

## To Help you through the next Two and a Half Weeks

Dear Families,

### Thank you for the Donations

Let me start by saying a huge thank you for all the chocolate and toiletries you have sent in. As always, you have been very generous in supporting Queensgate. I would also like to thank our PTFA for, once again, pulling together a wonderful Christmas Fair.

Thank you also to all the children who have made recycled or natural tree decorations for our tree, which will be on display at St Mildred's Church, Whippingham from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Thanks also to The Lifeboat pub for donating all their used Mermaid gin bottles to us, so that the Reception team can sell them as part of their stall.



### Christmas Tree at Queensgate

Once again Mrs Johnson and an Out & About group went to purchase the school's Christmas tree. Here is the tree being chosen, brought back into the school and in the hall all decorated!



### Here's what is happening over the next three weeks...

It's a very busy time for us all. Here's what you need to know to help the last few weeks of term go smoothly!

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 children will either be out and about or visiting Osborne House to sing carols and do some Christmas crafts.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – The Queensgate Choir will be visiting Kynance with Mrs Kingsbury and Mrs Webb. The children need to be in their smartest school uniform please.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – The whole of Year 6 will be having CPR training in the hall. Some Year 4 children will be taking part in the PEACH games with Miss Young and Mr Gwilliam in Ventnor.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 will be having a Victorian Day – please can they come in Victorian dress?

We couldn't have our Focus Learner assemblies today due to the Christmas Fair being set up in the hall. The assemblies for this weeks Focus Learners are next week on Friday 8th December. There will be an assembly at 1:10pm for RBH, 1SM, 2KG, 3PT, 4BM, 5RA and 6TM and another assembly at 2:30pm for RSD, 1CE, 2KA, 3AH, 4MC, 5TS and 6LR.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – The Queensgate choir will be performing at St James' Church in East Cowes at the town carol service. The service starts at 4pm and it would be great to see you there. Mrs Webb has sent out a separate letter regarding the arrangements for this event.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception will be performing their nativity to our friends from Seashells pre-school and some of Queensgate School (as many as we can fit in the hall).

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Local Authority monitoring visit. Whole school Christmas celebration.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception will be performing their nativity to parents at 9:15am. We are not charging for this event, but we will have a donation box and any monies donated will be given to the Early Years classes for resources. We are not restricting numbers as we know some grandparents might like to join us too.

This is also Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day too. All the children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper to school on this day.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – there will be an attendance assembly to celebrate the children that have achieved 98% or above in their attendance this term.

After school there will be a Christmas Movie Night for Years 4, 5 and 6 to raise funds for Dance Live. It costs £3 for a hot chocolate and festive snack.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Day – the children will be off timetable and are welcome to wear what they would like to school. Please make sure it is suitable attire for a school day though please.



Play,  
Learn  
and  
Grow...  
Together!

## Attendance

## Whole School Attendance this week is 93.67%

**KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KG with 95.40%**

**KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 3PT with 96.3%**





## Out & About

Our **Year 2** children will be learning about the history of flight in the new year. On Tuesday morning the **2KG** Out and About team had a special visit to look around Bembridge Airport. They met with Paul, who works in the Air Traffic Control office and also visited the hangar to learn about the parts of an aeroplane. The children were allowed to sit in a two seater monoplane and even had a go at moving the joystick!

"We went to Bembridge Airport to learn about aeroplanes. To steer an aeroplane you move the joystick and part of the wings move up and down. The elevator at the back on the tail makes the plane move up and down. At the front of a plane the engine makes the propeller go around. My favourite bit was sitting in a real plane!" Ella-Rose 2KG

"It was really good. We got to sit in an aeroplane and move the joystick. It moved the ailerons on the wings and the elevator on the tail. Some were made of metal with fabric. It was amazing!" Caleb 2KG



On Tuesday afternoon the **3PT** Out and About group visited the Maritime Museum and Shipwreck Centre in Arreton. To tie in with their recent learning about the Stone Age, the children found out about how maritime archaeologists discovered a Stone Age village at Bouldnor Cliff near Yarmouth. The children learnt how archaeologists are able to date artefacts they find using stratigraphy.

