



# Queensgate Newsletter

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



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## Happy Easter!

Dear Families,

### Next week

Here is what you need to know about next week:

On **Wednesday 2nd April** there will be an Easter assembly in the afternoon. Rev Sandra from St Mildred's and St James' Churches will be joining us.

On **Thursday 3rd April** the Governing Board are interviewing for the next substantive head of Queensgate. I would like the candidates and panel to see all Queensgate children at their smartest, so full school uniform or official PE uniform if they have a PE lesson that day. Mr Chubb will let you know who has been appointed after the Easter break.

**Friday 4th April** will be my last day as headteacher of Queensgate. There are a few events that day. We will start the day with an Attendance Assembly celebrating the children who have 98% (Bronze Award), 99% (Silver Award) and 100% this term (Gold Award).

There will be a Bunny Hop fundraiser that the PTFA will be running. The children will be running, hopping, skipping or jumping around the field. Please send the children with a donation of £1 for this.

In addition, and as part of my gifts to Queensgate, I have hired two inflatables to go on the field next Friday, which the children will be timetabled to go on. Please could you send the children in sport/PE clothes (either their PE kit or joggers and sweatshirt of their choice). It must be suitable for running!

### **Signing off!**

It is fifteen years since I was interviewed for my role as headteacher of Queensgate, having completed two previous headships on the mainland. What a journey it has been! Bringing two schools together; moving to a new site; having a new building; four good Ofsted's in a row to name but a few of the highlights.

It has been such a privilege to be part of the Queensgate community. The staff are a highly skilled and experienced team who deliver fabulous learning opportunities every day. I have been very fortunate to have a strong Governing Board to support and challenge me. As you well know the children of Queensgate are delightful, hardworking and fun! I would also like to thank you all for your support over the years. You, the Queensgate community have been a pleasure to work with!

I know I am leaving you all in very capable hands as Mr Chubb, Mrs Grant and Mr Tilling take up the reigns for the summer term. I will, of course, watch with keen interest from my new role as School Improvement Leader for the Isle of Wight.

# Queensgate Out & About

On Tuesday morning, Mrs Muncaster's class visited Monkey Haven, as one of their Out and About sessions. The children had fun learning about different mini-beasts as well as exploring the Haven. They had the opportunity to meet (and handle) a Royal Python, an African Sun Beetle and a Burmese Millipede. The children were very brave! They learnt about the differences between monkeys and gibbons (gibbons are part of the ape family and don't have tails) and enjoyed reading the information boards to find out what they like to eat.

"I saw some owls and monkeys. I stroked a snake. I held a millipede and it crawled up my arm! The sun beetle ticked me. My favourite was the sun beetle. It likes to eat leaves." Ellisa

"My favourite bit was seeing the monkeys. The noisy gibbons were so funny. I stroked a snake. It felt warm!" Elliot

"The snake was my favourite because it was so scaly! I liked the noisy gibbons. They were making loud noises and swinging around." Luna

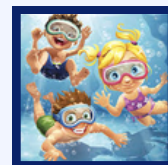


The **Year 4** Out and About team sketched Bembridge Windmill then set off on a hike to Whitecliff Bay. The children practised using compasses to follow a route on their maps. They were great at navigating their way to the beach on tricky undulating terrain. When they got down to the bay, they enjoyed a biscuit and a bit of time to chill, before embarking on the steep walk back. The children wore pedometers to count their steps and see the distance they'd walked, totalling over 4,000 steps each and just over 3km! Well done team.



# Queensgate Out & About

A huge congratulations to our **Year 3** and **Year 5** swimmers. We had a super final week of swimming lessons, with our **Year 3** children taking part in water safety sessions and our **Year 5s** completing their final swimming assessments. All of the children ended their sessions on a high with some 'fun time', jumping in, diving for sinkers and racing on the big floats!



## Out and About

Please send your child to school wearing warm, old play-clothes and bring wellies (extra socks), and waterproof coat. We will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Tuesday 1st April am-

