

NITON PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of our first half-term, we would like to thank all our families for their continued support. We hope you enjoy a restful half-term break and have lots of fun! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

French Day - We had a wonderful time celebrating all things au français during our French Day on Wednesday! The children enjoyed embracing French culture, with French-inspired cuisine at lunchtime and a selection of delicious French delicacies throughout the day. It was a lovely opportunity to bring learning to life and enjoy a taste of France together.



Celebrating Oscar's Bravery and Quick Thinking - We are incredibly proud of Oscar, whose bravery and quick thinking recently helped his mum when she became unwell at home. Recognising that something was seriously wrong, Oscar immediately called 999 and spoke to an emergency call handler from the Isle of Wight Ambulance Service. A representative from the Ambulance Service joined us for an assembly on Wednesday, when Oscar's actions were recognised and celebrated. Well done, Oscar!



Reading Fluency Learning Mornings - Our Reading Fluency Learning Mornings will take place during the first week back after half-term. These sessions will provide an opportunity for parents and carers to learn more about how we develop children's reading fluency and how this important skill supports their progress and enjoyment of reading. Please see the dates in this newsletter.

Toys from Home - A gentle reminder that children should not bring toys from home into school. Thank you for helping us to avoid loss and breakage by keeping toys safely at home.

Important Reminder - We have children in school with nut allergies, please ensure snacks and packed lunches do not contain nuts. This includes obvious items such as peanut butter, as well as some snack bars and products such as pesto, which can contain nuts.

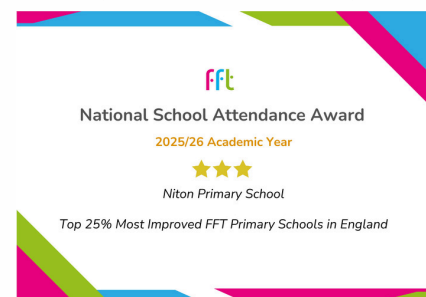
Yellow House Fundraising - Our House fundraising efforts will begin with a Yellow House Mufti Day on **Thursday 26th November**. Yellow House will be raising money for the Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary, a wonderful local charity caring for donkeys in need. We are looking forward to welcoming a representative from the Donkey Sanctuary into one of our assemblies before the fundraising day. This will give the children an opportunity to learn more about the sanctuary, the important work it does and how their fundraising efforts can make a difference. We look forward to seeing the children get behind this worthwhile cause!



Celebrating Our Attendance Success - We are delighted that attendance at Niton continues to improve, and we are pleased to have received a National School Attendance Award, recognising the efforts being made to improve attendance across our school.

Every day of learning matters. Regular attendance helps children build confidence, maintain routines, develop friendships and make the most of the learning opportunities available to them. We would like to thank all our families for their continued support in helping us improve attendance.

Kind regards
Kirsty Thomas
Acting Headteacher



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Diary Dates:

Mon 2nd November -
Return to school

Tue 3rd November -
Year R Learn Together
Morning - Phonics &
Reading

Weds 4th November -
Y3, Y4 & Y6 Learn Together
Morning - Reading
Fluency

Fri 6th November -
Y1, Y2 & Y5 Learn Together
Morning - Reading
Fluency

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 Cahrity
Mufti Day

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

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 2nd November



WEEK 1 MENU

DATES: 7/09, 28/09, 02/11, 23/11, 14/12

MON	TUE
Option 1: Bacon Macaroni Cheese	Option 1: Chicken Fajita
Option 2: Macaroni Cheese	Option 2: Sizzling Bean Fajita
Pudding: Vanilla yoghurt, fresh fruit	Pudding: Shortbread

WED	THUR
Option 1: Gammon Roast	Option 1: Sweet and Sour Chicken
Option 2: Cauliflower Broccoli Cheese	Option 2: Vegetable Sweet and Sour
Pudding: Chocolate Sponge, custard	Pudding: Cheese and Crackers

FRI	BAGUETTES
Option 1: Fish Fingers	Fresh Baguettes available Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur:
Option 2: Quorn Nuggets	• Cheese
Pudding: Vanilla Ice Cream	• 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



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 - 95.3%

Whole School for the Week - 93.2%

Minimum Annual Attendance Target - 96%

Reception - 93.2%
England Class

Year 1 - 92.8%
Wales Class

Year 2 - 95.6%
France Class

Year 3 - 92.1%
Spain Class

Year 4 - 94%
Italy Class

Year 5 - 90%
Japan Class

Year 6 - 95.4%
China Class

HOUSE POINTS:

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BLUE	92	RED	146
GREEN	111	YELLOW	73

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to you!

