platform at Brading. They especially loved going through the tunnel, under bridges and looking for things out of the train windows.

"We went on an electric train. I liked going underground in the tunnel. The train went fast!" Isaac.

"We went on the train. I got to press the button to open the door. When we went on the train we saw the steam train. At the station we saw a white and grey fluffy cat. It wanted to eat our snack!" Ellisa

Our Year 3 children have been learning about rivers this half term. This week's Out and About team visited Yarmouth and walked along the bank of the Western Yar. The children used maps to locate parts of the estuary, including Thorley Brook and the old tidal mill. They sat alongside the riverside and used watercolour pencils to draw the view.

"We went to Yarmouth to see the Western Yar. We did drawings of the river, using watercolour pencils." Charlie F

"We did colouring and drawing of the river and we used water over our pictures which made it look real. It was fun." Lexi

On Wednesday morning, our Year 1 Out and About children visited the Garlic Farm. The group used maps to follow the farm trail, looking at how the land is managed and how garlic is grown. The children had a great time playing frisbee golf on the woodland too!

"We went for a long walk. I liked playing with the frisbees!" Layton

"We went to the garlic farm. We went for a long walk. We had a snack on a log and we played frisbee golf. My favourite bit was playing golf!" Felicity

The children in Year 2 have been learning about Charles Darwin this half term. On Wednesday afternoon, the Out and About children became little nature-explorers when they visited Newtown Creek. They liked using the binoculars, magnifying glasses and bug pots from the 'explorer satchels', on loan from the National Trust visitors centre. The group enjoyed visiting the bird hide, using the scope to spot a seal on the other side of the harbour!

Queensgate Out & About

Out and About next week...

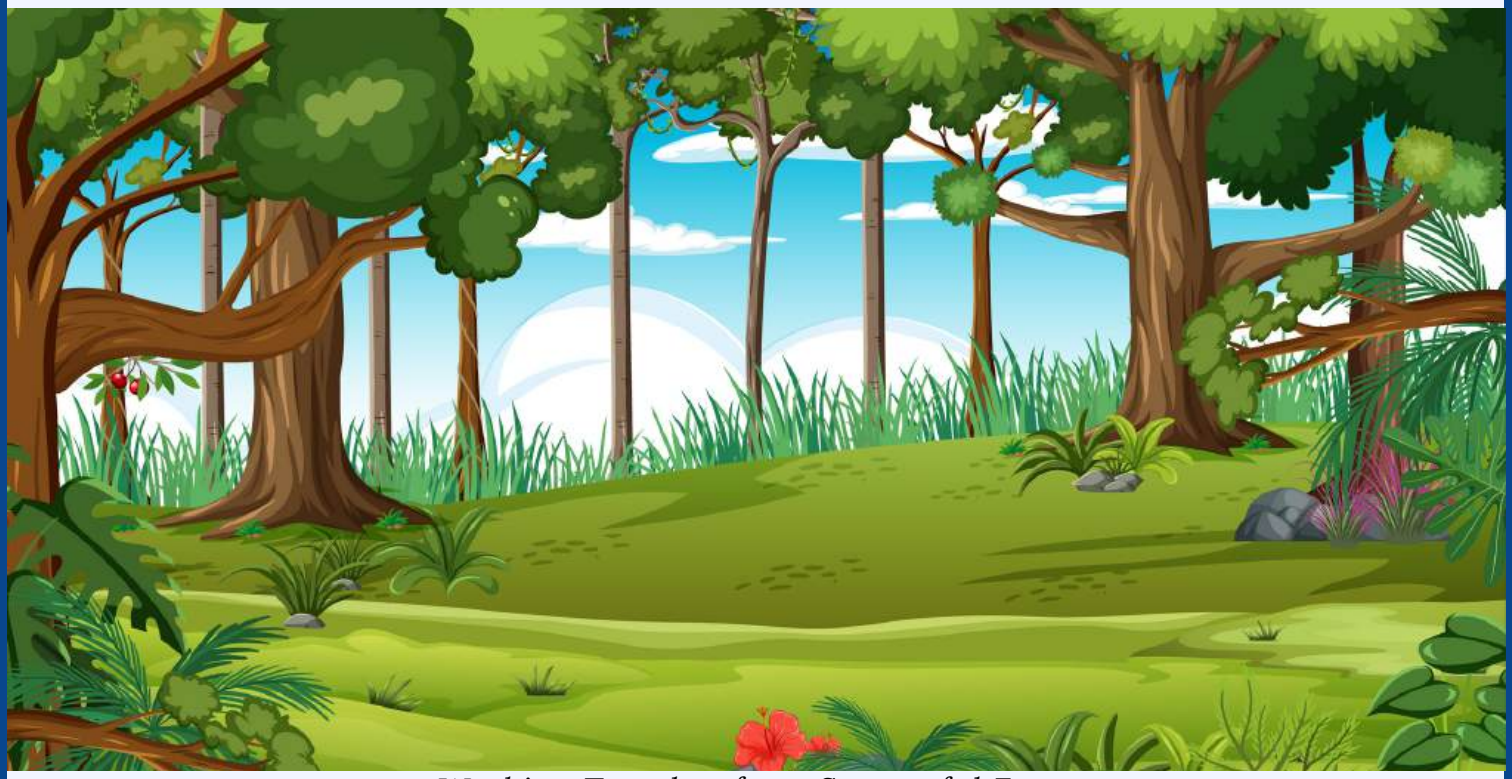
Please send your child to school wearing old play-clothes, suitable footwear and a sunhat. We will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and has suncream applied at home. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Tuesday 20th May am- Reception- RRJ
Train ride
Toby, Jaxon, George, Jack, William, Noah, Mavrick, Tilly, Marcy, Chikaima, Elysia and Flora.

