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Dear Parents and Carers



🎄 Christmas Lunch with Family 🎄

We are delighted to be welcoming parents and siblings into school to join us for our special Christmas lunches on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December. It is always a lovely opportunity to share in the festive spirit and enjoy this special time of year together. We look forward to celebrating with you all!

🧥 A Reminder About Coats 🧥

With the weather taking a much colder turn, please ensure that children come to school each day with a warm, weather-appropriate coat.
We aim to get the children outside for fresh air and play whenever possible, so having a suitable coat in school is important. Thank you for your support!

Donkey Sanctuary Assembly & Yellow House Charity Day

We were delighted to welcome a representative from the Donkey Sanctuary into school this week, who delivered an assembly to our children. The children were engaged, curious, and full of compassion — it was an inspiring introduction to our upcoming fundraising efforts!
Yellow House Charity Day will allow the community to come together to raise money in support of the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary. This will take place on **Thursday 26th November,** children are invited to come to school in mufti for a donation for this wonderful cause. We will also have collection pots in each classroom where children can donate any other spare change to help us raise funds to adopt a donkey!
As part of the day, our kitchen will be serving up a very special themed lunch menu. We think the children (and grown-ups!) will love it. We can't wait to celebrate this wonderful cause together!







Today's Children in Need Mufti Day and Biscuit Sale Fundraising Amount: £154.20

Kind regards
Kirsty Thomas
Acting Headteacher

Sports Update from our U11's Girls Team

Yesterday, we hosted a football match on the field. There were ten of us who participated in the match against Newchurch.
In the first half, neither team managed to score a goal. However, in the second half, we managed to redeem ourselves when Aria scored a goal, assisted by her teammates.
Although our goalkeeper, Liyra, had never played in goal during a match before, she did exceptionally well by not letting any goals in, even though Newchurch kept trying to score. Liyra overcame her fears by pushing through and believing in herself.
Our team did amazingly well throughout the whole match. We listened to each other's feedback and tried to build one another's confidence. In the end, our teamwork proved successful as we won the match with a score of 1–0!
All in all, we pushed through and had an amazing time. We couldn't have done it without our coach, Sarah. Thank you for all your support!

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Diary Dates:

Wed 18th November - Year 6 SATS Parent Workshop

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

Thurs 26th November - Year 6 SATS Parent Workshop

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

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

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

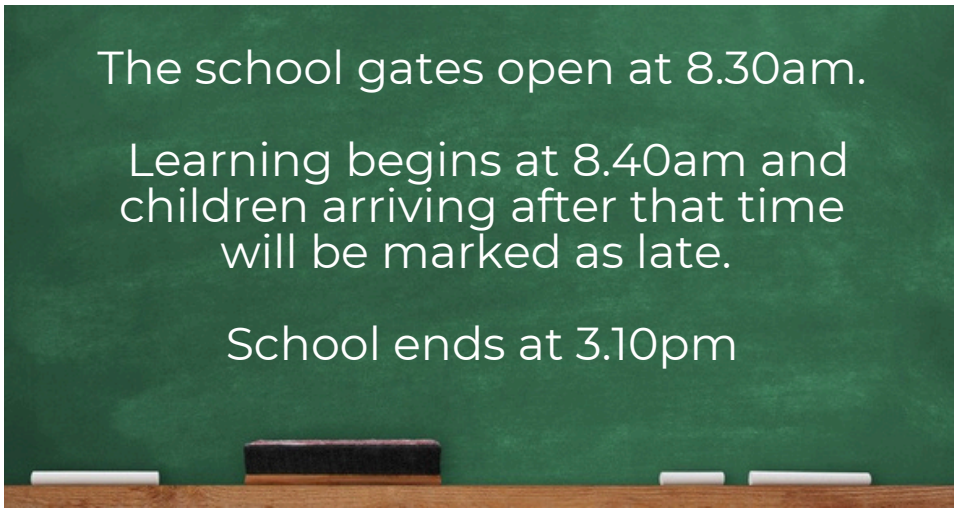
Tues 15th December - Rec/KS1 Nativity to parents (PM)