"We went to the Shipwreck museum. There were bits of rock from the Stone Age. The amazing lobster found Stone Age tools made out of flint.

We found out there are multiple layers of ground (stratas) that are older than each other. We saw a lot of old things and wrote about the past. We put a straw in layers of plasticine and pulled out core samples." Kingsley 3PT



## Out and About continued

The children in **Year 4** have been consolidating their learning from last half term about farming and animals within their Out and About sessions. This week the **4MC** Out and About team visited Nettlecombe Farm in Whitwell. The children had a super time hand feeding chickens, goats, sheep, alpacas and donkeys! It was great to see some of the children overcome their nerves and enjoying getting hands on, taking part and feeding the animals. The children recapped features of the different animals, their digestive system, teeth and feet. They drew comparisons between Briddlesford Farm (family run, commercial dairy farm) and Nettlecombe Farm (rare breeds petting farm with holiday cottages, fishing lakes and yoga studio).

*"We went to Nettlecombe farm. They let out holiday homes to earn money to buy food for the animals. I learnt that goats have four stomachs. I loved feeding the chickens, I held one—it was very wriggly! The best bit was seeing Santa's reindeer - Comet."* Ben 4MC



The **1CE** Out and About group had an important challenge on Wednesday afternoon, to find a lost panda teddy in the grounds of the Old Battery and Puckpool Park. The children worked well as a team to read clues and follow a trail on a map left by the bear. It was fantastic to see and hear the children applying their Phase 5 Phonic knowledge when reading the clues. They all enjoyed playing in the park together after successfully finding the panda. Well done 1CE!

*"I liked finding the panda. It was laying on the haunted house. We found some clues and a map. It was great fun!"* Raemarni 1CE





### **Out and About next week...**

Please ensure your child wears suitable warm play clothes (that can get muddy) and they bring a waterproof coat, wellies, hat scarf and gloves.

Tuesday am - 2KA

*Bembridge Airport*

Kendall, Pippa, Deva-Mae, Ava, Hannah, Clara, Freddie, Harry D, Charlie, Henry, Lorenzo, Edward, AJ and Logan.

Tuesday pm - 3AH

*Shipwreck Centre and Maritime Museum*

Ethan, Harlan, Miller, Freddie, Riley, Arlo, Johnny, George, Ellie, Lilly, Evie and Annie.

Wednesday am - 4BM

*Nettlecombe Farm*

Christopher, Tyler, Caiden, Dylan, Malaika, Logan, Tilly, Katelyn, Ella R, Freddie, Ella S, Alfie, Rory, Tallulah and Keian-Lee.

\*Please note - the children must wear wellies on the farm tour. If your child doesn't currently have any, please let school know as we might be able to lend them a pair.

Wednesday pm - 1SM

*Puckpool Park*

George, Jacob, Louis, Jack, Max, Jaxson, Archie, Arthur, Sadie, Freya, Vienna, Holly, Olivia, Elsie-Mai and Poppy.



### **Cookery Next Week**

**Year 5** - Your child has cookery on Wednesday; please can they bring in a empty container for their food?

Guy, Levi, George, Logan, Elvis, Zach, Jack, Emily, Elsie-May, Evie, Brooke, Emily, Emmie and Acacia.

**Year 6** - Your child has cookery on Wednesday; please can they bring in a empty container for their food?  
Kahlel, Sophie, Jude D, Toby B, Wynter, Su, Felicity, Jack, Elsie, Harrison F, Sadie, Jacob, Alayna, Olivia and Amelia.

**Cookery Club** If your child attends cookery club on either a Tuesday or Wednesday after school please could they bring an empty container for their food each week thank you!

