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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school, we hope all our families enjoyed a lovely, restful autumn half term break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school as we begin what promises to be an immensely busy and exciting half term!

There is so much to look forward to over the coming weeks, with plenty of exciting learning opportunities, educational visits and special experiences planned across the school. As we begin the countdown to Christmas, the festive excitement will also start to build, with a calendar full of seasonal events, celebrations and activities for everyone to enjoy.

We are looking forward to making the most of every moment, creating some wonderful memories and sharing a fantastic half term together!

This week we have enjoyed welcoming parents to our 'Learn Together Mornings'. It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers in attendance and we hope you found these sessions informative. Please do share your feedback via the form sent home.

Scooters and bikes: Please ensure that scooters and bikes are placed in the allocated racks near the Year 5/6 classrooms. This helps us to keep pathways clear and minimise potential hazards around the school site. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mobile phones: We kindly ask that parents and visitors refrain from using mobile phones when attending assemblies and events in school. Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to safeguard our children.

A huge well done to Dougie in Year 6 who has shown great enthusiasm for Fundraising. During Half Term Dougie volunteered to fundraise for Macmillan at Wightlink's Ryde Pier as part of Macmillan's Coffee Morning raising £492.04 from 10am - 5.30pm. He then went on to attend The Griffin weekly quiz night in Aid of Dougie's Scout Group, taking part in the quiz and helping his Scout leader sell raffle tickets during the quiz break.



Dougie is becoming a regular fundraiser for Macmillan helping run events such as National Garden Scheme Open Day's earlier this year. Well done Dougie, keep up the valued work.

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Please look out for, and read the letter sent home regarding changes to the planned Development Day's for the remainder of the school year.

As we approch flu season, please take a look at the NHS guidance below which covers a whole range of common childhood illnesses and may help in deciding if your child is too ill for school.

Kind regards
Kirsty Thomas
Acting Headteacher

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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Diary Dates:

Wed 18th November -
Year 6 SATS Parent Workshop

Fri 20th November -
Children in Need Mufti Day

W/C 30th November -
Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Wed 25th November -
Year 3 & Year 5 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Thurs 26th November -
Yellow House Charity Mufti Day for The Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary.

Mon 13th December -
Rec/KS1 Nativity to parents (PM)

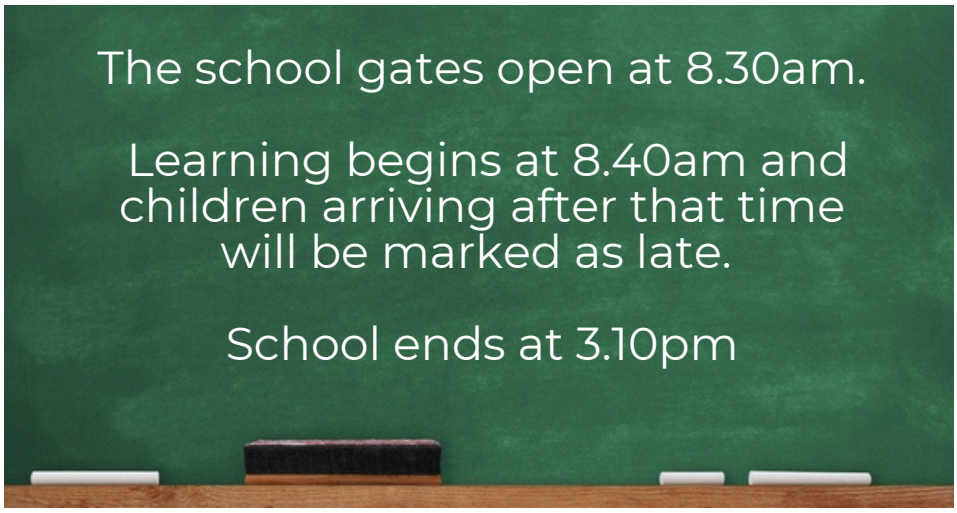
Tues 14th December -
Rec/KS1 Nativity to parents (PM)

