



# SUMMERFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

‘Achieve....Belong....Care’

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS GARTELL

To celebrate World Book Day, the whole school came to school in their pyjamas and brought their favourite books to share with their classmates. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying reading and talking about the stories they love. Some classes participated in live lessons along with other children in the country, while other classes focused on one particular story and explored the characters from those. Our School Council visited elderly residents at Vecta House and enjoyed reading stories together. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to share their love of books and spend time with members of the local community.

Parents’ Evening is fast approaching and is a valuable opportunity to talk with your child’s teacher about their progress, achievements, and next steps in learning. We encourage all parents and carers to attend and work together with us to support every child’s success. Details will be sent in the next few days. We are also looking forward to an exciting zoo trip next week for Year R and Year 1, which will be a fantastic learning experience for the children. This half term is already flying by.

A reminder that good attendance is very important for every child’s learning and wellbeing. When children attend school regularly, they are able to keep up with lessons, take part in all activities, and build strong friendships with their classmates. Missing school can make it harder for children to catch up with their work and feel confident in class. We ask parents and carers to support us by ensuring children attend school every day unless they are unwell, so they can make the most of every learning opportunity.

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### Dates to Remember

(All dates are subject to change)

#### Wednesday 11th March

Mothers Day Shop

#### Friday 20th March

Red Nose Day

#### Wednesday 25th March

Parents Evening

#### Thursday 26th March

Parents Evening

#### Friday 27th March

KS2 Church Service

National Skipping Day

#### Friday 27th March

Last Day of Term



# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

23.2.2026—27.2.2026



Ellen McArthur	Year R	94.8%
King Charles	Year 1	92.9%
Queen Victoria	Year 2	90.3%
Minghella	Year 3	91.4%
Warrior	Year 4	90.3%
Tennyson	Year 5	92.4%
Charles Dickens	Year 6	95%

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\* Highest Attendance \*  
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\* Congratulations Year 6 for achieving \*  
\* 95% Attendance \*  
\* 23.2.26-27.2.26 \*  
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\* Well done! \*  
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## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tommy Ella	Lily- Mae	Finn	Jenson	Poppy	Lily	Lincoln Theo



# 5 Ways To Build Lasting SELF-ESTEEM In Kids

## 1 GIVE CHOICES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



Offer choices (e.g., what shirt to wear). Give age-appropriate responsibilities, like chores around the house (e.g., setting the table, folding clothes, feeding the dog, making the bed).

## 2 PRAISE SINCERELY

Be sincere and specific with your praise. Instead of, "You're the best artist in the world!" say something like, "You're getting so good at coloring in the lines!" or, "This is a beautiful flower."



## 3 USE FAILURE AS AN OPPORTUNITY



Let your kids challenge themselves, make mistakes, and occasionally fail. Then make it clear that you still love them just the same. Encourage them to try again.

## 4 AVOID HARSH CRITICISM AND SARCASM

Avoid giving criticism in front of others and while angry. Criticize thoughtfully and gently. Explain to your kids that although you sometimes dislike their actions, you never dislike them.



## 5 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS



Teach your kids to successfully do things for themselves from a young age. Focus on their strengths. Notice what they enjoy and do well, and give them opportunities to nurture these abilities.

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<h1>S</h1> <p><b>Stay Safe</b></p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1>M</h1> <p><b>Don't Meet Up</b></p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h1>A</h1> <p><b>Accepting Files</b></p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1>R</h1> <p><b>Reliable?</b></p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1>T</h1> <p><b>Tell Someone</b></p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>
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SMART tips based on resources from www.101uknow.co.uk

## COMIC RELIEF



**Friday 20th March**

**Children can wear full mufti with something RED.**

**Donations of £1 via SCOPAY**

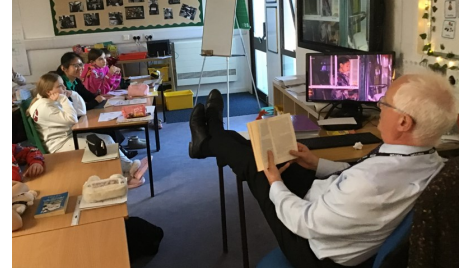
## Cooking Club

This week Year 5 & 6, did an amazing job with baking scones. They followed the recipe, weighed and measured everything for themselves.



# World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to our school library. We raised £155.



**Little Rockets Gymnastics**

# Hop into Fun this Easter at Little Rockets Gymnastics!

Join the Easter Fundays Celebration

**£32 per child** (siblings discount available)

**Dress Code:** comfortable gym clothes (leotard, shorts, t-shirt, joggers) and bring: lunchbox and drinks

tuck shop available

**Cowes Venue** (Whitegates, Artic Road, Cowes) on Wednesday 8th April 2026, 10am till 3pm;  
**Sandown Venue** (Fairway Sports Hall, The Fairway, Sandown) on Thursday 9th April 2026, 10am till 3pm

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

**Spring into HAF this Easter!**

Our popular Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for Easter 2026!