Elliarna (YR) - 5 Years old
Idris (Y5) - 10 Years old
Ryan (Y5) - 10 Years old
Aria (Y5) - 10 Years old
Ama (Y3) - 8 Years old
Jack Riddett (Y1) - 6 Years old
Jack Holland (Y3) - 8 Years old
Timothy (Y4) - 9 Years old

Noah (Y2) - 7 Years old
Otilie (Y3) - 8 Years old
Wallis (Y3) - 8 Years old
Elias (Y4) - 9 Years old
Alice (Y5) - 10 Years old
Ada (Y1) - 6 Years old
Penelope (Y5) - 10 Years old
Reuben (Y6) - 11 Years old

NITON STAR AWARDS:

 Bronze (25 Stars)	 Silver (50 Stars)	 Gold (75 Stars)	 Platinum (125 Stars)
Reuben P Y2 Aidan S Y2 Sienna D Y3 Patrick S Y3 Maksym A Y4 Rosie C Y4 Winnie M Y4 Sage M Y4 Etty S Y4 Beau T Y4 Agnes W Y4 Glady W Y4 Mylah R Y5 Ambrose J Y6			

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS:

Rosie C Y4 - For creating an excellently written and well-presented explanation text about the water cycle.
Marley-Bear H-S Y4 - For creating an excellently written and well-presented explanation text about the water cycle.
Oscar R Y4 - For creating an excellently written and well-presented explanation text about the water cycle.
Etty S Y4 - For creating an excellently written and well-presented explanation text about the water cycle.
Glady W Y4 - For creating an excellently written and well-presented explanation text about the water cycle.
Maksym A Y4 - For creating an excellently written and well-presented explanation text about the water cycle.
Liberty S Y6 - For showing such immense thoughtfulness and kindness. Thank you Liberty!

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ENGLISH EXPERTS:

<u>Annie C - Year 1</u> For her hard work using actions to retell and sequence the events our class story.	<u>Theodore FL- Year 2</u> For fantastic use of exclamation marks in his sentence writing. <u>Florence S Year 2</u> For fantastic use of exclamation marks in her sentence writing.	<u>Sienna D - Year 3</u> For super sentences using fronted adverbials of place.
<u>Finley N - Year 4</u> For showing a real desire to improve his reading, handwriting and writing. Keep it up Fin, you are making great progress.	<u>Winnie W- Year 5</u> For fantastic PIXL results.	<u>Reuben M - Year 6</u> For consistent focus and hard work

MATHS MAGICIANS:

<u>Betty H - Year 1</u> For her confidence and resilience in finding number bonds within 10.	<u>Lydia J - Year 2</u> For her willingness to persevere even when something felt tricky. - we worked it out together!	<u>Reuben K - Year 3</u> For fantastic work subtracting across a 10.
<u>Radley D - Year 4</u> For showing commitment and dedication to learning his multiplication tables.	<u>Liberty S - Year 5</u> For showing initiative and carrying out extra practise when wanting to master a specific mathematical skill	<u>Marla D - Year 6</u> For approaching all her maths learning in a systematic and methodical way, showing great care and attention to detail.

SPORTS SUPERSTARS:

<u>Jack R - Year 1</u> For your incredible enthusiasm and effort in multi skills.	<u>Mia B - Year 2</u> For your fantastic enthusiasm and effort in multi skills!	<u>Sophia P - Year 3</u> For your brilliant teamwork and determination in Tag Rugby!
<u>Blossom P - Year 4</u> For demonstrating excellent determination and technique during our tag rugby sessions.	<u>Liberty S - Year 5</u> For your amazing effort and energy in dodgeball!	<u>Nehemiah O- Year 6</u> For your excellent control and balance in fencing!