Tues 14th December -
KS2 Carol Service 5pm

Wed 16th December -
Rec & KS1 Parent Christmas Lunch

Thurs 17th December -
KS2 Parent Christmas Lunch

Fri 18th December -
End of Autumn Term 2pm Finish



MENU: WEEK COMMENCING 9th November



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Every School Day Counts

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

5 days absence over the whole year	20 days absence over the whole year	20+ days absence over the whole year
97% - 100%	90%	Under 90%
Good chance of success and progress	Less chance of success. Harder to make progress	Detrimental to success and progress

Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

ATTENDANCE:

Whole School for the Year - 95.7%

Whole School for the Week - 97.9%

Minimum Annual Attendance Target - 96%

Reception - 97.3%
England Class

Year 1 - 97.6%
Wales Class

Year 2 - 97.2%
France Class

Year 3 - 97.5%
Spain Class

Year 4 -100%
Italy Class

Year 5 - 97.7%
Japan Class

Year 6 - 97.5%
China Class

HOUSE POINTS:

BLUE	67	RED	85
GREEN	84	YELLOW	58

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to you!

Abel B-M (Y5) - 10 Years old
Oscar P - (Y4) - 9 Years old
Oscar R - (Y4) - 9 Years old
Caleah R - (Y1) - 6 Years old

NITON STAR AWARDS:

Bronze (25 Stars)	Silver (50 Stars)	Gold (75 Stars)	Platinum (125 Stars)
Ivan G Y2 Benji I Y2 Kayden B Y3 Henry W Y3 Sasha F Y3 Sophia P Y3 Martha L Y5 Margo H-D Y5 Lawson R Y6	Reuben Y3		

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS:

Amelie G - Fantastic art work.
Autumn G - Fantastic art work
Zentae G - For creating the most beautiful Japanese inspired lino printing art.

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ENGLISH EXPERTS:

Gypsy W - Year 1 For being able to confidently retell key events from our class story!	**Elba C- Year 2** For writing a fantastic postcard in the role of one of the characters from our story.	**Kayden B - Year 3** For super effort in English lessons and lovely handwriting
Ivy T - Year 4 For adding extra detail and description to her adverbials of time and place sentences.	**Leo R - Year 5** For superb behaviour for learning.	**Jack J - Year 6** For making a huge effort to improve his handwriting.

MATHS MAGICIANS:

Emilia T - Year 1 For her confidence being able solve addition problems! Well done Emilia!	**Oliver H - Year 2** For his fantastic positive attitude towards his Maths learning this week, this was so lovely to see!	**Amara H - Year 3** For super work adding numbers using a formal column method
Marley H-S - Year 4 For excellent understanding of how to exchange when adding multiple 4-digit numbers.	**Sophia G - Year 5** For working confidently with multiples and factors	**Darcy L - Year 6** For working so hard to master long division

SPORTS SUPERSTARS:

Minnoe D - Year 1 For her excellent balancing skills during multi skills.	**Jack M - Year 2** for your brilliant effort and fantastic coordination in multi skills!	**Boaz J, Otis C & Patrick S - Year 3** Super group work PE.
Ella M - Year 4 For really pushing herself when taking part in our fitness training circuit.	**Aria M - Year 5** For your excellent determination in indoor athletics!	**Darcy L - Year 6** for your brilliant resillience in indoor athletics!

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School Value Awards

Hold our school values in your hand

Year 1 **Theodore S - LOVE** For always having a smile on his face, engaging in lessons and showing a real LOVE for our learning!	**Year 2** **Mia B - FRIENDSHIP** For showing kindness and care towards another pupil when they were finding things tricky.	**Year 3** **Sasha F - LOVE** For her enthusiasm and LOVE of learning- always putting in her best effort!
Year 4 **Boaz - RESPECT** For always showing respect in class and for always offering a helping hand	**Year 5** **Eden G - RESPECT** For always showing respect in class and for always offering a helping hand.	**Year 6** **Daniil A - RESPECT** For helping me tidy the classroom.