Tuesday 20th May pm- Year 3
Medina River Walk
Bella, Dèva-Mae, Harvey H, Jamie, Corey, Clara, Logan, Harry, Riley, Poppy, Edward, Ella-Rose and AJ.

Wednesday 21st May am- Year 1- 1SC
Niton walk
Antonia, Finley, Quinn, Chloe, Ezra, Thomas, Nithya, Joshua, Jovi, Romeo, Luca, Ananya and Theo.

Wednesday 21st May pm- Year 2- 2KG
Location to be confirmed
George A, Sadie, Louis, George F, Imogen, Elijah, Olivia, Lenny, Holly, Archie, Lexi-Mai, Neahve, Harrison, Luke and Raemarni.



Mental Health Awareness Week

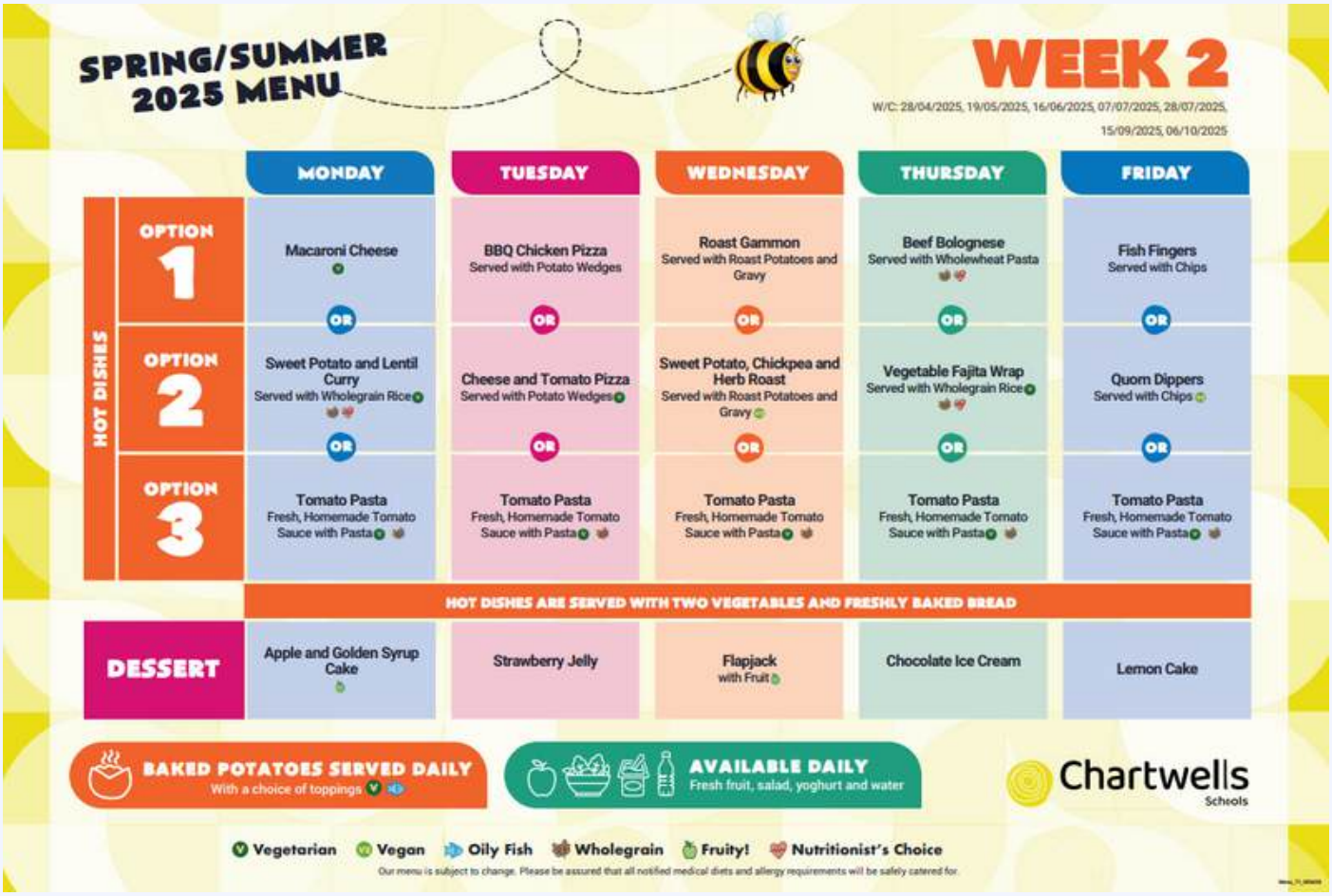
Yesterday, our Queensgate Primary staff wore green to promote Mental Health Awareness Week.

This year's theme is Community.

Always remember, you are not alone. 💚
If you're struggling with your mental health, please know it's okay to ask for help. Talking to someone can make a big difference—please contact us on mentalhealthsupport@queensgateprimary.co.uk
There's strength in seeking support, not shame.

Take care of your mind like you would your body. Reach out. Speak up. You matter.

What's for lunch next week ...



Working Together for a Successful Future

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.37%

Whole School Attendance this week is 95.01%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is RLM with 98.29%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 100%

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Robin Chubb
Acting Headteacher

Working Together for a Successful Future

Schools Walk the Wight with Mountbatten

What a Day!

The sun was shining, the children were smiling, and the medals were well earned! It was so special to see everyone enjoying themselves and making unforgettable memories.

Your Impact in Numbers

- 9,380 Walkers took part
- £410,000 raised overall
- **£46,217 raised by Schools Walk the Wight**

A Big Shout-Out to Parent/Guardians

