

The Cowes Primary Mainsail

Edition: 19 24-25 Friday 23rd May 2025

From the helm



Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has been shorter than normal but we have still had a lot going on in the school. We have had the Exotic Animal encounter in to visit all the classes, I'm sure you have seen the photos of the very large snake! They will also be visiting us as at our Horticultural Show so all the parents will have a chance to experience these amazing creatures.

Early Years hosted their Fairytale Banquet in which children and parents received an invitation from Prince Charming to join him for the afternoon. The children dressed up in their finest attire and had a magical afternoon dancing around the ballroom. Early Years also had their class trip to the Wildheart Sanctuary this term where they lucky enough to have a guided tour of the animals and artefacts on display.

I want to say a big well done to Year 6 who completed their SATs exams, they showed an outstanding amount of resilience and maturity throughout the week, we are all extremely proud of their performance!

A group of Year 5/6 took part in the Netball Finals Competition at Cowes Enterprise College . They gave a great performance, sadly It wasn't to be their day on this occasion, but we are extremely proud of how much they achieved.

Year 5 had the opportunity to head down to the Cowes Boat Museum and take part in a Sea Shanty Workshop which saw the children either learning a Sea Shanty song, dance or dramatic reading. This was a fantastic chance for the children to fully immerse themselves in the local Maritime history.

We have had the school photographer this week for class photos and a whole school photo which will be sent out for purchase after the half term. It was very poignant to see the whole school together and we are looking forward to seeing the pictures!

Our whole school trip to Robin Hill was a great success, sadly the weather wasn't on our side but it definitely didn't dampen the spirits as the children and staff enjoyed themselves running around the park.

Many of the children went to the stay and play session at Gurnard Primary School earlier this week. The children were accompanied by their teachers and had a wonderful time meeting their new September class mates.

Just a reminder that we have the Horticultural Show coming up on the 17th July with lots of categories for the children to enter such as growing, baking and arts and crafts. We are also looking for children and parents to enter the Cook Off competition in which they cook their own recipe in live time, entry forms can be found at the office.

I would also like to give a big congratulations to Mrs Thomas, Mrs Groves, Mrs Stanton & Mrs Clements who have all been successful in securing new roles for September.

I hope you have a lovely half term break and we will see you all back at school on Monday 2nd June; please remember school gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am.

Kind regards

Mrs Praetig- Headteacher



Sunfish Trip -



wildheart
animal isle of wight
sanctuary



Year 5 Sea Shanty





Sunfish Fairy Tale Banquet



Whole School Trip to Robin Hill



SEN and Family Support

Our Safeguarding Team includes:

DSL: Mrs Praetig, Headteacher

Deputy DSL: Mrs Thomas, Mr Smith,
Mrs Gilbraith, Ms Hayman, Mrs Stanton, Mrs Groves

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.



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 9EQ

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.



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

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ABSENCE:

If your child is absent from school:

YOU MUST CONTACT THE OFFICE EACH DAY YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT BY 08:45AM.

This can be by email: admin@cowespri.iow.sch.uk, by text on the School Gateway App or by phone on 01982 293261 to leave a message.

You must provide a written reason for the absence, 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.

If you would like to speak directly to someone please call the office.

ATTENDANCE

SUNFISH CLASS: 96.2%

SPLASH CLASS: 93.2%

PICO CLASS: 95.7%

CONTENDER CLASS: 95.6%

LASER CLASS: 94.46%

OPTIMIST CLASS: 95.77%

Overall: 95.03% (Target 95.5%)



6851



5428



6004



7406

Reflection of the week...

THE MORE THAT YOU
READ,
THE MORE THINGS
YOU WILL **KNOW.**
THE MORE THAT YOU
LEARN,
THE MORE PLACES
YOU'LL **GO.**
- Dr. Seuss -

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Diary Dates - Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
Mon 21st April	BANK HOLIDAY
Wed 21st May	Whole school trip to Robin Hill—more details nearer the time
Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May	HALF TERM
Mon 2nd June	Welcome back to school - gates open 08:30
	PLEASE NOTE THAT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WILL NOT BE RUNNING THIS TERM. CREW CLUB WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE
w/c 9th June	KS1 Phonics Testing
Mon 9th June - Wed 11th June	Father's Day Lunches
Fri 13th June	International Day 14:00 –15:10—All welcome
Tues 17th June	KS1 Sports Day
Wed 18th June	KS2 Sports Day
Wed 25th June - Fri 27th June	YR6 Residential
Tues 1st July	Whole school trip to Paultons Park (No Crew Club today)
Fri 4th July	KS1 & EYFS End of Year Assembly (Yr R, 1 & 2) @ 9.00
Fri 4th July	EYFS Report to Parents
Tues 8th July	Transition Day _TBC
Fri 11th July	KS2 End of Year Assembly (Yr 3, 4 & 5) @ 9.00
Mon 14th July	Mufti Day for Horticultural Show
Mon 14th July	Reports to Parents (Years 1 - 6)
Thurs 17th July	Horticultural Show & Summer Fayre 15.10 —17.30
Tues 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Celebration– Headhunters and Pizza Event
Wed 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 14.30
Wed 23rd July	House Point Winners Celebration
Thur 24th July	Farewell BBQ and Party for Children
Thur 24th July	Last day of term- school closes at 15:10 (No Crew Club after school)
Fri 25th July - Tues 29th July	DEVELOPMENT DAYS - school closed to pupils
Wed 30th July	SUMMER HOLIDAYS - Have Fun Everyone!