



# SUMMERFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

‘Achieve....Belong....Care’

## MESSAGE FROM MRS GARTELL

This week started off on a musical note with members of the National Youth Orchestra demonstrating their skills in assembly to all the children. Some children were also part of a workshop in the afternoon where they got to practise and perform with the musicians. Year 1 were a superb audience and enjoyed the pieces that were performed together. It was a fantastic chance for those children to form a ‘mini orchestra’ as we also hosted children from another school alongside us.



In a separate communication, you will be receiving information regarding the teaching of spelling and handwriting. Staff will be following a new scheme after half term. Our Development day on Monday 2nd February is also centred on English, more specifically on developing fluency in reading and improving childrens’ writing.

### Dates to Remember

(All dates are subject to change)

**Monday 2nd February**

Development Day

**Friday 6th February**

Outdoor Achievement Award

**CHANGE-Tuesday 10th February**

Movie Night

**Friday 13th February**

Mufti Day for Community Garden

Last day of term

**Monday 23rd February**

First day back

### Development Days

Isle of Wight School Terms And Holidays  
2025 – 2026

Determined programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2025/26

SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025	NOVEMBER 2025
M 8 15 22 29	M 6 13 20 27	M 3 <sup>*</sup> 10 17 24
T 9 16 23 30	T 7 14 21 28	T 4 11 18 25
W 3 10 17 24	W 1 8 15 22 29	W 5 12 19 26
T 4 11 18 25	T 2 9 16 23 30	T 6 13 20 27
F 5 12 19 26	F 3 10 17# 24 31	F 7 14 21 28
S 6 13 20 27	S 4 11 18 25	S 1 8 15 22 29
S 7 14 21 28	S 5 12 19 26	S 2 9 16 23 30
DECEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2026
M 1 8 15 22 29	M 5 <sup>*</sup> 12 19 26	M 9 16 23 <sup>*</sup>
T 2 9 16 23 30	T 6 13 20 27	T 3 <sup>*</sup> 10 17 24
W 3 10 17 24 31	W 7 14 21 28	W 4 11 18 25
T 4 11 18 25	W 1 8 15 22 29	T 5 12 19 26
F 5 12 19# 26	F 2 9 16 23 30	F 6 13# 20 27
S 6 13 20 27	S 3 10 17 24 31	S 7 14 21 28
S 7 14 21 28	S 4 11 18 25	S 1 8 15 22
MARCH 2026	APRIL 2026	MAY 2026
M 2 9 16 23 30 31	M 6 13 <sup>*</sup> 20 27	M 4 11 18 25
T 3 10 17 24	T 7 14 21 28	T 5 12 19 26
W 4 11 18 25	W 1 8 15 22 29	W 6 13 20 27
T 5 12 19 26	T 2 9 16 23 30	T 7 14 21 28
F 6 13 20 27#	F 3 10 17 24	F 1 8 15 22# 29
S 7 14 21 28	S 4 11 18 25	S 2 9 16 23 30
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JUNE 2026	JULY 2026	AUGUST 2026
M 1 <sup>*</sup> 8 15 22 29	M 6 13 20 27	M 3 10 17 24 31
T 2 9 16 23 30	T 7 14 21 28	T 4 11 18 25
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Development Days

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

12.1.2026—16.1.2026

19.1.2026—23.1.2026

Ellen McArthur	Year R	90.3%
King Charles	Year 1	76.3%
Queen Victoria	Year 2	79.6%
Minghella	Year 3	88.8%
Warrior	Year 4	89.6%
Tennyson	Year 5	89.6%
Charles Dickens	Year 6	95.3%

Ellen McArthur	Year R	93.2%
King Charles	Year 1	96.3%
Queen Victoria	Year 2	91.3%
Minghella	Year 3	90.7%
Warrior	Year 4	97.5%
Tennyson	Year 5	93.1%
Charles Dickens	Year 6	94%



## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Adelyn	Everleigh-	Lena	Oskar	Leila	Aubrey	Millie
Hazel	Mai	Delilah			Kai	
Bowie	Violet	Sophie				
Romeo	Casey					



# Protect your child on Whatsapp- Online Safety



We have had instances of unkind or hurtful behaviour taking place within WhatsApp and other messaging groups involving children at Summerfields.