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School Value Awards

Hold our school values in your hand



Year 1 Ada L - FRIENDSHIP For being a kind friend and always looking out for others.	Year 2 Mabel C - COURAGE Mabel kept going when she found something tricky and used great courage to have a go even though it felt hard!	Year 3 Otis C - RESPECT For consistently demonstrating fantastic behaviour for learning.
Year 4 Ellery R-S - ALL VALUES For embracing all of our values and for being a wonderful role-model to others in the class.	Year 5 Nola M - FRIENDSHIP For inviting a friend to come and play with her at just the right time.	Year 6 Ambrose J - LOVE For always showing a love for learning.

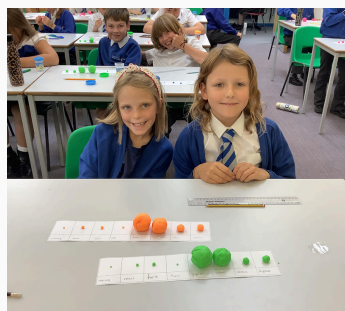
Year 5 Class Write Up

Year 5 have made a fantastic start to the first half term, working incredibly hard and showing enthusiasm and creativity across the curriculum.

In Science, the children enjoyed hands-on learning, using playdough to model the relative sizes of the planets and creating working models to demonstrate how the Earth orbits the Sun and the Moon orbits the Earth.

Music has been another highlight, with the children collaborating to compose and perform their own pieces. They explored musical notation, experimented with melodies and developed their performance skills, producing some lovely pieces of music together. As part of our Literacy Festival, we welcomed Ian Charles Dickens, the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens. He shared an engaging illustrated talk about the author's life, including his time on the Isle of Wight 175 years ago, when he worked on chapters of *David Copperfield*.

We are incredibly proud of the children's hard work, teamwork and enthusiasm. Well done, for such a wonderful start Year 5.



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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!

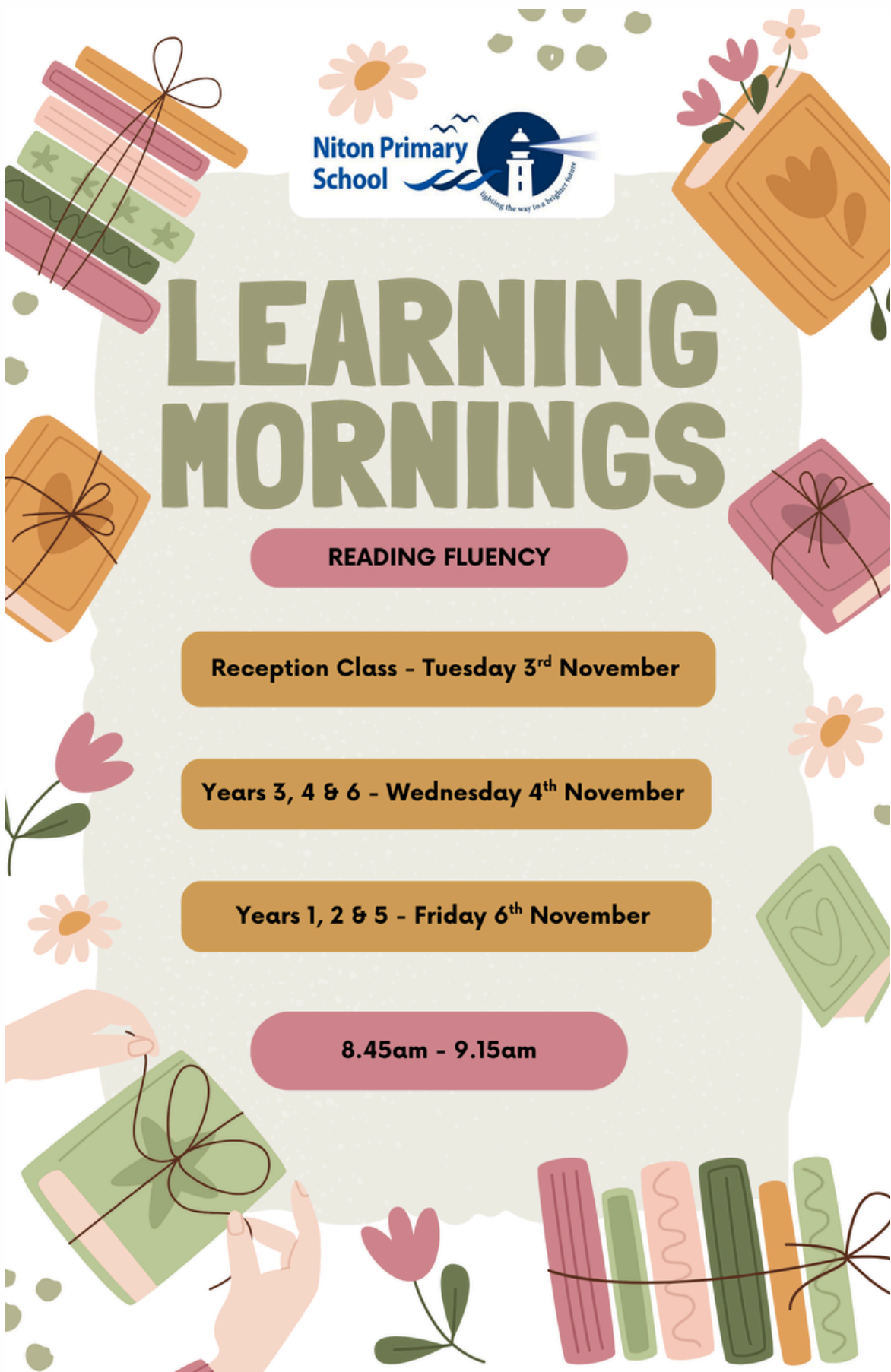
We look forward to welcoming you!