## Family Support

Over the past few weeks I have been looking into what financial support families can access locally in the run up to Christmas. If you are worried about the extra costs of Christmas and would like support please get in contact with myself, Mrs Jeffers, as soon as possible. [Ajeffers@queensgateprimary.co.uk](mailto:Ajeffers@queensgateprimary.co.uk)

ISLE OF WIGHT HELP WITH THE

**COST OF LIVING**

**01983 823134**



[iow.gov.uk/costofliving](http://iow.gov.uk/costofliving)

**General help and support**  
Citizens Advice IW can give free help with money issues and much more.  
☎ 0800 144 88 48 or Textphone on 18001 0800 144 8884  
🌐 [www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk](http://www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk)

**Debts and paying bills**  
Citizens Advice Money team.  
☎ 01983 823898 ext: 2825  
✉ [debtenquiries@iwcab.org.uk](mailto:debtenquiries@iwcab.org.uk)  
🌐 [www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk/money-advice-team](http://www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk/money-advice-team)

**Buying food**  
🌐 [www.iow.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.iow.gov.uk/costofliving) and tap on 'food' for more information.  
Join a community pantry and for £5 a week, receive over £15 worth of food.  
☎ 01983 296592 East Cowes Community Pantry  
☎ 07961 959003 Ventnor Community Pantry  
☎ 01983 563732 Ryde Community Pantry

**Connect4communities**  
Support including food vouchers, getting weather appropriate clothing (directly with your school) and more.  
✉ [connect4communities@iow.gov.uk](mailto:connect4communities@iow.gov.uk)  
🌐 [www.connect4communities.org](http://www.connect4communities.org)



**Benefits**  
Check whether you are getting all the benefits you can.  
Citizens Advice Help to Claim line.  
☎ 0800 144 8444  
🌐 [www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators](http://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators)

**Energy bills**  
The Footprint Trust give guidance on energy bills, efficiency and grants.  
☎ 01983 822282  
✉ [info@footprint-trust.co.uk](mailto:info@footprint-trust.co.uk)  
🌐 [www.footprint-trust.co.uk](http://www.footprint-trust.co.uk)

**Pension Credit**  
If you are of State Pension age you may be entitled to Pension Credit. If you get Pension Credit you can get other benefits.  
☎ 0800 99 1234 or Textphone on 0800 169 0133  
🌐 [www.gov.uk/pension-credit](http://www.gov.uk/pension-credit)

**Paying for broadband and mobile phone**  
Social tariffs are available if you're on a low income.  
🌐 [www.ofcom.org.uk/cheap-broadband](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/cheap-broadband)

**Feeling lonely**  
The Living Well and Early Help Partnership works on the Island to connect people.  
☎ 01983 240732  
✉ [reception@lweh.org.uk](mailto:reception@lweh.org.uk)  
🌐 [www.lweh.org.uk](http://www.lweh.org.uk)

**In a crisis**  
If you have no money for food, gas and electricity you may be able to get emergency help.  
☎ 01983 823859  
🌐 [www.iow.gov.uk/HelpThroughCrisis](http://www.iow.gov.uk/HelpThroughCrisis)

**Other useful contacts**  
🌐 [www.helpforhouseholds.gov.uk](http://www.helpforhouseholds.gov.uk)  
🌐 [www.islefindit.org.uk](http://www.islefindit.org.uk)  
🌐 [www.gov.uk/helpforhouseholds](http://www.gov.uk/helpforhouseholds)



## Isle of Wight family information hub

Helping families keep up to date with the information, support and advice that is available to them.

- Early years and childcare
- Health and wellbeing
- Housing and finance
- Learning and employment
- Leisure
- SEND Local Offer
- Start for Life and family hubs
- Support for families
- Young people

To find out more visit:  
[www.familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk](http://www.familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk)



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THE OFFICIAL ISLE OF WIGHT

Christmas

**TOY APPEAL**

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isle of wight radio

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6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER -

9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023

20 November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

The Isle of Wight Council is now inviting eligible families to sign up to free school holiday clubs over the upcoming Christmas holidays, as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) scheme. To check eligibility criteria and individual eligibility please click the following link: [Free school meals \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

The HAF programme is funded by the Department for Education so that local authorities can offer healthy food and enriching activities in the school holidays to children who receive income-based free school meals. A small number of places are also available on HAF schemes for other vulnerable families.

Please see below for details of the 10 providers delivering HAF schemes across 13 sites on the Isle of Wight over the Christmas holiday period.

