

The Cowes Primary Mainsail

Edition: 19 24-25 Friday 4th April 2025

From the helm



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a whirlwind of a term here at the school, the majority of the class trips have taken place, we have had a Scholastic Book Fair on site, a Red Nose Mufti Day and a World Book Day to celebrate. Shrove Tuesday saw the whole school gathered outside on the playground to compete in the pancake races. The atmosphere was electric with the children chanting on their fellow class mates. The teachers race went down a real storm, with Mrs Dunn speeding to the finish line first! The Year 5 children also treated the school to a Flash Mob dance in the playground at break time. It was so much fun to see the children's shocked faces, which then turned in to concentration as the whole school set about joining in with the routine!

We have had Year 5 & 6 on a Bikeability Course for 2 days where they have learnt valuable road signs and safety skills. All of the children have been practising the procedure for the fire alarm, with our best time of 2 mins 15 seconds to get safely out on to the playground and be checked.

Year 6 have been working hard in their Booster Classes and getting ready for their SATs exams in May. Parents came in for an evening meeting to discuss the Year 6 Residential Trip in June when the children will be staying at the PGL Little Canada site in Wootton for 3 days to take part in a range of fun, adventure activities.

The children happily greeted their Mums and Grandmothers in for Mother Day lunches in which they were treated to a delicious treats such as Slow Cooked Brisket and Iced Apple Strudel Cake.

We have been delighted to see the Pre School Children coming into the school over the past weeks to use the library. They are always so cheery and well behaved, it is a lovely way for us to share resources and integrate the children.

KS1 had a celebration where parents were invited in for an Arctic Expedition and Wild Rumpus Afternoon. The children had the opportunity to share their learning of the terms topic 'Arctic Adventures' and 'Walk on the Wildside'. Whilst Contender Class and Splash Class also held their class assemblies to share all their hard work over the year.

The Easter Bonnet Competition was a great success with all the children parading down to the church in their wares, they were a joy to see in their spring bonnets. The winners have been chosen and can be seen in later pages of the newsletter. Thank you all so much for attending our Easter Service at St Mary's Church, it was a very poignant service where the children sang beautifully. We are very lucky to be able to hold our service at the church and have the support of the local Vicar.

The term finished with a visit from our own Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt around the school. As you can imagine the children were hopping around in delight!

I hope you have a lovely half term break and we will see you all back at school on Tuesday 22nd April; please remember school gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am.

Kind regards

Mrs Praetig- Headteacher

REMINDER: Don't forget to check our Facebook page for more photos of events <https://www.facebook.com/cowesprimaryschool>



Pico Trip -



Splash Trip -



Laser Class Workshop



Carisbrooke
CASTLE
museum



Contender Class Trip



BRADING
ROMAN
VILLA





EASTER BONNET/HAT COMPETITION



St Mary's Church

Easter Service 2025



SEN and Family Support

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.

www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses

01983 817280

acl@iow.gov.uk

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*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 www.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 advisor.

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



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FIND EASTER FUN

THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

www.isleofwightrocks.co.uk



EASTER HOLIDAYS FUN

The Isle of Wight Rocks website is choc-a-block with Easter family fun. There are Easter hunts, trails, events, and lots of other things to do! We have kept it all under one handy button.

Our favourites are:

[EASTER FIREWORKS EGGSTRAVAGANZA](#)

[EASTER ADVENTURE QUEST AT OSBORNE](#)

[CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY](#)

HOLIDAY CLUBS

If you are looking for a holiday club this Easter holiday then our handy guide is here to help you:

[HOLIDAY CLUBS](#)



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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.

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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: 95.79%

SPLASH CLASS: 92.57%

PICO CLASS: 95.28%

CONTENDER CLASS: 95.10%

LASER CLASS: 95.93%

OPTIMIST CLASS: 95.28%

Overall: 95.03% (Target 96.5%)



Atlantic

4255

Pacific

3585

Indian

3994

Arctic

4391

Reflection of the week...

"Every child
IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF FLOWER,
AND ALTOGETHER MAKE THIS WORLD
a beautiful garden."

— ANONYMOUS —



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