### Reception

Osborne House

All of Reception

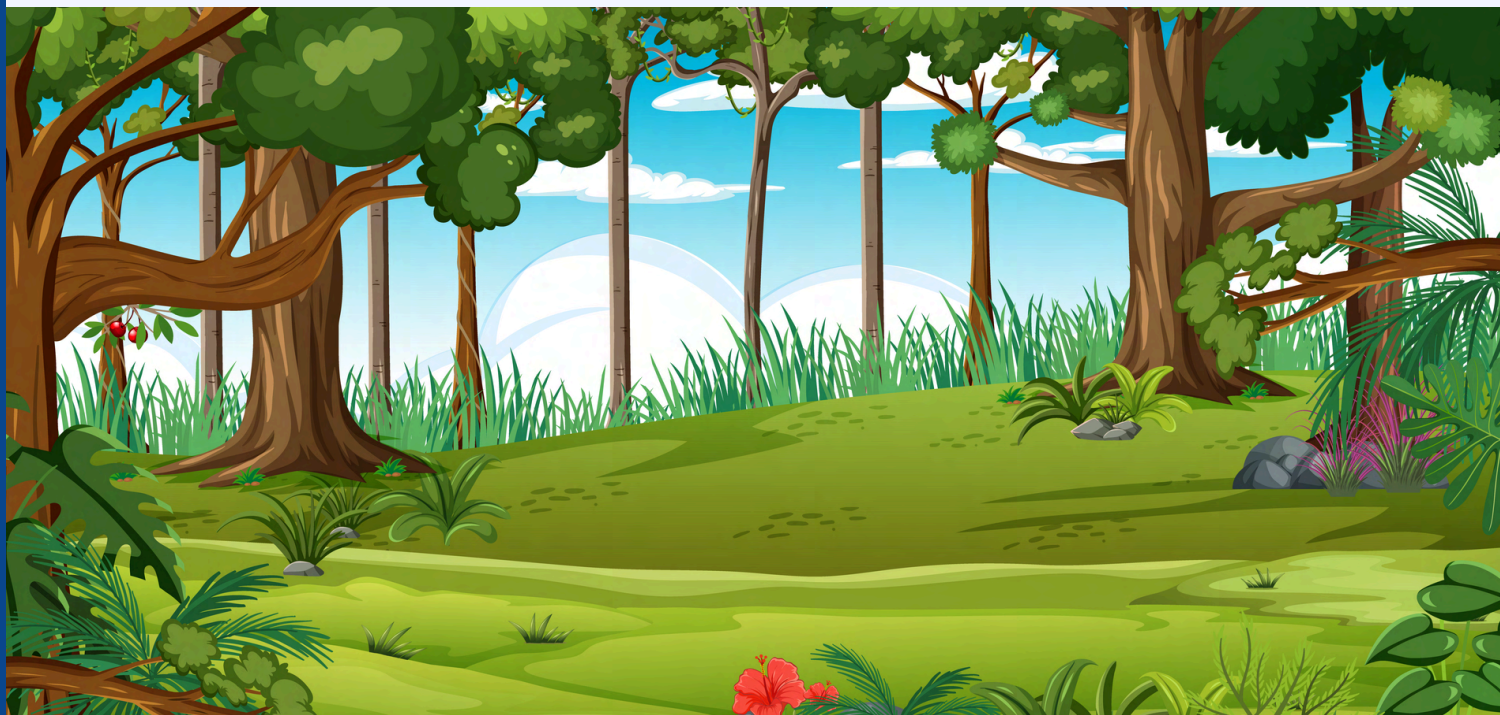
\*Please wear uniform and comfy school shoes or trainers for walking.

Wednesday 2nd April am-

### Year 4

Parkhurst Forest

Arlo, Max, Mia, Ellie, Kamahlie, Leo, Samuel, Corey, Daisy, Esmae, Luna and Darcie.



## Netball

On **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, Queensgate hosted a cluster event for the Island Netball competition. Five teams all played each other, including two of our own, for a chance to go through to the Island Finals. Both teams played exceptionally well, improving their game throughout. Queensgate A had some great results; two wins, a draw and a loss. This put them 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Well done A team.

Queensgate B grew in confidence from the first match and gelled really well as a team, with an incredible run of one draw and four wins, they came 1<sup>st</sup> place overall and secured their place in the Island Finals in May. Well done B team.



## 2024 Sports Awards Evening

On the evening of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Queensgate's Year 4 cup team attended an Awards event as they were nominated for a team award. They faced other teams from a variety of sports across the Island. This was what was read out by the presenter: Queensgate have had a very proud tradition of giving all pupils a chance to compete both competitively and in festival/PEACH events. It hasn't always been about the winning, although there have been some successes. This Year 4 team were a real mixture of skill, determination and desire and these ingredients carried them to a deserved, if not surprising, IOW Cup victory. Well done Queensgate.



Although pipped to the post by Shalfleet Primary's team, Queensgate came a commendable joint second - a marvellous achievement - well done boys.

## Bio Diversity Group

On Tuesday the Bio Diversity Group received their raised beds and archway from Care in the Garden <https://www.careinthegarden.com/>.