Come and see what makes Niton Primary School special.

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**Niton Primary
School**

lighting the way to a brighter future

LEARNING MORNINGS

READING FLUENCY

Reception Class - Tuesday 3rd November

Years 3, 4 & 6 - Wednesday 4th November

Years 1, 2 & 5 - Friday 6th November

8.45am - 9.15am

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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



WESTOVER FARM PUMPKINS

PUMPKIN PATCH PLAYTIME FOR LITTLE PUMPKINS

Friday mornings are for little pumpkins!

Friday 9th & 16th October
10am - 12pm

Tickets cost £12 and include:

- Hot chocolate
- Pumpkin storytime
- Autumn crafts
- Patch activities

Advance booking only, to book please visit: <https://westover-farm-pumpkins.sumupstore.com/>

Westover Farm, Calbourne, IW. PO30 4JW
@WestoverFarmIW

WESTOVER FARM PUMPKINS

PUMPKIN PATCH

Free entry & parking | Pick your own pumpkins
Photo opportunities | Refreshments
Kids activities | Face painting | The Play Patch

9.30am - 4.30pm

3rd & 4th Oct
9th - 11th Oct
16th - 20th Oct
23rd - 27th Oct
30th & 31st Oct

Follow us on social media for more updates including closures in bad weather

@WestoverFarmIW
info@westover-farm.co.uk

Please note different opening times
Fri 9th & 16th 12-4pm
Sat 3rd & 10th 9.30am - 7pm

Westover Farm, Calbourne, PO30 4JW

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HALLOWEEN

Storytelling Spooky Stories

Ventnor Library
Saturday 24th October
10.30 - 11.30am

For children 10 and under with parents.



HALLOWEEN

STORYTELLING

FREE EVENT

Spooky stories for Halloween

Saturday 24th October
10.30 - 11.30am
Ventnor Library

For children 10 and under with parents



You're Invited!

LIGHT PARTY

THE SALVATION ARMY

Isle of Wight Salvation Army
OCTOBER 27TH 3:30PM-6PM

Messy Church

Music • Games • Crafts
 • Food • Glow treats

Come shine with us!

