



Queensgate Newsletter

A newsletter for the pupils, families and staff of Queensgate Primary



Welcome Back!

Dear Families,

Age Related Expectations (ARE)

As you know Queensgate Foundation Primary School was successful last academic year in achieving national averages in the Year 6 SATs and being above Isle of Wight averages. This year we aim to do even better and be above national averages. We really want every child to succeed. Of course, we need your help! Coming home with your child tonight and on our website (<https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/curriculum> then select Year group), are the main targets that your child will be expected to know by the end of this academic year. I am hopeful that this will help you to be able to help your children.

Get Involved - Governing Board

We need two parent governors and one Partnership Governor to join our Board of Governors. The Board of Governors has three key roles:

- 1.To set the strategic direction of the school
- 2.To be accountable
- 3.To be a critical friend to the school

Please see the next page for more details and how to apply.

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Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Assistant Head: Peter Tilling B.Sc. (Hons) NPQSL

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for two Parent Governors. Queensgate Foundation Primary School has always aimed for a partnership with parents, which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a Parent Governor.

School Governing Boards are made up of people with a range of skills and experiences, who are all volunteers and work together for the benefit of the School.

We are currently looking for volunteers who have -

- a desire to contribute to the development of the school and its community
- an interest in the performance of the school
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- a willingness to listen, ask questions and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
- time to help make a difference

The Governing Board's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the Governing Board is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance.

Whatever your level of knowledge, skills and experience – enthusiasm, interest and a desire to learn are the important factors. Training and support will be available to help you develop into the role.

Being a governor can give you:

- a chance to use and develop your own skills and experience
- the opportunity to work within a team and share your ideas and own skill sets
- experience in working in a strategic environment
- a sense of achievement

If you feel you can help in this capacity please contact the office for an application form, which will need to be completed and returned to the school by 12.00 noon on Friday 11th October.

Further information for prospective governors can be found on the <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-governors/> or, alternatively please make an appointment via the office to meet with the Headteacher/Chair of Governors.

Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to a DBS check.

If there are more applications than vacancies, we will hold an election and parents will be sent a voting paper.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher/Co-Chair of Governors



Working together for a successful future



PTFA

You may prefer to join our Parents Teachers Friends Association (PTFA). This is a group of parents and staff who put on social events for parents and children and raise money for the school. This enables us to buy extra items for the children that they wouldn't be able to have with the normal school budget.

Last academic year the PTFA did an amazing job. A total of £6,000.00 was raised and the PTFA purchased:

- waterproofs for Reception children so they can learn outside whatever the weather
- a greenhouse and gardening tools for the Gardening Club
- helped to fund our very successful Dance Live
- cookery equipment including aprons and oven gloves
- new wet play equipment for each class
- money towards Year 6 Leavers' hoodies.

We have also asked them to fund a canopy to go outside our dining room, so the children who choose to sit outside for lunch don't get wet.

On the 18th September the PTFA had their first meeting and I am pleased to announce that we have a committee which comprises of Co-Chairs – Mike Harris and Alison Johnson, Secretary – Luisa Hillard and Treasurer – Di Rann. I cannot emphasise enough how much we need volunteers to help us run events. Please come along to meetings or help at events.

The PTFA have already planned some events for this academic year . Here is the list of events so far.



The image shows a colorful calendar for the PTFA for the academic year 2024-2025. The calendar is organized into a grid of months, each with a specific event and a corresponding illustration. The months and events are: September (18th PTFA Elections), October (17th Halloween Sale with a pumpkin illustration), November (no event listed), December (6th Christmas Fair and 10th Neon Disco with a Christmas tree illustration), January (no event listed), February (14th 'Wear What You Love' and 28th Rainbow Raffle with a rainbow illustration), March (no event listed), April (4th Bunny Hop with a rabbit illustration), and May (no event listed).

| PTFA CALENDAR 2024 - 2025 | | |
|---|--|--|
| SEPTEMBER 18th PTFA Elections | OCTOBER 17th Halloween Sale  | NOVEMBER |
| DECEMBER 6th Christmas Fair 10th Neon Disco  | JANUARY | FEBRUARY 14th 'Wear What You Love' 28th Rainbow Raffle  |
| MARCH | APRIL 4th Bunny Hop  | MAY |

Please sign up to Classlist and the PTFA Facebook page so you can stay up to date with events. Here are the links:

<https://www.facebook.com> and <https://classlist.page.link/EJBLPr29w15xSVh3A>



Queensgate Out & About

On Tuesday, our **Year 2** Out and About group created sand sculptures on St Helens Beach. The children have been studying the story *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. Their creations were inspired by the story and the land artist, Jon Foreman. They worked well in pairs, planning and negotiating to collaboratively create their masterpieces using sand, stones and objects found on the beach.