The next step will be to visit the Care in the Garden centre to select the plants they need to fill the beds.





# What's for lunch next week ...



## WEEK 1

W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>AUTUMN/WINTER 2024</b>	<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
	<b>DESSERT</b>	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Salmon Mayo	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta						
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
<b>DESSERT</b>	Flapjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie	

# What's for lunch after Easter ...

## SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU



## WEEK 1

W/C: 21/04/2025, 12/05/2025, 09/06/2025, 30/06/2025, 21/07/2025, 08/09/2025, 29/09/2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>HOT DISHES</b>	<b>OPTION 1</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholewheat Pasta	BBQ Chicken Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	<b>OPTION 2</b>	Broccoli and Leek Tart	Macaroni Cheese	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	<b>OPTION 3</b>	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
<b>DESSERT</b>	Chocolate Brownie	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Banoffee Pie	Strawberry Ice Cream	Ginger Biscuit with Fruit	

**BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY**  
With a choice of toppings

**AVAILABLE DAILY**  
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

Please note that Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April is a bank holiday - Monday's menu will be served on Tuesday, then menu will be as above from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Free School Meals - A Message from the Local Authority

As you may be aware, the end date for the Universal Credit roll out in relation to Free School Meal eligibility is coming up very soon, 31st March 2025. Therefore, we wanted to provide an update around Free School Meals moving forwards.

Due to this roll out, all students who were eligible on the 1st April 2018 or who have become eligible since that date and prior to 31st March 2025, will remain eligible under something called Transitional Protection. This means, regardless of any change in circumstances, these students will remain eligible until the end of their current phase of education. For example, for those students currently in Year 6 or 11, eligibility will end 31st July 2025, those in Year 5 or 10, eligibility will end 31st July 2026 and so on.

Anyone who applies and becomes eligible from the 1st April 2025, will not be protected and eligibility will be reviewed on an annual basis. This review will take place during the Summer holidays and parents of those students who are no longer entitled will be contacted. If you believe they should still be eligible, you will be asked to re-apply via the link on our website ([Free school meals](#)), in time for the new school year. This review process will also apply to all students who have reached the end of their Transitional Protection.

As a reminder, with this review process coming back into being, it is even more important to ask those parents of children who have moved from Mainland Schools or Lanesend Primary to re-apply through us as the Local Authority.



**“youth trust”**

**Island Youth-  
Mental Health  
Census 2025**

**Share how you feel and shape  
mental health support on our Island**

**8 - 11 yrs**

**HOW TO  
PARTICIPATE**

**Scan the QR code  
and complete the  
survey**

<https://forms.office.com/e/Fv5pvsVRgL?origin=Iprlink>



## Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.18%

Whole School Attendance this week is 94.36%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 96.12%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6TM with 98.33%

Notice something  
that is going well,  
even if today feels  
difficult



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happy Easter!

There will not be a newsletter next week, so I will take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Easter.



**READ**

**Chat**

**play**

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

*Sillito*

Samantha Sillito  
Headteacher



# Easter holidays events at Quay Arts



## Creation - The Bubble Show

Sun 13 April | 2pm | £10.50\*

Enjoy the wonder of bubbles in this mesmerising show! A dazzling display of soap and water, featuring fire effects, light displays, music and never before seen bubble masterpieces.

## Rabbits Out of the Hat

Sat 19 April | 7pm | £16\*

A humorous and heartwarming play about a magic show. Magic Circle magicians present breathtaking magic and circus skills with showstopper songs. Join the Magic & Performance workshop before the show! Ages 5+ can learn magic tricks and movement skills to amaze friends and family.



Book now at [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org) or call 01983 822490

# Easter Sports Activity Days



Premier School Sport Coaching

Dover Park Primary School  
Dover Street, Ryde PO33 2BN

Booking is Essential please Email: [psscLtd@gmail.com](mailto:psscLtd@gmail.com)

OR Scan the QR for the registration form



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

9.00am till 3.00pm each day.

**Cost: £FREE**

(if on income related Free School meals) – LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!!!

Funded by the Department of Education OR

£15 per day

The activity days are for children In Key Stage 2 to have fun, make new friends and enjoy physical activity in a safe and structured environment.

The activities will be a mixture each day of:

Team games - Football, Handball, Basketball, Cricket etc.

Individual sports - Tennis, Athletics, Soft Archery, Tri Golf etc.

Alternative sports - Dodgeball, New Age Kurling, Boccia etc.

There will also be a chill out zone for your child to play board games and relax.