Although these groups are created outside of school and usually used at home, the effects of unkind messages, exclusion, or upset can be felt very strongly by children and can carry over into the school day. At primary age, children are still learning how to manage friendships, emotions, and online communication, and they need our guidance and support.

We kindly ask for your help in safeguarding your child by considering the following steps:

- **Talk regularly with your child** about their online activity. Ask who they are chatting with and how those conversations make them feel.
- **Remind children about kindness online**, helping them understand that messages and emojis can hurt feelings just as much as spoken words.
- **Supervise and monitor messaging apps**, ensuring they are age-appropriate and that you are aware of group chats your child is part of.
- **Set clear boundaries** around phone use, including time limits and expectations for respectful behaviour.
- **Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult** if they see or experience anything online that makes them feel worried, upset, or uncomfortable.
- **Reassure them** that it is always right to ask for help and that they will not be in trouble for doing so.

For further guidance, you may find the following online safety resources helpful:

- **NSPCC - Online Safety for Parents:**  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- **Internet Matters - Advice by Age and App:**  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- **UK Safer Internet Centre - Parent Guides:**  
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote kindness, respect and safety.

## ASK MY PERMISSION BEFORE ENTERING A GROUP!!

Here's how:

On Android & iPhone

1. Open **WhatsApp**
2. Go to **Settings**
3. Tap **Privacy**
4. Tap **Groups**
5. Choose one of these options:
  - **Everyone** → anyone can add you (no permission)
  - **My Contacts** → only saved contacts can add you
  - **My Contacts Except...** → **best option** if you want approval

If you pick "My Contacts Except..."

- Select **all contacts**
- Now **no one can add you directly**
- Instead, they'll have to send you a **group invite link**
- You can **accept or ignore** it within 3 days



## WHATSAPP PARENT GUIDE

AGE RATING: 13+



### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Have a conversation with your child about treating messages from unknown numbers with caution. When we receive a message from an unknown number, we should ask the following questions:

*Does this message sound like something a friend or family member would send?*

*Is this message asking me to share information or click on a link?*

Agree with your child that if they ever have a funny feeling about a message they receive, they will tell you about it.



### TALK ABOUT IT

Open and regular conversations about your child's activity on WhatsApp are a great way to minimise potential harms and keep them safe when using the platform.

Talking with your child about what they are using WhatsApp for is valuable because it can create a safe space in which they feel comfortable in sharing any concerns they have.

Once this dialogue and trust has been established, it will make it easier for them to come to you with any issues they encounter while using WhatsApp.



### BE A DIGITAL ROLE MODEL

We can be a digital role model by becoming more intentional about when, and how much we use our screens around the home.

To manage screen time, you could set clear rules such as agreeing a specific amount of time your child can spend on WhatsApp each day or agreeing periods during the day when no one will use their smartphones, for example this could be during meals, homework time, or before bed.



### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

WhatsApp has a range of settings to help users stay safe, so why not set these up on your child's account?

A good place to start is to go to Settings → Privacy → Groups.

You can then select specific contacts that can add your child into groups. This can help prevent the challenge of being added into lots of different groups, sometimes with strangers.



### MINDFUL MESSAGING

When in a Group Chat on WhatsApp, it's all too easy for young people to get swept along and join in with unkind jokes or negative comments.

Encourage them to be mindful when they send messages with these strategies:

**Think Before You Send:** Encourage the habit of taking a moment to think before sending a message. Particularly if we're feeling upset or angry, taking a moment to breathe can help us to make a better choice.

**Set a Positive Example:** Model mindful messaging in your own behaviour. You could show your child some of the messages that you send, and show them how to communicate in a considerate way.

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TRAINING THROUGH THEATRE

Access more resources at  
[openvieweducation.co.uk](http://openvieweducation.co.uk)

## Daily affirmations to boost your child's self esteem



You are now able to hire Summerfields Primary School's Hall.

Monday – Friday £20 per hour 4pm - 9pm  
 Saturdays £25 per hour 9am – 8pm  
 Sundays £25 per hour 10am – 6pm

Ask the office for the application.



### Mufti Day on 13th Feb is to support our Community Garden.

Instead of cash we are asking for classes to bring in the following:

**Year R– Herb seeds**

**Year 1– Veg seeds**

**Year 2– Sunflower seeds**

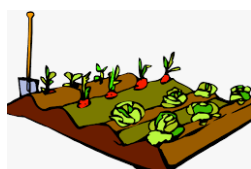
**Year 3– Wildflower seeds**

**Year 4– Small pots (second hand is fine)**

**Year 5– Any old gardening tools**

**Year 6– Gardening gloves, plant markers, twine.**

We will be opening an afterschool club for children to help build our garden and we will be asking for them to bring an adult too.