*We went to St Helens beach. From the book *The Dot*, we created the dot with stones. I worked with Isabelle, and we made a moat and used sand to make castles. Daniel 2KA*

“So, we went to the beach, and we made a circle. I worked with Jake. We put a big rock in the middle, then we surrounded it with smaller rocks.” Declan 2KA

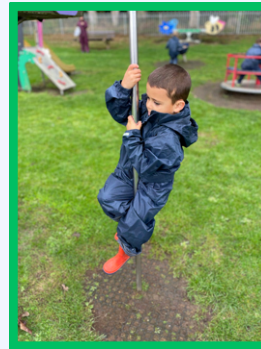


As part of their Geography work, the **Year 5** Out and About team visited Culver Down. They used OS maps to locate where they were and practised working out six figure grid references. The children used compasses and maps to follow a route around Culver and down to Whitecliff Bay. They were all enthusiastic and great at navigating the walk. Well done Year 5!



Queensgate Out & About Continued

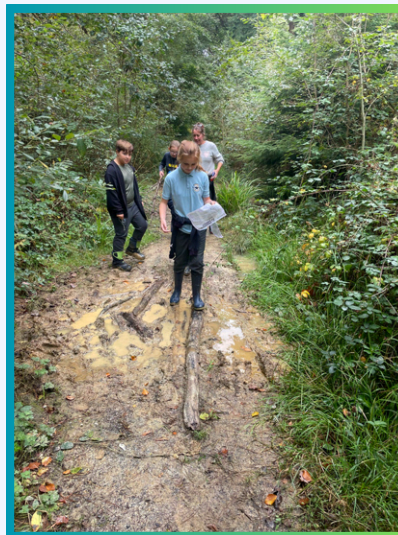
The children in **Year 1** have been sharing the story *The Paper Dolls* by Julia Donaldson. On Wednesday morning the Out and About group took their paper dolls on an adventure around East Cowes, stopping off for a play in each play park! The children demonstrated a great sense of direction and were confident in leading the way to the next park, finishing the morning off playing at the seafront park.



"It was so fun because I like going Out and About. I got to jump in puddles!" Elizabeth 1CE

"I liked going out today! I liked playing in the parks." Eden 1CE

On Wednesday afternoon, our **6TM** Out and About group went orienteering in Parkhurst Forest. The children managed to cover quite a distance, choosing to follow some of the less trodden paths and having to clamber over fallen trees, through muddy puddles and overgrown areas of the forest. They managed to locate three orienteering markers! The children worked well together, demonstrating great teamwork and resilience.



"We went to Parkhurst Forest. We went orienteering, it was a bit like a scavenger hunt! There were lots of spiky bushes and it was muddy, but I enjoyed it." Logan 6TM



Queensgate Out & About Next Week

Out and About

Children to wear play clothes (nothing new or special) and old trainers, wellies or walking boots please. Please check the forecast and bring a raincoat just in case!

Next week:

Tuesday 1st October am - 2KA Sand Sculptures

Milly, Jacob, Amelia, Titan, Freddie, Rosie, Ace, Rainie, Bodhi, Inara, Verbena, Nathan, Naomi, Penny and Wyatt.

Tuesday 1st October pm - 5RA Culver Downs

Chris, Harley B, Lily, Zayn, Tayla, Logan E, Toby G, Scarlett, Keian, Jacob, Georgia, Toby, Oscar S, Alfie, Adhvika

Wednesday 2nd October am - 1CE Local Area Walk

Yazan, Layton, Felicity, Remi-Rose, Mayleigh, Leo, Mia-Rose, Alfie, Rhue, Freddie, Denis, Charlie and Joshua.

Wednesday 2nd October pm - 6TM Parkhurst Forest

Connor, Eliana, Maizy, Brody, Evelyn, Tyson, Tom, Evie, Ellie, Amy, Liam, Zachary, Harry, Emily B and Denys.

