



NITON PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all had a wonderful and enjoyable summer break and had plenty of opportunities to relax, recharge and spend time with family and friends. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school, and we are already looking forward to a happy, successful and exciting term ahead.

A special well done to all of our children for the fantastic way they have adapted to our new kitchen and lunchtime arrangements. There have been lots of changes as we have brought our catering provision under the school's own management and moved away from Chartwells, and the children have responded brilliantly. It has been a delight to see the children trying new foods.

We are incredibly proud of how quickly they have adjusted to the new routines and arrangements, and it has been wonderful to see them embracing the changes so positively. A huge thank you also goes to our staff for all their hard work in making this transition such a success.

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children, families and staff joining our school community this year. It has been wonderful to see our new Reception children settling into school so brilliantly during their transition period. They have already shown such enthusiasm, confidence and curiosity as they begin to explore their new surroundings, get to know their teachers and make new friends.

We are equally delighted to welcome our new members of staff, who have already become a valued part of our school community. We look forward to working together, building new relationships and making this a happy, successful and memorable year for everyone. Welcome to our school family!

We are excited about all that the new term has in store and look forward to working together to make it a happy, productive and memorable year for all our children. Welcome back, everyone!

Kind regards
Kirsty Thomas
Acting Headteacher

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Diary Dates:

14th September -
Meet the Teacher
Y1 - Y6

18th September -
Flu Vaccinations

24th September -
Individual/Sibling
School
Photographs

7th October -
Y6 UKSA
Test the Water

16th October -
Last day of the half
term. 3.10pm finish.

2nd November -
Return to school

The school gates open at 8.30am.

Learning begins at 8.40am and
children arriving after that time
will be marked as late.

School ends at 3.10pm

MENU: WEEK COMMENCING 14TH SEPTEMBER



WEEK 2 MENU
DATES: 14/09, 05/10, 09/11, 30/11

MON	TUE
Option 1: Sausage and Mash Option 2: Veggie Sausage and Mash Pudding: Traditional School Cake	Option 1: Chicken Korma Option 2: Vegetarian Korma Pudding: Shortbread
WED	THUR
Option 1: Turkey Roast Option 2: Quorn Fillet Pudding: Chocolate Sponge, custard	Option 1: Lasagne Option 2: Veggie Lasagne Pudding: Vanilla Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit
FRI	BAGUETTES
Option 1: Chicken Goujons Option 2: Vegan Sausage roll Pudding: Strawberry Ice Cream	Fresh Baguettes available Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur: • Cheese • Ham • Tuna
DAILY	
- Jacket potatoes with either cheese, cheese and beans or Tuna mayo. - Fresh bread - Tomato Pasta - Salad bar could include cucumber, carrot, sweetcorn, fruit salad. (subject to availability)	
All meals served with vegetable selection or side salad	

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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 97% - 100% Good chance of success and progress	20 days absence over the whole year 90% Less chance of success. Harder to make progress	20+ days absence over the whole year Under 90% 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 - 98.3%

Whole School for the Week - 98.2%

Minimum Annual Attendance Target - 96%

Reception - 99.3%
England Class

Year 1 - 98%
Wales Class

Year 2 - 99.6%
France Class

Year 3 - 98.2%
Spain Class

Year 4 - 99%
Italy Class

Year 5 - 97.3%
Japan Class

Year 6 - 96.8%
China Class

  <u>HOUSE POINTS:</u>  			
BLUE	32	RED	41
GREEN	 88	YELLOW	19

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Wishing a very
happy birthday
to you all!



Oakley ~(YR) 5 years old
Ryley (YR) 5 years old
Benjamin (Y2) 7 years old

NITON STAR AWARDS:

	 Silver (50 Stars)	 Gold (75 Stars)	 Platinum (125 Stars)

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS:

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ENGLISH EXPERTS:

<u>Year 1</u> For demonstrating determination when completing his Maths - he was so keen to finish just one more question!	<u>Lydia - Year2</u> For independently using question marks in a piece of writing!	<u>Autumn - Year 3</u> For her brilliant predictions about our new book 'The Barnabus Project'.
<u>Year 4</u> Fantastic work with conjunctions.	<u>Angus - Year 5</u> For excellent focus and quality of work.	<u>Gertie - Year 6</u> For making a huge effort to improve her handwriting.

MATHS MAGICIANS:

<u>Year 1</u> for his confidence and positive attitude in our representing numbers under ten lesson!	<u>Jack - Year 2</u> For demonstrating determination when completing his Maths - he was so keen to finish just one more question!	<u>Kasper - Year 3</u> For his lovely presentation in his maths book and super attitude to learning
<u>Glady - Year 4</u> For demonstrating great fluency in maths.	<u>Molly - Year 5</u> For working in such a calm and careful way when completing her calculations	<u>Liya-Jay - Year 6</u> For participating in such a confident way during whole class learning.