Tues 15th 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



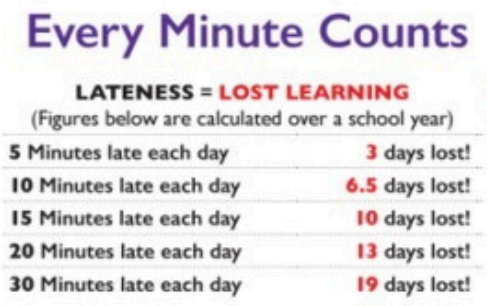
MENU: WEEK COMMENCING 9th November



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Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

ATTENDANCE:

Whole School for the Year - 95.6%

Whole School for the Week - 95.3%

Minimum Annual Attendance Target - 96%

Reception - 88.6%
England Class

Year 1 - 95.2%
Wales Class

Year 2 - 93%
France Class

Year 3 - 97.1%
Spain Class

Year 4 -98%
Italy Class

Year 5 - 96.7%
Japan Class

Year 6 - 96.4%
China Class

HOUSE POINTS:

BLUE	45	RED	85
GREEN	42	YELLOW	25

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to you!

Phoenix B-R (Y6) - 11 Years old
Rupert S - (Y2) - 7 Years old

NITON STAR AWARDS:

Bronze (25 Stars)	Silver (50 Stars)	Gold (75 Stars)	Platinum (125 Stars)
Arlo T Y1 Clarissa H-D Y2 Lochlan M Y2 Arlo C Y2 Elba C Y2 Theo F L Y2 Ozzee R Y2 Noah P-R Y2 Autumn G Y3 Wallis H-U Y3 Ada C Y5 Phoenix B-R Y6			

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS:

Octavia B Y2 - For an amazing story about a lost tadpole. Octavia followed her plan carefully and added lots of lovely language and detail.
Ebon O-L Y2 - For fantastic use of adjectives in his story about a lost lizard.

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ENGLISH EXPERTS:

Theodore S - Year 1 For working hard to remember capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in his writing!	**Dennie G- Year 2** For taking real care with his handwriting on a piece of storywriting - now his challenge is to do it all the time!	**Kasper H - Year 3** For his brilliant letter inspired by the book, 'Stone Age Boy'.
Boaz O - Year 4 For putting in a huge amount of effort to improve his handwriting - keep going Boaz - you almost have the pen!	**Ally O - Year 5** For a huge improvement in her handwriting.	**Marla D - Year 6** For a huge improvement in the quantity and quality of her writing.

MATHS MAGICIANS:

Ada L - Year 1 For your hard work and effort in all our maths lessons!	**Ivan G - Year 2** For continued hard work and determination in every lesson- Ivan is growing in confidence every day!	**Otis C - Year 3** For fantastic work adding 3 digit numbers (including an exchange)
Rosie C - Year 4 For fantastic work adding 3 digit numbers (including an exchange)	**Abel B-M - Year 5** For working so systematically when calculating square numbers **Jasper W - Year 6** For working so systematically when calculating square numbers	**Tilly W - Year 6** For working so well when ordering and comparing fractions by the numerator

SPORTS SUPERSTARS:

Delilah K - Year 1 For your amazing effort and determination in multi skills!	**Beatrice M - Year 2** For your incredible determination in multi skills	**Eliza L - Year 3** For your excellent resilience and determination in fitness!
Timmy W - Year 4 For generating some excellent robotic dance moves and supporting his team with learning them.	**Martha L- Year 5** For your brilliant effort and resilience in indoor athletics	**Ambrose J - Year 6** For your brilliant effort and overall performance in indoor athletics.

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School Value Awards

Hold our school values in your hand

Year 1 **Lily G - FRIENDSHIP** For consistently being a kind and thoughtful friend to those around her.	**Year 2** **Octavia B - RESPECT** For going out of her way to always make sure our classroom is neat and tidy	**Year 3** **Gus M - COURAGE** For his resilient attitude and determination when challenges
Year 4 **Etty S - FRIENDSHIP** For always showing kindness and for being a wonderful friend.	**Year 5** **Aurin B - RESPECT** For always demonstraing such fabulous behaviours for learning.	**Year 6** **Harley O - RESPECT** For showing respect for his environment and helping me keep the classroom tidy.