Out and About the following week...

Tuesday 8th October am - 2KG Dragon Tree

George, Sadie, Louis, George F, Imogen, Elijah, Olivia, Lenny, Holly, Archie, Lexie-Mai, Neahve, Harrison, Luke and Raemarnie.

Tuesday 8th October pm - 5TS TBC

Maddie, Kyle, Bella, Dylan C, Logan F, Oscar G, Tilly, Vincent, Paloma, Charley, Tula, Harley T, River and Flynn.

Wednesday 9th October am - 1SC Borthwood Copse

Antonia, Finley, Chloe, Quinn, Ezra, Thomas, Nithya, Joshua M, Jovi, Romeo, Luca, Ananya and Theo WF.

Wednesday 9th October pm - 6LR Firestone Copse

Ryan, Artem, Adrianna, Abigail, Bradley, Brooke, Emily, George, Grace, Halle, Jack, Leon, Lucas, Sophia-Leigh and Léon.



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Introducing Queensgate's newly recruited Anti-Bullying Ambassadors!

Our **Year 5** children applied, then were shortlisted for an interview for the position. Mrs Rowsell was amazed by how many applications she received and it was such a hard decision to make that she decided to choose seven ambassadors instead of the four which were originally advertised.



They will be teaming up with our current **Year 6** ambassadors at break times and lunch play to help our children form new friendships and ensure they have peers to talk to if they feel they are having friendship issues or are being bullied.

Here we have: Advika, Mia-Rose, Connor M, Harry G, Tayla D and Joshua D.



Queensgate Foundation
Primary School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

Why is being on time important?

Parents/carers have a duty, under the Education Act, to ensure that their child is in school on time. Every moment in school counts, and late minutes add up quickly. This can affect students' progress and leads to gaps in their learning.

LATENESS

How much time can you lose?

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

5 Minutes

Late each day

= 3 days off



EVERY MINUTE
COUNTS!



Please help us promote good attendance throughout our school - you really do play an important role.



Eco Schools



Did you know?

It's time to start our Eco School's Green Flag Award for 2024 – 2025!

To do this we need to form an Eco School's Committee. Please talk to your child about joining the Eco Committee.

The Committee will have regular meetings to plan for next year's Eco Day and it plays a pivotal role in liaising their thoughts and ideas to the rest of the school community.

If your child would like to apply for a position on the Eco Committee please ask them to collect an application form from either Mrs. Tilling or Mrs. Selle.

Eco Tips!

Switch to Eco cleaning products, which biodegrade in the sewerage system and don't damage aquatic life in our rivers and seas.



Do you have lights decorating your garden? Use solar powered lights which charge up during the day and don't require electricity.



Inspiring children to contribute to a greener environment and world is something we could and should do

Harvest Festival

On **Friday 4th October**, Queensgate will be celebrating Harvest festival. Please could the children bring in an item for the food bank.


Please click this link to see suggested items from the food bank [{weblink}](#)





What's your lunch next week...



| Chartwells Schools | | WEEK 1 | | | | | W/C: 15/04, 06/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07, 09/09, 30/09 | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---|--|---|--|--------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | | | | | | |
| SPRING/SUMMER 2024 | HOT SPECIALS | Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Half a Jacket Potato | Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges | BBQ Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes |  | | Fish Fingers Served with Chips | | | | | |
| | JACKET POTATO | BBQ Quorn Fillet Served with Wholegrain Rice | Vegetarian Burger Served with Potato Wedges | Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic Plate | | | Quorn Dippers Served with Chips | | | | | |
| | DESSERT | Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise | Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings | | | Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings | | | | | |
| <p>Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta</p> <p>All main meals are served with two vegetables</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit | Raspberry Jelly | Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice | | | Original Flapjack | | | | | |

Please note that **Thursday 3rd October** is Census day - please can we encourage as many children as possible to have a meal this day - it is a special Harvest festival meal! Our school funding is actually based on numbers that eat a meal on this day!

| Chartwells Schools | | WEEK 2 | | | | | W/C: 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07, 16/09, 07/10 | | | | |
|--|---------------|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | | | | | |
| SPRING/SUMMER 2024 | HOT SPECIALS | Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges | Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta | Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Butter Chicken Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice | Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips | | | | | |
| | JACKET POTATO | Vegetarian Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta | Veggie Burrito | Quorn Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Macaroni Cheese | Veggie Fingers Served with Chips | | | | | |
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| <p>Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta</p> <p>All main meals are served with two vegetables</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Chocolate Cookie | Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice | Orange Jelly | Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit | Orange Drizzle | | | | | |

Attendance

ABOVE NATIONAL!