Year 6 Class Write Up

Year 6 have had a busy and exciting few weeks!
Before half term, we enjoyed a fantastic visit to UKSA, where we took part in some important water safety activities. Working in teams, the children learned to identify potential hazards around water and practised how to safely get into a liferaft. It was a brilliant day, with lots of teamwork and valuable skills learned.
In Science, as part of our topic on Light, the children have been busy making their own periscopes. Once they had completed them, they headed out around the school grounds to test them and see what they could spy!
Our Art lessons have been equally creative, with the children producing some fantastic lino prints. They have enjoyed exploring this printing technique and developing their designs.
Finally, in English, we have just completed our exciting unit based on Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy. The children took on the role of aspiring skyship crew members, writing formal letters of application to Miss Culpepper in the hope of securing a job aboard the Aurora. There were some wonderfully imaginative applications!





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Niton Primary School

fighting the way to a brighter future

RECEPTION CLASS OPEN DAY

Starting School in September 2027?

Come and visit Niton Primary School and discover everything we have to offer!

Our Reception Open Day is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to:

- Meet our Reception team
- Explore our school and classrooms
- Discover our learning environment
- Find out more about starting school
- Ask questions and meet the people who will support your child





Reception Class Open Day

Tuesday 24th November

Parents can come and have a look around the school and the Reception class between:

9.30 - 11.30am | **1.30 - 2.30pm**

Scan the QR code to book your visit: or just come along!

We look forward to welcoming you!

Come and see what makes Niton Primary School special.

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cornerstone federation

Together we can make a difference

We're looking for a Parent Governor

FOR THE CORNERSTONE FEDERATION

We are seeking a passionate and committed parent to join our Governing Board and help shape the future of our schools within the Cornerstone Federation.

What does a parent governor do?

Parent governors work with the school's leadership team and other governors to help set the strategic direction of the federation, ensuring the best possible outcomes for all our children.

Your voice matters!

Why get involved?

- Be part of a supportive and welcoming team
- Help shape the future of our schools within the federation
- Gain valuable skills and experience
- Make a real difference to the lives of our children

Expressions of interest

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor for the Cornerstone Federation, please send your expression of interest to the school office by

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Niton Village Lantern Parade
Sunday 6th December

Parade move off at 6pm from the Methodist Hall, Newport Road finishing at the Parish Church, Church Street with a short seasonal service

Lantern making workshops, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons throughout November at the Methodist Hall



CHRISTMAS LANTERN WORKSHOPS

COME ALONG TO MAKE YOUR LANTERNS READY FOR OUR LANTERN PARADE!