Organisation Name	Venue
Aspire Ryde	Aspire Ryde, Trinity Buildings, Dover Street, Ryde, PO34 2BN
Brading Community Partnership	Brading Youth & Community Centre, High Street, Brading, IOW, PO36 0DH
CM Sports UK	Medina College and 1Leisure Medina, Fairlee Road, Newport, IW PO30 2DX
	Barton Primary School, Furlongs, Newport, IW PO30 2AX
Globe Fit	St Francis Primary Academy, Newport Road, Ventnor, IW PO38 1BQ
Island Riding Centre	Island Riding Centre, Staplers Road, Newport, IW PO30 2NB
JG Tennis Coaching	St Mary's Catholic Primary School, 2 Amphill Road, Ryde, IW PO33 1LJ
Scallywags Fun Club	YMCA Winchester House, Sandown Road, Shanklin, IW PO37 6HU
Theatre Educational	Oakfield CE Primary School, Appley Road, Ryde, IW PO33 1NE
Personal Best	Venues will vary on a daily basis across Ryde
	Venues will vary on a daily basis across Newport



Football Fun Factory	The Bay Secondary School, The Fairway, Sandown, IW PO38 9JH
	1Leisure Medina, Fairlee Road, Newport, IW PO30 2DX

We know that demand will be high so if provision is booked up at a given venue, we would encourage you to check other local HAF alternatives and / or leave your details on a waiting list as there are frequently cancellations.

To find out more about your local HAF schemes please use the following link [IW Family Information Hub \(HAF\) \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk/family-information-hub) . Here you can search for activities and contact local providers directly to sign up to schemes. You can also access this webpage using the QR code below.



To find out more about the HAF Programme visit the [connect4communities website](https://www.connect4communities.org.uk). For queries, please email [connect4communities@hants.gov.uk](mailto:connect4communities@hants.gov.uk) in the first instance.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Messer', on a light pink rectangular background.

*T. Wall*

**Tracey Messer**  
Childcare Development Service Manager (HCC)

**Theresa Wall**  
Early Years & SEND Senior Lead (IWC)

YEAR 4, 5 AND 6  
**Christmas  
POPCORN PARTY!**



**PAY ON SCOPAY BY  
FRIDAY 8TH OF  
DECEMBER**

**15TH DECEMBER 2023**

**AT 3:00 TO 5:00**

**£3 HOT CHOCOLATE  
AND FESTIVE SNACK  
BOX**



# **Anxiety. Awareness**

FOR PARENTS



## **Workshop includes:**

- What is anxiety?
- Common anxiety difficulties in children
- What maintains the anxiety
- Safety behaviours in children
- Top tips to help your child with fears and worries

Location: Queensgate Primary School

Date: Tuesday 5th December 2023

Time: 1:30-3:00pm

Please speak to Mr Chubb, Mrs  
Jeffers or email  
[enquire@queensgate.co.uk](mailto:enquire@queensgate.co.uk) to  
register.

**mental  
health  
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TEAM



## **Sensory Friendly Christmas Workshop**

**Delivered by The Isle of Wight  
Wellbeing Service**

Join us online for a 60-minute  
information session, providing tips,  
tricks, strategies and support in  
preventing and managing sensory  
overload during the festive period.

To join, or for more information please  
email [katrina.austin@hants.gov.uk](mailto:katrina.austin@hants.gov.uk).

**Hampshire  
Services**  
Primary Services

### Lost Glasses



These glasses were found at the park at York Avenue - If you recognise them then they can be collected from Seashells at the Grange Road site.

### Christmas Post Boxes

It's that time of year again when we get the Christmas letter boxes out and children can send Christmas Cards to each other. If your child wants to send a card please ensure the envelope is clearly marked with the recipients first name and surname and the class they are in - it's quite difficult matching up cards to their owners if this isn't done! Thank you.



### And Finally...

Enjoy your weekend, do keep warm. As ever please Chat, Read and play with your children.

### Easy Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Queensgate Foundation Primary School with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/queensgatefps/clnkv/at/TSX8RX7z/RTND2/facebook/>



You can't always  
have a good day. But  
you can always face  
a bad day with  
**a good attitude.**



Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher





## Kids

### Young Carers Fareham & Gosport

#### Royal Navy and Royal Marine Young Carers

We organize fun activities once a month, exclusively for young carers from naval or marine families. This provides them with a break and an opportunity to participate in an activity with their peers.