Year R Class Write Up

The children in Reception have been working incredibly hard with their phonics and reading. They particularly enjoyed welcoming their parents and carers into the classroom to share some fun reading and Funky Phonics activities. It was lovely to see everyone joining in and celebrating their learning together!

This week, we have been exploring different festivals and celebrations. The children have been fascinated by Bonfire Night, listening to Handel's dramatic firework music, creating their own colourful firework pictures and investigating some exciting firework experiments!

We also took time to remember on Remembrance Day. The children showed great respect during our two-minute silence, and some enjoyed making their own poppies to wear.

Our learning continued as we discovered Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light. We explored the traditional story of Rama and Sita, bringing it to life by making our own stick puppets and creating beautiful Rangoli and Mehndi patterns and diva lamps.

What a great week of exploring different traditions, celebrating together and discovering the world around us!







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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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Style of Wight WRITING COMPETITION

Let your imagination run wild...

Who can enter?

Year 5 and 6 pupils are invited to take part!



The challenge...

Write a story on any subject you like – it's up to you!

Word limit: 500 words

(It might be less, but it can't be more!)



How to enter:

Please type your story and add your name, age and school details at the bottom.



Closing date:

End of the December term.

If several pupils are keen to enter, it would be great if the school can collect all entries in one batch.

The prize...

Winners will be invited to an event at the IW Story Festival, held at Quay Arts during next February's half term. All those selected will receive book tokens and their stories will be published in a book.



Good luck and happy writing!

Completed stories can be passed to Mrs Groves (Year 5)

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Southampton Family Trust
building relationships



Does it sometimes feel like everything is a battle with your child or teen?

FREE ONLINE SEMINAR

Understanding Demand Avoidance in Neurodivergent Children (diagnosed or suspected)

Insights and strategies for families

Thursday 12th November 2026, 7.30 - 9.00 pm

No booking required!

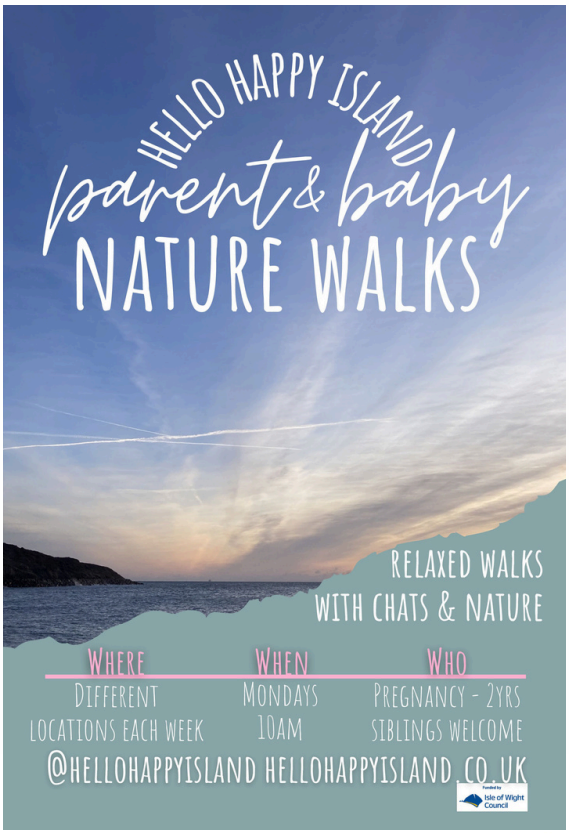
Simply join the seminar by scanning the QR code or use the Zoom details below:

Meeting ID: 857 2711 9710
Passcode: 701137

If you prefer, feel free to email us at **info@sftrust.org.uk** for the Zoom link.

www.sftrust.org.uk

Scan the QR code for the Zoom Link







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

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

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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
T	4	11	18	25#	
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
F	2	9	16	23	30
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MAY 2027					
M		3	10	17	24	31
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T		6	13	20	27	
F		7	14	21	28#	
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JUNE 2027					
M		7*	14	21	28
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W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	
F	4	11	18	25	
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S	6	13	20	27	

JULY 2027					
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	

AUGUST 2027					
M		2	9	16	23	30
T		3	10	17	24	31
W		4	11	18	25	
T		5	12	19	26	
F		6	13	20	27	
S		7	14	21	28	
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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.