22ND NOVEMBER 2026

SESSION 1 : 10.30 AM
SESSION 2 : 2PM
@ VENTNOR CARNIVAL HUB

£5 SUGGESTED DONATION

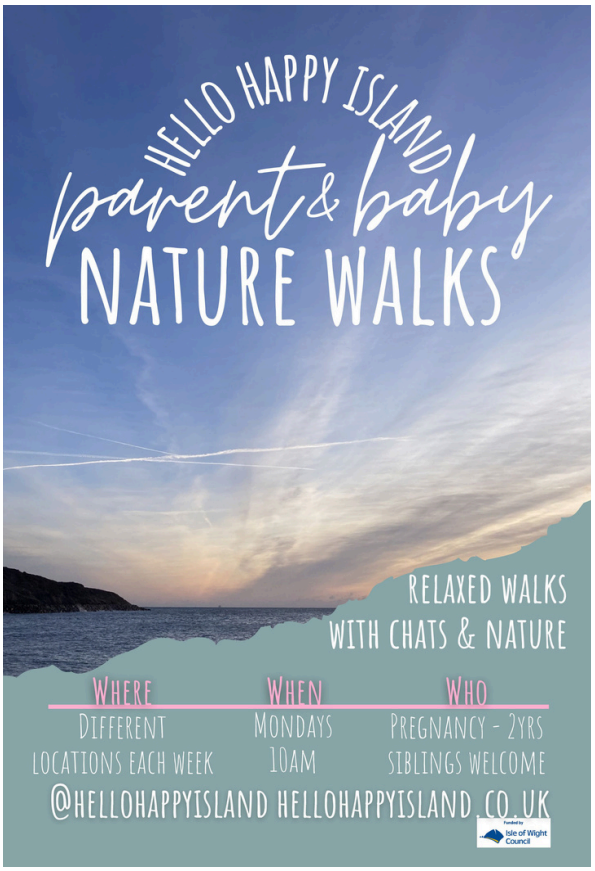




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Ready for fun and friends?

Aged between 6 and 8? Looking for new adventures, fun and friends?

In Beavers, everyone's welcome. Every week we play games, learn skills, earn badges and yes, even eat a marshmallow or two.

For Fun, Friendship and Activities that get you thinking as well as doing

Start your adventure today

Scouts
1st Godshill & Rookley

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61572948352459

Beavers meet at 1st Godshill & Rookley Scout HQ, May Close, Godshill, PO38 3HB

https://maps.app.goo.gl/9HDv4iUYGe6GjBX16

Tuesdays 5.30 – 6.45 p.m.

Contact Mary Kershaw
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2026-2027

Isle of Wight School Terms And Holidays
2026 – 2027

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2026/27

SEPTEMBER 2026					
M		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2*	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	
F	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	

OCTOBER 2026					
M		5	12	19	26
T		6	13	20	27
W		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
F	2	9	16#	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	31
S	4	11	18	25	

NOVEMBER 2026					
M		2*	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	
W		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29	

DECEMBER 2026					
M		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	31
F	4	11	18#	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	

JANUARY 2027					
M		4*	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	31

FEBRUARY 2027					
M	1	8	15	22*	
T	2	9	16	23	
W	3	10	17	24	
T	4	11	18	25	
F	5	12#	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	

MARCH 2027					
M	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
W	3	10	17	24	31
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F	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	

APRIL 2027					
M		5	12*	19	26
T		6	13	20	27
W		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
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MAY 2027					
M		3	10	17	24	31
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JUNE 2027					
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T	3	10	17	24	
F	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
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JULY 2027					
M		5	12	19	26
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F	2	9	16	23	30
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AUGUST 2027					
M		2	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	31
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T		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
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Dates highlighted in yellow are INSET days. Children will not attend school on these days.

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Bank and Public Holidays 2026/27			
Christmas Day	25 December 2026	Easter Monday	29 March 2027
Boxing Day	26 December 2026	May Day Holiday	3 May 2027
New Year's Day	1 January 2027	Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027	Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

* First day after break

School Holidays

Bank Holidays and National Holidays

\# Last day before break

Islandwide development day

Autumn Term 2026 starts on Tuesday 1st September 2026 and ends on Friday 18th December 2026
(Half term from Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2026)

Spring Term 2027 starts on Monday 4th January 2027 and ends on Thursday 25th March 2027
(Half term from Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027)

Summer Term 2027 starts on Monday 12th April 2027 and ends on Wednesday 28th July 2027
(Half term from Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027)

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2026	1 September 2026	18 December 2026
	Half term 19 October – 30 October 2026	
Spring 2027	4 January 2027	25 March 2027
	Half term 15 February - 19 February 2027	
Summer 2027	12 April 2027	28 July 2027
	Half term 31 May – 4 June 2027	

Please note that the dates as published are correct.

There has been agreement with Island schools that one of the non-teaching days is taken on the first day of the autumn term, the remaining four are determined and allocated by the school as they wish. Please check with your child's school.

Please also note that the first day of the Autumn Term in September 2027 will not be determined until the 2027/28 timetable has been consulted upon and approved in March 2026.