### Staffing:

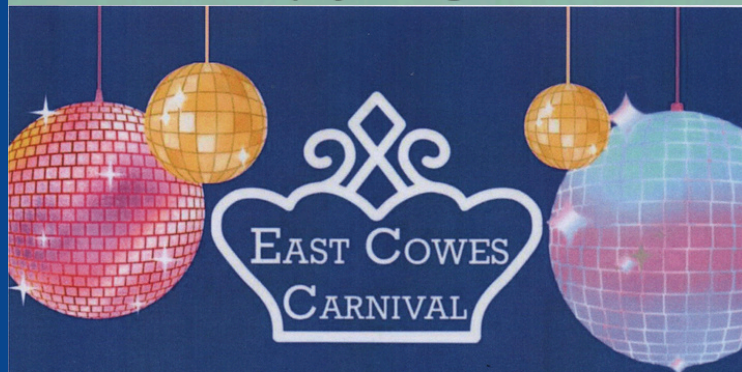
All Coaches are experienced in working in Island Schools, have an enhanced DBS, first aid and attended safeguarding training.

### What to Bring:

Plenty to drink  
Wear suitable clothing for physical activity.  
Warm Clothing for outside activities



For more information and to book Email Andy Day – [psscLtd@gmail.com](mailto:psscLtd@gmail.com) or phone/text 07970009509



# ROYALTY SELECTION

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2025

DISCO 2PM TILL 5PM

REGISTRATION 2.30PM

JUDGING AT 3PM

MORE INFO ON  
EAST COWES CARNIVAL  
FACEBOOK PAGE

## EAST COWES LIBERAL CLUB

ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE :  
OPEN TO ALL AGED BETWEEN 9-17  
LIVE IN PO32 POSTCODE AREA

BE AVAILABLE FOR MOST ISLAND CARNIVALS & WORKSHOPS THIS YEAR

PLEASE NOTE : ALL ENTRANTS UNDER 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT / GUARDIAN THOUGHOUT

# CARNIVAL WORKSHOPS

East Cowes Carnival is excited to offer FREE carnival workshops for all families on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Come along to create costumes and learn dance moves, to participate in the Mardi Gras and / or Summer carnivals across the Isle of Wight.

@EAST COWES SCOUT HUT ADELAIDE GROVE

STARTING 27TH APRIL 10 am - 12 pm

## EAST COWES CARNIVAL

Come and make you own Costume to take part in the East Cowes Carnival August 23rd 2025 first time in 30 years!



## MARDI GRAS

Come and make a Costume to take part in the New Carnival Mardi Gras on 5th of July



For more info visit our Facebook page or email [eastcowescarnival@gmail.com](mailto:eastcowescarnival@gmail.com)

## WINTER CARNIVALS

Come along and help us design the float for the Christmas Carnivals



## DATES

27th April - welcome

4, 18 May 1, 15 June - Mardi Gras Making  
6, 20 July 7 Sept - Carnival Costumes  
21, Sept 5, 19 Oct - Fun Crafts  
2, 16 Nov 7, 21 Dec - Christmas Designing  
4, 18 Jan 1, 15 Feb 1 March - Fun Crafts

Subject to Change





Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

# SANDOWN SOCCER

## at The Bay CE Secondary

**FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11**

Week 1  
Monday - Friday (7th-11th April)

Week 2  
Monday - Thursday (14th-17th April)

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

**10AM - 3PM**

FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.

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!!!**



Player of the day!

Win Player Of The Day trophies and t-shirts!

5 hours of fun EVERY day!

10am - 3pm

Inclusive football for ALL abilities!

Only £14 a day

**Special Discounts!**

5 days only £65!

Sibling Discount available!

Have questions or would like more information?

Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)

sandownsoccer@yahoo.com

07594 389531

## SANDOWN SOCCER

Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to 07594 389531

## It all starts with... ALL STARS CRICKET

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised backpack of goodies** including a bat, ball and t-shirt!



Sign up today at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)



## EASTER SPORTS CAMPS

World Cup Days and Multi-Sports Days

COWES - Isle of Wight Community Club

RYDE - Haylands Primary School

EAST COWES - East Cowes Vics FC

8th April - World Cup	14th April - World Cup
9th April - Multi-Sports	15th April - Multi-Sports
10th April - Multi-Sports	16th April - Multi-Sports
11th April - World Cup	17th April - World Cup