From preparing packed lunches to cheering from the sidelines, your support made all the difference. Thanks to you, we can continue providing vital care for over 2,200 people across the Isle of Wight—every single day.

Thank you so much for Supporting Schools Walk the Wight 2025

We couldn't have done it without you!

Five ways to send your Schools Walk the Wight fundraising.

Where possible, please use your online fundraising page or pay on our website.

Always quote your walker number, so your donations are recorded accurately on our database.

1 Online
Use your Enthuse fundraising page and your sponsorship will be sent to us automatically.

2 On our website
mountbatten.org.uk/donate/walk-the-wight-2025
Use 'SWTW' and your walker number as a reference.

3 By bank transfer
Account no: 14205025 Sort code: 54-10-34
Use 'SWTW' and your walker number as a reference.

4 In person
Visit our fundraising office (address below) Monday to Friday 09:00 - 16:30.
Please bring your sponsorship form with you so we can claim any GiftAid on your sponsors' donations.

5 By post:
Send a cheque (payable to Mountbatten Isle of Wight) and your sponsorship form to:
Mountbatten Fundraising, Halberry Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 2ER
Please do not send cash in the post.

Thank you for your incredible support!

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR A registered charity

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

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

Arreton—The flowerbee 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

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.

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

ICT

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 hagazome 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

Five Rivers Fostering

We are looking for foster carers on the Isle of Wight.