#### Not Local to the Fareham & Gosport Area?

If you're from a naval or marine family outside of the Fareham & Gosport area and need support, scan the QR code on the flyer to get in touch with us and we can give you advice on local support in your area.



#### Criteria for Royal Navy and Royal Marine Young Carers

The Young Carers Project in the Gosport and Fareham area is open to individuals aged 8-18 who care for someone in their household with a physical disability, poor mental health, learning difficulties, or substance misuse. They must also have family currently serving or ex-serving in the Royal Marines or Royal Navy.

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# Snowflake Ball



22nd December 12-2pm  
BAR 74, RYDE

Hosted by the Sister Queens

COLD BUFFET- GAMES- MEET & GREET- STORYTIME - CRAFTS

£12 per child

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[TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ENCHANTEDISLEUK](http://TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ENCHANTEDISLEUK)

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## CHRISTMAS POTTERY

20 TH DECEMBER

10AM - 12PM & 2PM - 4PM

COME AND GET CREATIVE THIS  
CHRISTMAS!

Activities are great for all the family and include pottery wheel throwing, festive sculpting and Christmas themed painting projects

HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE  
YOU THERE!

BOOK ONLINE NOW  
[WWW.ISLEOFWIGHTPOTTERY.COM](http://WWW.ISLEOFWIGHTPOTTERY.COM)

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST. MILDRED'S CHURCH, WHIPPINGHAM

14th - 16th December 2023  
11 - 3pm

17th December 2023  
12 - 3pm (4pm Carol Service)

FREE ENTRY

*All donations to local charities*



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# Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access **THREE ONLINE COURSES** from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



FOR ALL PARENTS

## Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



FOR NEW PARENTS

## Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



FOR SEPARATING PARENTS

## Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all **FREE** to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password. You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting: [www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents)



A chance to open up and have honest discussions about behaviour concerns being experienced at home with people who understand.

A warm, non-judgemental and supportive approach to talking about real issues whilst having access to a team of professionals for informal conversations.

Free resources - 1:1 discussions - sensory information sessions - forest school exploration - free parking - refreshments - a listening ear

Thursdays 10am - 11am  
Term Time Only

No booking required - just turn up!



# Chatter Matters

HOSTED BY THE ISLE OF WIGHT WELLBEING TEAM.

GALAXY CENTRE  
ROOKLEY & CHILLERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHILLERTON, NEWPORT, PO30 3EP

# Supporting a Child with ADHD

## The extra session you asked for!



Challenge the stereotypes and get the facts with Jane Keyworth

**Monday 18th December** (7pm to 9pm) £24

Available to book now via the website

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

## Child to Parent Abuse and Violence

An information session designed to help parents and carers understand what it is, why it happens, how to manage it and how to keep yourself safe.



If you would like to participate,  
please reserve your place by  
emailing  
[katrina.austin@hants.gov.uk](mailto:katrina.austin@hants.gov.uk)

Wednesday (TEAMS) 6:00pm-7:30pm	Friday (Face to Face) Galaxy Centre, Chillerton & Rookley Primary School 11:00am-12:30pm
08/11/23	17/11/23
06/12/23	15/12/23
10/01/24	19/01/24
07/02/24	23/02/24
06/03/24	15/03/24
17/04/24	19/04/24
08/05/24	17/04/24
05/06/24	14/06/24
03/07/24	12/07/24



# SANTA SLEIGH

Come and see him this December as he visits the following locations...



**Saturday 2nd** Newport Carnival

**Sunday 3rd** Shanklin

**Monday 4th** St. Helens & Nettlestone

**Wednesday 6th** Freshwater & Totland

**Thursday 7th** Binstead

**Saturday 9th** Gunville, Pan, Bluebell Meadows

**Sunday 10th** Sandown

**Monday 11th** Wootton

**Tuesday 12th** Ryde

**Wednesday 13th** Bembridge

**Friday 15th** Cowes

**Sunday 17th** East Cowes

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**ROUND TABLE**  
ISLE OF WIGHT 1277

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