Activities include bushcraft, football, horse riding, fun at the farm, music, multi-sports and multi-activity holiday clubs. All HAF activities are inclusive and we also have some specialist SEND activities running.

- Activities will run from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April
- Bookings open Tuesday 3 March at 12pm
- All activities include a healthy nutritious meal for children and young people attending
- Free spaces are available to children who receive income-related free school meals
- Please share with families you are working with and encourage them to book on to activities should they be eligible.

We can also offer a limited number of discretionary-funded places for children who do not meet the criteria above but would benefit from attending. This may include, for example:

- Children assessed by the Local Authority as being in need, at risk or vulnerable
- Looked-after children
- Children under Early Help
- Young carers
- Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

Please contact the HAF team on [holidayactivities@iow.gov.uk](mailto:holidayactivities@iow.gov.uk) if you would like to access a discretionary-funded place for a family you are working with.

**How to book:**  
All bookings can be made through our **HAF Booking System** (QR code below)



Full details on all of our activities can also be found on the Isle of Wight [Family Information](#)

**Isle of Wight SENDIASS Online Workshops**

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions **not** recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

<b>2 MAR 11:00</b>	Considering an EHC Plan? Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process	<b>4 MAR 17:30</b>	Responding to a draft EHCP. If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft
<b>10 MAR 10:00</b>	Alternative Provision. What constitutes as a suitable education in relation to section 19 of the education act	<b>13 MAR 10:00</b>	Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support. Looking at support available for those who do not have an EHCP
<b>18 MAR 12:00</b>	Responding to a draft EHCP. If you are in that critical time frame having received your draft	<b>19 MAR 13:30</b>	Appeals to SEND Tribunal. A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

[www.iowsendiass.org.uk/workshops](http://www.iowsendiass.org.uk/workshops)

**FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES** (SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES)

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

**Costume Making Drop-In** Sat 7 Mar | 10am - 1pm | Seminar Room  
Make a buck in the Green inspired folk carnival costume using sustainable and recycled materials.

**Make Your Own Carnival Backpack** Sat 21 Mar | 10am - 1pm | Seminar Room  
New Carnival artists will help you make your own carnival backpack using sustainable materials.

**Easter Headress Drop-In** Sat 4 Apr | 10am - 1pm | Seminar Room  
Make an Easter themed headress, inspired by their Quay Arts exhibition 'Our Folk-tastic Isle'.

Kindly supported by **DAISIE RICH** Trust

FIND OUT MORE AT [WWW.QUAYARTS.ORG](http://WWW.QUAYARTS.ORG)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- EASTER HALF TERM** (APRIL) - 10am - 12pm
- MAY HALF TERM** (MAY) - 10am - 12pm
- SUMMER HOLIDAYS** (JULY) - 10am - 12pm
- OCTOBER HALF TERM** (OCT) - 10am - 12pm

**How to Find Us!**  
Where? The Sandown Venue, Sandown, Isle of Wight. Security check and bag search required.

**Contact us!**  
01983 525085  
Email: [info@butterflyworld.co.uk](mailto:info@butterflyworld.co.uk)

**Opening times**  
10am - 4pm  
10th March - End of October  
Mon - Sat 10 - 4  
Sun 11 - 4

**Butterfly World**  
Discover some of the world's most beautiful butterflies under one roof!

**Isle of Wight SENDIASS**

# Y6 SECONDARY TRANSITION

Join Lisa for our SEN Support Workshop

- Learn what a smooth transition looks like
- Explore practical SEN strategies
- Make the most of the time before September
- Get signposted to extra guidance

March 2026  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 13:00  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 17:00  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30

JOIN US VIA TEAMS [WWW.IOWSENDIASS.ORG.UK/WORKSHOPS](http://WWW.IOWSENDIASS.ORG.UK/WORKSHOPS)

**EHCP PHASE TRANSFER WORKSHOP**

Isle of Wight SENDIASS

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 12:00 - 13:00

Join Emma to discuss

- What to do if you do not get the named setting you were hoping for
- Get tips on how to talk to the LA about your concerns
- Understand your rights and next steps, including mediation and appeal options
- Get signposted to extra guidance

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[www.isleofwightpottery.com](http://www.isleofwightpottery.com)

# EASTER POTTERY CLUB

Mon, Wed, Fri 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm  
 30th March - 10<sup>th</sup> April  
 £27.50

- Sculpting bunnies, Easter egg cups, little sheep or your own creations
- Making pots on the pottery wheel

All glazing & firing included, adults & children welcome

book now [www.isleofwightpottery.com](http://www.isleofwightpottery.com)

**THE ZOO THAT COMES TO YOU**

31st March 2026  
 2:00pm  
 TICKETS £10.50 ADV | £13.50 OTD

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Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council

# SUMMER FAYRE

Victoria Recreation Ground Newport  
 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 10AM - 4PM

FREE ENTRY! FREE PARKING

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