If you are interested in a life-changing vocation and can provide a safe, loving home to a child in care, we'd love to hear from you.

0333 0603 962 | five-rivers.org

Join a local social enterprise and a community of foster carers providing long and short-term care for children. Highly competitive fostering allowance of up to £28,000 a year, tax-free. Round the clock support and specialist training. Potential to combine with full or part-time work.

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

Brilliant Bear Badge Challenge Day!

wildheart animal sanctuary isle of wight

Come and join us to complete some bear themed challenges and earn your own bear badge!

Saturday 7th June 10am - 4pm

It's going to be BEARtastic!

£9.50 per person (includes badge for kids!)

For more info & to reserve your place!

or contact our Learning & Discovery Team: discovery@wildheartanimalsanctuary.org

Perfect for Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, and Cubs!

Queensgate Foundation Primary

📺 Request for Television Donation 👀

We are currently in need of a donated television.

If you have a working 32" or larger flat-screen TV that you're no longer using, we would be incredibly grateful for your donation.

Your generosity can make a real difference!

Please contact the office 01983 292872 or email admin@queensgateprimary.co.uk if you're able to help.

SMALL MUSEUMS · BIG ON HISTORY!

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

NO NEED TO BOOK

NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

MUSEUM OF ISLAND HISTORY

BUILD A WORKING CATAPULT

CREATE ANGLO-SAXON INSPIRED RUNE BRACELET OR DOOR SIGN

HUNT ROMAN ARMY FACTS

EXPLORE WITH A MUSEUM TRAIL

- 10am to 2pm
- £1 per person
- Wednesday 28 May

ALL-WEATHER ATTRACTIONS

- 10am to 1pm
- £1 per person
- Tuesday 27 May and Thursday 29 May

Cypress Road, Newport, IW, PO30 1HA | 01983 823433 iow.gov.uk/museums museums@iow.gov.uk | Guildhall, High Street, Newport, IW, PO30 1TY

Isle of Wight Council

Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service

Isle of Wight SENDIASS

Drop in Sessions

- Free impartial and confidential advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Peer support, talking to others who may be experiencing a similar journey
- Free beverages and biscuits

10 JUNE
12:30 - 14:30 Newport Family Centre PO30 2AX
16:00 - 18:00 Cowes Family Centre PO31 7ET

25 JUNE
09:30 - 11:30 Ryde Family Centre PO33 2JF
12:30 - 14:30 East Cowes Family Centre PO32 6PA

17 JULY
12:30 - 14:30 Newport Family Centre PO30 2AX
16:00 - 18:00 West Wight Family Centre PO40 9XH

26 AUG
09:30 - 11:30 Sandown Family Centre PO36 9FQ
11:30 - 14:30 Ventnor Family Centre PO38 1EX

No booking required

Any questions email: info@iowsendiass.org.uk

A huge thank you to Barnardo's Family Hubs for the use of their family centres for our in-person sessions across the island.

Family Hubs

ALL PROFITS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE UPKEEP AND ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS TO GODSHILL PLAY PARK

FREE ENTRY!

DONATIONS WELCOME!

GODSHILL Play Fest! 2025

Fuelled by fun and kindly sponsored by

SOVEREIGN 30 ANNIVERSARY

Bringing Imagination Into Play

CELEBRATING CHILDREN, PLAY AND FUN FOR ALL!

SATURDAY 31ST MAY 2025

11AM - 4PM

GODSHILL PLAY PARK, CENTRAL MEAD

COME ALONG FOR LOTS OF MERRIMENT, MUNCHING AND MINGLING ON THE MEAD!

Limited pre-booked accessible parking ONLY!
We are on a main bus route! If coming by car please consider car sharing and park responsibly.

GODSHILL Play Fest! 2025

SATURDAY 31ST MAY 2025

11AM - 4PM

GODSHILL PLAY PARK, CENTRAL MEAD

WWW.GODSHILLPLAYPARK.CO.UK

2KM KIDS FUN RUN! (START LINE 11AM!)

SPONSORED BY DARK STAR RUNNING CLUB

GET YOUR TRAINERS ON!

AND JOIN US FOR OUR FAB 2KM KIDS FUN RUN!
MEDALS FOR ALL OUR RUNNERS!