Isle of Wight Salvation Army,
 72 Pyle Street, Newport



Families Supporting Families

Rainbow Club
 Isle of Wight
 SUPPORT • PLAY • BELONG

All Families Welcome

STAY & PLAY

A relaxed, inclusive space for children and young people with additional needs and their families to connect

Wednesday 28 October
10:30am - 12:00pm

Salvation Army Church
 72 Pyle Street
 Newport, PO30 1UJ

Free tea & coffee for parents/carers

Crafts & creative activities for all ages

A relaxed, welcoming and inclusive space

Support, information and signposting

FREE EVENT
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

<https://bookwhen.com/rainbow-club/isle-wight-20261028103000>

PLAY ♥ FRIENDSHIP ♥ INCLUSION ♥ SUPPORT ♥ COMMUNITY

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JUNIOR INDOOR TRAINING

6-7pm every Tuesday

ECB qualified coaches

Welcome to all abilities

U11 through to U15

£20 for all sessions over winter
or
£2.50 per session

Any questions please contact
rydecricicket@googlemail.com



Starting 10th November 2026

Ryde School Sports Hall





SANDOWN SOCCER FOOTBALL CAMPS!



Fun and inclusive Football camp providing an enjoyable environment whilst improving confidence and developing footballing ability!

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12

CAMP DATES
WEEK 1 WORLD CUP DAYS!
 22nd-23rd October
Week 2: 27th-30th October

ONLY £15 PER DAY | **FULL WEEK DISCOUNT JUST £54!**
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE
 10AM - 3PM | AGES 4-12

SCAN ME TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

CONTACT US TO SECURE YOUR PLACE! 07594 389531

SAFE, FUN & INCLUSIVE | ALL ABILITIES WELCOME | LOVE THE GAME

Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!

Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!

Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned **WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!**

Attend 4 days during the same week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and first aid training.



DIAMOND ADVENTURES KIDS SUMMER CAMP






£599 PER CHILD*

9th - 13th August 2027
 Fort Purbrook, Portsmouth
 £599 per child*

What's Included?

- Paulton's Park
- Marwell Zoo
- Go-Ape
- Portsmouth Historic Dockyard
- Archery
- Rock Climbing
- 4 nights accommodation at Peter Ashley Activity Centre
- Full board meals
- DA approved activity team
- and MUCH MORE!!!!

Book Now info@diamond-adventures.co.uk



FREE GIRLS FOOTBALL



THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER
BARTON PRIMARY 10AM-12PM
DOVER PARK PRIMARY 1.30PM-3.30PM

COACHING BY ALFIE CHAPMAN (UCAN PLAY) AND ANDY NORTH (NEW ERA COACHING)

FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 3,4,5,6,7,& 8

To book please scan the QR code or for more information email andrew.days@bartonpri.iow.sch.uk

WWW.GIRLSFOOTBALLINSCHOOLS.ORG

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ROOKLEY POSTBOX TOPPER COMPETITION

CREATE YOUR IDEA
Come up with a fun, unique design idea for a knitted postbox topper for Rookley.

JUDGED BY THE MAKERS
The ideas will be judged by the people who will make the toppers. The winning idea will be made and displayed on a Rookley postbox.

WIN £25
The person with the winning idea will be presented with their finished topper once it has been displayed in Rookley.

KIDS WELCOME
Children are especially encouraged to enter!

HOW TO ENTER
Scan the QR code or email your ideas to rva.comp@icloud.com

COMPETITION CLOSING DATE
30TH NOVEMBER

BE CREATIVE • HAVE FUN • GET TO KEEP YOUR WINNING IDEA!

Last Collection Time
9.00am Monday to Friday
7.00am Saturday
Services



ROOKLEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

HAVE YOU BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE?

Meet Father Christmas • Beware The Grinch

FEATURES

- Father Christmas grotto
- The Grinch's Mischief Corner
- Homemade Crafts
- Winter Treats
- Glitter Tattoos

FREE ENTRY

5 DECEMBER 2026
12.00 – 14.00
ROOKLEY VILLAGE HALL

Tea & Cakes
by Rookley WI

All welcome – Festive fun for everyone!

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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.