Whole School Attendance since September is 96.5%

Whole School Attendance this week is 97.15%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 99.17%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3AH with 98.5%



Parents and Carers Evenings

We have Parents and carers evenings coming up next month. To book you MUST use the booking process on Compass. So if you haven't yet signed up to Compass then please do this now.

Open Morning

We have an open morning on 8th October, please do promote this to anyone you know looking for a school place next September in Reception. Thank you.

And Finally...

I wish you all a lovely weekend. As always please remember to:

Chat

READ

Play

Join us for our OPEN MORNING
For children starting school in September 2025

Tuesday 8th October 2024 9:15am

Alternatively, book a different date to have a bespoke individual tour with the Headteacher!

- Meet the teachers
- Find out about all aspects of daily school life
- Enjoy a food taster session with Chartwells
- Ask any question you, or your child, may have

Ofsted comments 2019

“Pupils told me that their teachers expect them to work hard and I confirmed this to be true when we visited lessons. Their workbooks show that they are currently striving to achieve high standards.”

“Able supported by senior leaders and governors, you lead a talented school team that shares our ambition for all pupils to achieve success.”

“Teachers have implemented new strategies for teaching reading and writing with skill and enthusiasm. This has resulted in remarkable improvement to current pupils’ achievement.”

Working together for a successful future

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Best wishes,

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Samantha Sillito
Headteacher





Upcoming Key Calendar Dates

Thursday 3rd October - Census Day - Harvest Festival Festival themed lunch

Friday 4th October - Harvest Festival Assembly

Tuesday 8th October - Open Morning for Reception children next September

Wednesday 9th October - Portrait photo day for children
Mobile Library Service van at school

Thursday 10th October - Sport 4 Champions visitor in school
1pm to 3pm MHST Worry Awareness Workshop with Year 2

Friday 11th October - MHST My self care Workshop with Year 3

Monday 14th October - 3.30 - 5.30 Y3/4 Tag Rugby boys (or mixed) @ Medina College

Tuesday 15th October - NHS Nurses in for flu immunisations in mobile.
Parents Evening 1

Thursday 17th October - PCSO Katy Berry in to talk to Year 6 re trick or treating
Parents Evening 2

Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November - Half term holiday

Thursday 7th November - School Council Reps (Y4, 5 & 6) to Carisbrooke Castle
Remembrance Service

Friday 10th December - Discos with AJ the DJ
3.15pm - 3.45pm Reception
4pm - 5.15pm Y1, 2 & 3
5.30pm - 6.45pm Y4, 5 & 6

Monday 16th December - Year R Nativity to the rest of the school

Tuesday 17th December - 9.30am Year R Nativity to parents

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 6th December - 3.10pm to 4.30pm Christmas Fair

Friday 20th December - Last Day of term, Christmas Carol concert

Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2025 - Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January 2025 - INSET day school closed to pupils

Tuesday 7th January 2025 - Children return to school for Spring term



Little Rockets Gymnastics & Trampoline Classes - Coves (Term Time)

Tuesday Evenings (ages 4 to 16)

Beginners 16:00 - 17:00

Beginners 17:05 - 18:05

Intermediate 18:10 - 19:10

Wednesday Evenings (ages 4 to 16)

Beginners 16:00 - 17:00

Beginners 17:05 - 18:05

Intermediate 18:10 - 19:10

Sea Cadets Coves,
Whitegates, Arctic Road, Coves, PO31 7PG

£28 per Child for a 5 Week Booking

Please Wear Suitable Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks)

HOW TO BOOK

Please go to <https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk> to book your place on line.

If there are any queries please contact Christy on 07518 335319
Thank you ☺



Mini Rockets Pre-School Sessions (Parent and Gymnast)

Tuesday Mornings (ages 1 ½ to 4 ½)

09:30 - 10:15

10:25 - 11:10

Sea Cadets Coves,
Whitegates, Arctic Road, Coves, PO31 7PG

£22.50 per Child for a 5 Week Booking

Please Wear Suitable Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt)

HOW TO BOOK

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Thank you ☺

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