SPORTS SUPERSTARS:

<u>Minnoe - Year 1</u> For your fantastic effort and amazing attitude in multi skills this week!	<u>Denver - Year 2</u> for your brilliant determination and enthusiasm both in lessons and at Active Blast club! Well done!	<u>Kayden - Year 3</u> for your excellent teamwork and cooperation!
<u>Year 4</u> For incredible catching during tag rugby	<u>Allyannah- Year 5</u> for your amazing effort and teamwork!	<u>Alex - Year 6</u> for your superb attitude and teamwork! Well done!

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School Value Awards

Hold our school values in your hand



Year 1 RESPECT- for always remembering to say please and thank you and for being respectful to all members of staff!	Year 2 Dylan - Courage Dylan has only just joined our class but has shown such fantastic courage making friends and settling in so quickly!	Year 3 Ada - Respect For her lovely manners and great attitude to learning
Year 4 Roo - Friendship For demonstrating kindness to his friends	Year 5 Ryan - Love For showing his love of computing by helping his friends to navigate the learning.	Year 6 Francis - Respect For focus, hard work and effort in class.

Reception Class Write Up:

What a fantastic start our new Reception children have made to school! We have already been so impressed by their enthusiasm, confidence and eagerness to learn, and we are incredibly excited about all that the year ahead will bring.

The children are quickly becoming familiar with the routines of the school day, from settling into the classroom to learning how we work, learn and play together. It has been wonderful to see old friendships being rekindled and new friendships beginning to blossom.

We have also begun exploring our first traditional tale, The Three Little Pigs. The children have loved listening to the story, joining in with the repeated phrases and talking about the characters and events. They have already demonstrated wonderful imagination and creativity through their play and learning.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled in and of the positive attitudes they have shown during their first few days. We can't wait to see all the exciting learning, friendships and adventures that await us this year!

What a wonderful start to the school year! 🌈📚



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Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions

11th June 2026 (9am – 11am) Cowes Family Centre

16th July 2026 (9am – 11am) Carisbrook & Gunville Church

16th September 2026 (9am – 11am) Ventnor Family Centre

16th October 2026 (9am – 11am) Sandown Family Centre

18th November 2026 (9am – 11am) Carisbrook & Gunville Church

13th January 2027 (9am – 11am) Carisbrook & Gunville Church

10th February 2027 (9am – 11am) Carisbrook & Gunville Church



Drop in for a chat, a cuppa and shared experiences

No booking needed



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Cowes Family Centre –
Love Lane, Cowes PO31 7ET
Carisbrook & Gunville Church
Gunville Road, Newport
PO30 5LS
Ventnor Family Centre
Albert Street, Ventnor PO38 1EZ
Sandown Family Centre
The Fairway, Sandown PO36 9EQ

Webinars

We host a range of webinars, that all parents and caregivers are welcome to join:

- Accepting Adolescence
- Break-Through 'Behaviour'
- Child to Parent Violence
- Feel without Fear
- Navigating Neurodivergence
- Reestablishing Routines
- Seasonal Sensory Awareness
- Sleep

Parent Peer Support Groups

We host regular parent peer support groups and drop in sessions. (Details available upon request).



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Let's Walk Together on This Journey

- Celebrate neurodiversity.
- Understand strengths and differences.
- Support each child's growth every step of the way on the Isle of Wight.



If you have difficulty understanding this document, please contact us on 01983 821000 and we will do our best to help you.



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Parent Information Leaflet

2025/2026

Delivered by the Isle of Wight Neurodiversity Team



Free online workshops, no booking required:
[Workshops - Isle of Wight SENDIASS](#)

[YouTube Channel – SEND Information Videos](#)

[Polaris SENDIASS - YouTube](#)

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HELLO HAPPY island

GUIDED WALKS TO EXPLORE THE ISLAND

ART PRINTS TO BRING THE BEAUTY OF NATURE HOME

LEARN TO NORDIC WALK

WELLBEING THROUGH NATURE, COMMUNITY & WALKS

FIND US @HELLOHAPPYISLAND  HELLOHAPPYISLAND.CO.UK



Family Hubs
Isle of Wight

Coming to Ryde Family Hub in September

Parenting Puzzle and the Nurturing Programme

Both courses can help you:

- Understand your child's emotional needs
- Build stronger communication and connection
 - Manage behaviour positively
 - Feel more confident in your parenting

Parenting Puzzle - **4 sessions** for parents and carers only whose children are aged **3 to 5 years**.

The Nurturing Programme runs for **8 sessions** and is for parents and carers only whose children are aged **5 to 13 years**.

Please speak with your setting or contact us via our website – link below or scan the QR code:
www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk



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HIGHLY QUALIFIED COACHES

SAFE ONLY PURPOSE-BUILT GYM ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT
WE ARE NOT RUN FROM A SPORTS CENTRE OR A HIRED HALL

FAMILY OF GENERATIONS OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED COACHES

COMMUNITY RUN AND BASED WHICH MEANS WE ARE OPEN TO EVERYBODY!