10AM - 2.45PM

£13 Per Day

Fully qualified staff  
DBS checked  
First aid trained

SCAN ME

TO BOOK



Reception to Year 8

07638886639

Ljrcoaching97@gmail.com



## Gymnastics & Trampoline Fun Days! Easter Holiday Clubs!

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025

10:00 – 15:00 each day

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

**£28 per Child for the Whole Day  
(£26 for Little Rocket Gymnasts)**

Please Bring a Packed Lunch and Drinks and Wear Suitable  
Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks)  
**A tuck shop for sweets and drinks will also be available**

### 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 ☺



## Gymnastics Fun Day Easter Holiday Club - Sandown

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

10:00 – 15:00

Fairway Sports Centre,  
The Fairway, Sandown, PO36 9JH

**£30 per Child for the Whole Day  
(£29 for Little Rocket Gymnasts)**

Please Bring a Packed Lunch and Drinks and Wear Suitable  
Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt)  
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**Naturezones**  
Wise Owl Holiday Club  
8 - 14 yrs

Come and have a great time outdoors! Go on a nature safari, look for wildlife in our ponds, woods and meadows. See if you can charm worms out of the ground. Get creative in our guided art sessions and try some crafts using willow and other natural materials. Play games based around wildlife and tackle a challenge! Various different fun activities during each session.

**EASTER Dates**  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1.30pm  
£5, including lunch.  
Funded by Heritage Lottery

**MUST BOOK** - Limited places  
Full details on booking form  
Where: Blackwater  
[www.naturezones.org.uk](http://www.naturezones.org.uk)

**NATUREZONES**  
Wildlife Field Study Centre  
Giving nature a helping hand

## Easter Happenings

**Easter Wreath making Workshop £12**

**Easter Scurry**  
Egg Hunt—find the rabbits and claim your egg  
Adult £8, Concession £6 Child £4 includes sweet treats—under 4's free and cuppa and cake for adults/concessions

**Where—Blackwater**  
Scurry April, Sun 13<sup>th</sup>, Thur 17<sup>th</sup>, Sat 19<sup>th</sup>, Sun 20<sup>th</sup>  
Wreath Workshop Sun 13<sup>th</sup>, Thur 17<sup>th</sup>

**PLEASE BOOK**  
[WWW.NATUREZONES.ORG.UK](http://WWW.NATUREZONES.ORG.UK)

## Funded April Activity Club Barton Primary School Furrlongs, Newport PO30 2AX

Monday 7th April	Tuesday 8th April	Wednesday 9th April	Thursday 10th April	Friday 11th April
X	X	X	X	X
Monday 14th April	Tuesday 15th April	Wednesday 16th April	Thursday 17th April	Friday 18th April
✓	✓	✓	✓	X



Our course is only open to Girls and boys from years 1-9 (inclusive) who are eligible for benefits related free school meals. The aim of our courses are for children to have a great time and make friends in a safe, structured but fun environment.

### Activity Club Content

Our Activity childcare club will still be based around fun multisport games and team building challenges. However, to ensure a safe operation we have planned adaptations to each session and any equipment we use.

The Activity club can include a choice of:

- Football •Uni Hoc •Softball •Nerf Games •Basketball
- Dodgeball •Badminton •Tennis •Frisbee •Arts and Crafts
- Benchball •Lego

### Times

For safety reasons we have also altered the time of our holiday club from **9:30am to 4:00pm**. No early and late drop off option.

### Ways to book

Via our online home @ [cm-sports.co.uk](http://cm-sports.co.uk)

### What do I need to bring?

We have fantastic indoor and outdoor facilities to best equip for the British weather, however please ensure that children bring with them suitable clothing and plenty to drink.

### Who will look after my child?

Our coaches make it their mission for your child to have the best time whilst they are with us. They are enthusiastic, professional in their approach and have a passion for teaching.

Our staff are:

- Qualified Paediatric First Aid
- FA and multiskills qualified
- DBS certificated
- Registered by Ofsted
- Child protection trained

## April Activity Clubs Barton Primary School Furrlongs, Newport PO30 2AX

Monday 1st April	Tuesday 2nd April	Wednesday 3rd April	Thursday 4th April	Friday 5th April
X	X	X	X	X
Monday 8th April	Tuesday 9th April	Wednesday 10th April	Thursday 11th April	Friday 12th April
✓	✓	✓	✓	X



The aim of our courses are for children to have a great time and make friends in a safe, structured but fun environment. Girls and boys aged 5-14 (inclusive) are welcome.

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### Childcare Vouchers

CM Sports are an Ofsted registered childcare provider and can accept childcare vouchers through our website or over the phone.

### Prices

Each day will cost £24, bookings for multiple days will receive an increasing discount.  
2 days 4% - 3 days 8% - 4 days 12% - 5 days 16%

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