#### Half Term HAF- February 2026

We are pleased to announce that the HAF team in partnership with the Household Support Fund is offering Half Term HAF this February. The HAF Team often receives requests for Half Term activities and we are delighted to be able to provide these popular activities for this February Half Term.

- Activities will run from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February
- Bookings open Wednesday 21 January at 10am
- 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

We can also offer a limited number of discretionary-funded places for children who do not meet the criteria 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)

**For this half term only-** we can also offer a number of discretionary funded places to families in receipt of universal credit but not eligible for income related free school meals. Please book using the link below-tick 'other' under the eligibility criteria and type universal credit in the box- the HAF team will then contact the booker to confirm eligibility.

#### How to book:

All bookings can be made through our HAF Booking System, where families can browse through all the available activities in one convenient location. By visiting the [Eegu Booking System](#) (QR code below) users can quickly find and secure their preferred sessions.



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

Please contact the HAF Team on [holidayactivities@iow.gov.uk](mailto:holidayactivities@iow.gov.uk) if you have any questions.

# PANCAKE DAY

Pancake with Lemon and Sugar

or

Pancake with Chocolate Spread

\*Menus may be subject to change

Chartwells

# PANCAKE DAY

Fluffy, fun and tasty too!

**TUESDAY  
10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY  
2026**

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新年快乐

# LUNAR NEW YEAR

**MAINS**  
Cantonese Sweet and Sour Chicken or Sweet and Sour Vegetable (V)

**SIDES**  
Wholegrain Rice

**DESSERTS**  
Golden Apple Fortune Muffin

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新年快乐

# LUNAR NEW YEAR

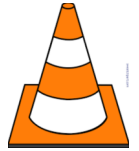
Celebrate the Year of the Horse!

**THURSDAY  
12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Chartwells



Please be mindful of our neighbours during drop off and pick up time. We have had complaints about people parking in the new building estate and Vecta House.



## CM SPORTS HAF AT SUMMERFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Funded activities for Children in year 1 - 6

### YOUR MENTORS



CM Sports



Karen



Matt at CM Sports

Collection links



Summerfields Primary School, Newport

Ages: 5 - 11

HAF Eligible Child Free

Next date: Monday 16th Feb, 09:00 - 15:00

Funded by Isle of Wight Council

Universal provision with SEND support

VIEW ALL AVAILABLE DATES



## CM SPORTS HSF AT SUMMERFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Funded activities for Children in year 1 - 6

### YOUR MENTORS



CM Sports

Sports coaching and holiday courses



Karen

Lead role

Summerfields Primary School, Newport

Ages: 5 - 11

CHILD TICKET YEAR 1-6 Free

Next date: Monday 16th Feb, 09:00 - 15:00

VIEW ALL AVAILABLE DATES



**THE ISLAND'S GOT Talent**

**East Cowes Town Hall**  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 | Time TBC

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MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026  
THE RIVERSIDE CENTRE, NEWPORT  
1PM - 4PM

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- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

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

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West Wight Sports & Community Centre  
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**IW STORY FESTIVAL**  
For Children & Families

GO ALL IN to reading with the **IW STORY FESTIVAL**  
DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM  
Thurs 19 to Sat 21 February 2026

Tickets are already on sale for the IW Story Festival at Quay Arts in Newport.

Go to [iwstoryfestival.com](http://iwstoryfestival.com) or visit the Quay Arts Box Office in person to be part of the NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026.

Meet favourite authors like KIERAN LARWOOD, EMMA CARROLL, PHILIP REEVE, LUCY STRANGE and JOSEPH ELLIOTT. Buy books at the MEDINA BOOKS stall and read your way into a world of new adventures.

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Listen to tales of sea monsters and mermaids with Holly Medland  
Laugh at the antics of the Astrosaurus with Steve Cole  
Write your own poems with Adam Gaterell, Kathryn Rossati or Lottie Begg  
Catch a Book Witch with Coppice Theatre or meet the Pugs of the Frozen North with The Foundry Group.

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19th FEBRUARY  
3pm  
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Saturday 24 January 2026  
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