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN US!
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SEE YOU ALL SOON!



Short Story Writing Competition 2026

Write about a story inspired by

LOVE HOPE COURAGE

for a chance to have your story recorded by a celebrity & published!

ENTRY FEE (per story)

ADULTS £8.00 (1500 – 2000 words)

12 – 17's (up to 750 words) • 8 – 11's (up to 500 words)

Under 8's (up to 250 words)

Under 18's suggested donation £2.00

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM Waterstones | Sight for Wight | Dress for Less admin@wsvb.org.uk | sightforwight.org.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 5.30PM

AWARD CEREMONY FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2026 RIVERSIDE CENTRE, NEWPORT @ 7PM

OTHER GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE!

PAUL TOPPING Broadcaster

ALEX POLIZZIO Hotelier & TV Presenter

STUART MCGINLEY Presenter

RICHARD CADELL Entertainer

CHESNEY HAWKES Musician

Sight for Wight is the working name for Isle of Wight Society for the Blind
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Folkstastic Isle

THE Show



New Carnival and the Isle of Wight College performing arts students present Folkstastic Isle - On Stage. Featuring Folk Stories of the Island, brought to life with New Carnival's spectacular giant costumes and puppets.

Victoria Recreation Newport
Ventnor Exchange Arena
September 13th | 1430-1530

Freshwater Memorial Hall
Freshwater
September 26th | 1830-2000

Ventnor Exchanged Arena
Browns Golf Course Sandown
October 18th | 1430-1530

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LOCAL GIVING FOR LOCAL NEEDS

CAN YOU HEAR US?

CREATIVE ISLAND



Folkstastic Isle

THE Exhibition



New Carnival invites you to explore the Islands Folk Heritage through the art of the people; Seasonal Celebrations, Stories, Myths and Legends of the Isle of Wight.

Lord Louis Library | Newport
September 8th - 15th | 0900-1730
*closed Weds 9th

Dimbola Museums & Galleries | Freshwater
September 21st - October 4th | 1000-1600

Graft Studios | Sandown
October 10th - 18th | 1000-1600

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Folkstastic Isle

Magic show



New Carnival and the Shipwreck Museum present a Magic Show 'Ghost Ship HMS Eurydice'.

Based on the 1878 shipwreck off the Isle of Wight.

Lord Louis Library | Newport
September 12th | 1300-1400

Dimbola Museums & Galleries | Freshwater
October 2nd | 1900-2000

Graft Studios | Sandown
October 10th | 1900-2000

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PARENTS CONNECT

youth trust



A relaxed and friendly space to connect, meet other parents, feel supported and share experiences.

When?

15th Sept - East Cowes Library 12:00 - 13:30
29th Sept - Youth Trust 12:00-13:30
13th Oct - NetWork Ryde 10:30-12
27th Oct - Youth Trust 12:00 - 13:30

Where?

East Cowes
Library
PO32 6RU

Who?

For parents with young people aged 5-17



For Every Parent, Everywhere

This activity is funded by
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ISLE OF WIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Explore | Discover | Find the right school for your child

Thinking about secondary school?
Come along to the upcoming Open Days and discover what each school has to offer.



Priory School
Our Lady of Walsingham

Open Mornings:
 Thursday 1st October 2026 | 9:30am – 12:00pm
 Tuesday 6th October 2026 | 9:30am – 12:00pm
 Thursday 11th March 2026 | 9:30am – 12:00pm
 Wellington Road, Newport

Call | Directions | Website



Christ the King College

Thursday 17th September 2026
 5:30pm – 7:30pm
 Wellington Road, Newport

Call | Directions | Website



Ryde School

Friday 18th September 2026
 Queen's Road, Ryde
(Booking required)

Call | Directions | Website



Medina College

Tuesday 22nd September 2026
 5:00pm – 8:00pm
 Fairlee Road, Newport

Also hosting Open Mornings from 9:30am – 12:00pm on 29th Sept, 8th Oct and 13th Oct.

Call | Directions | Website



Carisbrooke College

Tuesday 29th September 2026
 5:00pm – 8:00pm
 Mountbatten Drive, Newport

Presentations at 5:15pm, 6:00pm and 6:45pm.

Call | Directions | Website



The Island Free School

Saturday 10th October 2026
 9:00am – 12:00pm
 Newport Road, Ventnor

Headmaster's Talks at 9:30am & 10.30am.

Call | Directions | Website

A great opportunity for families to:

 Explore the school
  Meet staff and pupils
  Find out about school life
  Ask questions
  Get a feel for each school

Please check each school's website for booking arrangements and further information.

Your child's next chapter...



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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
S	3	10	17	24	
S	4	11	18	25	

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

JUNE 2027					
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	

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	
S	1	8	15	22	29	

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.