

# The Cowes Primary Mainsail

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## From the helm

Dear Parents/Carers.

It has been delightful to see the children back in school this term, they have been excited to be back with friends and enthusiastic about their Spring Term topics. Year 6 have really thrown themselves into their SAT's revision, showing a really mature attitude to their work.

There has been a buzz of excitement with the rehearsals of Dance Live taking place. Everybody has been working so hard getting everything ready for the competition. The teachers have been busy building sets, creating routines and organising the event, whilst the children have put so much hard work and enthusiasm into their rehearsals. I am extremely proud of how the school has come together to create such an amazing piece of dance and drama!

I would also like to say a special thank you to the lovely ladies who came in and set up a sewing room to ensure the costumes were made. We are very grateful for all the hours given and we have to say the children looked fantastic when trying them on!

Good luck to all the children, parents and staff travelling over today we are all keeping our fingers crossed for you!

We had the opportunity for a group of our children to take part in a multi-school Maths challenge this term at Ryde School. They spent the day solving mathematical problems. I have been told their behaviour was impeccable and they showed great resilience in their problem solving. Well done!

We also had a visit from the Wild Heart Sanctuary who gave a really interesting talk and demonstration on some of the wildlife they have to all the children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. The children had the opportunity to look at animal bones and put into context, just how big some of the wing spans of predatory birds can get!

The kitchen staff have been kept busy with all Parent Class Lunches over the last few weeks! The children have been so excited to have families into visit. Our next lunch open to parents will be Mothers Day with a specially prepared menu, so keep your eyes peeled for more news on how to attend!

We had our Pico Assembly which had a great turnout from parents. Children were able to show what they had learnt for this year on topics like the Great Fire of London and "Where the Wild Things Are". It was fabulous to see the children's giant wild thing creations and their school rap performance!

Hope you have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Praetig- Headteacher

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# Maths Challenge 2024

The children were excited to visit Ryde School to take part in a mixed schools Maths Challenge. All the children had a fantastic time solving problems. We were extremely proud of how hard they worked and their impeccable behaviour!





# Wildheart Sanctuary Visit

We were luckily enough to have an informative session about the animals at the zoo!





# DANCE LIVE

Here are a few photos of the Dance Live children's day so far!!  
Good luck





# SEN and Family Support

## Our Safeguarding Team includes:

### DSL:

Mrs Praetig, Headteacher

### Deputy DSL:

Mrs Thomas, Mr Smith, Ms Nicolson,  
Mrs Gilbraith, Ms Hayman, Mrs Stanton

### Multi Agency Coordinator:

Jane Gilbraith

### Crew Club:

Tracy Hayman

### You can call school between:

9am and 3pm, via the admin address or  
call the MASH team on

Tel: 03003000117 (24hrs) if you have a concern.

## ASPIRES COMMUNITY PANTRY

Is now coming to Cowes!!

The van will be at Northwood Cemetery,  
Newport Road, Cowes on Mondays  
between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

You pay £5 per visit to receive about £15  
worth of food.

You can turn up and fill out a form to  
access the pantry or you can email in  
advance: [abbi@lweh.org.uk](mailto:abbi@lweh.org.uk)

**The Living Well Community** based  
team can help assist people to access support for  
concerns and support such as :

**Isolation**

**Group Activities**

**Finances and budgeting**

**Housing/ tenancy**

**Benefit Guidance**

**Food and utility concerns**

Contact 01983 240732 or email  
[reception@lweh.org.uk](mailto:reception@lweh.org.uk) or visit their mini hub drop  
in at Cowes IOW Community Club, Park Road,  
monthly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday 12pm-2pm.

## ASPIRE SLOW COOKER PROGRAMME

The course is available to anyone who would like  
to learn how to cook nutritious meals using a  
slow cooker. All attendees will receive a FREE  
slow cooker and ingredients for meals.

## ASPIRE BABY FOOD MAKING COURSE

To learn how to make cheap and nutritious baby  
food. Attendees will receive a FREE blender.

Please email [jane.gilbraith@cowespri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:jane.gilbraith@cowespri.iow.sch.uk)  
or phone 293261.

## INCLUSION:

Supporting people affected by drugs or alcohol

A free service for anybody who is using, or is  
affected by someone else's use, of alcohol and  
drugs.

Email: [inclusioniow@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:inclusioniow@mpft.nhs.uk)

Web: [www.inclusioniow.org](http://www.inclusioniow.org)

Tel 01983 526654



# Dates

## for your Diary

Mon 5th Feb—Wed 7th Feb	Early Years class parent lunches— must be booked in advance
Tues 6th Feb	Safer Internet day—for parents, 2.30pm in school
Fri 9th Feb	Dance Live Competition (by ticket only)
<b>Mon 12th Feb - 16th Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Mon 19th Feb	Welcome back to school - gates open at 8.30am
w/c Mon 19th Feb	Year 6 Booster classes start
Tues 20th Feb	Pancake day Races - (pupils only)
Mon 26th Feb - Fri 29th Mar	After school clubs (5 weeks)
Fri 1st Mar	Contender Class Assembly 9am
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day (dress as your favourite book
w/c Mon 11th Mar - Fri 15th Mar	Parent Consultations - letters to follow
Mon 11th—Wed 13th Mar	Mother's Day Lunches (must be booked in advance)
Mon 11th Mar	Launch of Easter Bonnet Competition—make at home
Fri 15th Mar	Red Nose/Comic Relief Day - Mufti Day & Biscuit Sale
w/c Mon 18th Mar - Fri 22nd Mar	Parent Consultations - letters to follow
Mon 18th Mar	Year 6 Residential/SATs Parents Meeting at 6pm
Fri 22nd Mar	Splash Class Assembly
Tues 26th Mar	KS1 Celebration evening (more details nearer the time)
Wed 27th Mar	Easter Service at St Mary's Church 10am & Easter Bon-
Thur 28th Mar	Easter Egg Hunt (in school—pupils only—to be con-
<b>Fri 29th Mar</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>
<b>Mon 1st Apr - Fri 12th Apr</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Mon 15th Apr	Welcome back to school - gates open at 8.30am
Wed 17th Apr—Fri 19th Apr	Year 3 Children Contender Class Swimming
Wed 24th—Thurs 25th Apr	Year 3 Children Contender Class Swimming
Wed 24th Apr	EYFS Fairy Tale ball (2pm) - full details nearer the time

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## REMINDER:

### ABSENCE:

If your child is absent from school you **MUST** call the office on 01982 293261, or email: [admin@cowespri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cowespri.iow.sch.uk) by 08.45am, each day of absence.

**ALL** absences must be in writing, even if you have called us we need to have this confirmed in writing. This can be by email or text. If you do not then an absence slip will be sent home with your child and must be returned to the office.

All absences are discussed with the Local Authority in a termly meeting.

Please note that until we get written confirmation the absence is recorded as unauthorised.

Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE

SUNFISH CLASS: 92.94%

SPLASH CLASS: 87.57%

PICO CLASS: 94.40%

CONTENDER CLASS:  
95.21%



LASER CLASS: 94.31

OPTIMIST CLASS: 97.05%

Overall: 87.16% (Target 89.26%)



Atlantic

1,124



Pacific

781



Indian

1,039



Arctic

1,130

*Reflection of the week...*

TODAY  
is the day to  
learn something  
NEW

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