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Queensgate Newsletter

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

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Extra long weekend

Dear families,

Monday 23rd June

Please remember that the school is closed on Monday as it is an INSET day. Teachers will be using this time to write the children's end of year reports that will be coming out on Friday 18th July. Myself, Mrs Grant and Mr Tilling have the pleasure of reading all the reports before this date which is why there is a gap between them being written and going out. It's always lovely to read how far the children have progressed over the year and I hope that you will find this when you read them too!

Hot weather

We are experiencing some hot weather currently, please can you remember to put sunscreen on the children before they come to school, children can bring in sunscreen to 'top up' at lunchtime - please ensure that this is named and remind children (as we have) that it should not be shared with other children. A hat offers really good protection and the most important thing is water.

Love Matters

Queensgate have agreed to host a family workshop entitled, 'Making Relationships Work' on Monday 7th July and Monday 14th July. The Workshops are based on research from the Gottman Institute, which through extensive research, concluded that two-thirds of parents experience a decline in relationship satisfaction after having children. Our goal is to provide parents with valuable information and practical activities to enhance their relationship skills. The sessions remain private and focus on learning new skills rather than sharing personal relationship details.

Target groups:
- Parents with children aged 5 years and over,
- Parents of teenagers
- Parents with SEND within the family

Key Benefits:
- Improve communication and understanding
- Build friendship, emotional intimacy, and trust
- Regulate conflict with confidence and care

We understand that it may not always be possible for both parents to attend together, so we welcome individual attendance with the expectation that parents will share the knowledge with their partner. Further details can be found on page 12

Uniform

Please can I remind you that we have a uniform policy and this can be found on Compass or the school website

https://www.queensgateprimary.co.uk/assets/images/branding/Uniform-Policy-Dec-2024.pdf

In this policy states:
School uniform is very important at Queensgate. We expect all children to have logoed sweatshirts or cardigans, light blue polo shirts, grey skirts or trousers and black shoes/trainers. We also expect the children to have a full Queensgate PE kit comprising of navy shorts and logoed blue T Shirts. Navy checked summer dresses can be worn by girls during the warmer weather. The boys may wear tailored shorts. Each child also needs a book bag. There are a variety of other items available. All items of school uniform are available from The Big Wight T-shirt Company. They can be contacted on www.bigwight.com (01983) 532333. Children are expected to wear their PE kits to school on PE days only.

In the new academic year we will be asking children to wear their PE kits when going Out & About. The reason behind this is two fold: 1) It is easier to keep an eye on children in recognisable school uniform; 2) There are some inappropriate outfits being worn on Out & About days. More about this in later newsletters.

Compass news

As you know Compass is now our Information System for all communication and data that we hold on you and your child(ren). It is really important that you either have notifications on so you know when there is something on Compass that needs your attention, or please check Compass regularly for any updates. This is our main communication tool as we do not send out SMS messages anymore.

Photographs

Next Wednesday (25th June) we have JS School Photography in to take Year 6 leavers' photos and group photos. Please can you ensure that children are in their school uniform. Those going Out & About should wear their school uniform too. Thank you.

We are the Wild Things!

To celebrate our learning based upon 'Where the Wild Things Are', and to enhance the story further, Y1 had a Wild Thing rumpus up at The Patch. We wore our Wild Things masks, gnashed our terrible teeth, rolled our terrible eyes, and made much mischief! It was very wild indeed!

Sports News

Year 6 Quad Kids

On Wednesday 18th July, a team of children from Year 6 travelled to The Bay secondary school to take part in the Quad Kids Athletics event. Each child took part in a 75m sprint, 600m run, standing long jump and a throw. Every child stepped up and performed to the best of their ability, despite the tough competition and blistering heat.
After all the events, the results were announced; 1st place... Queensgate! This means gold medals for the children and qualification to the Hampshire finals. Not only did they work amazingly as a team, our children did well individually with Halle placing 2nd overall girl and for the boys; Artem 2nd and Denys 3rd. Well done team Queensgate!

Queensgate Out & About

Our Reception Out and About group had a super time on Ryde beach on Tuesday morning. The children enjoyed gathering water from the shallow pools, paddling, digging holes, building sandcastles and creating some amazing cakes in our sand café! They loved collecting limpets and cockle shells too. The children were all very busy and engaged in the different activities. They played beautifully together!

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 3 Out and About team hiked down to the Folly as part of their ongoing Geography work on Rivers. The group discussed the key features of the River Medina and made comparisons with the Western Yar Estuary (which they visited during their last Out and About session). The children enjoyed taking it in turns to lead the walk and demonstrated great resilience on the hot walk back up to school.

The children in Year 1 have begun their topic on Grace Darling, lighthouses and saving people at sea. Our Out and About team visited St Catherine's Lighthouse, in Niton, on Wednesday morning. The group sketched the octagonal lighthouse (built in 1838) and walked along the coast.
"It was the best Out and About ever.
We went to see a lighthouse and we had to draw it. Then we saw a seal in the sea. I think there might have been two seals!"Remi and Rhue 1CE

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 2 Out and About children from 2KA, visited Firestone Copse. The children explored the woodland, identifying and naming different trees. They had fun gathering pine cones, playing in dens and balancing on fallen trees.

Queensgate Out & About

Out and About next week...

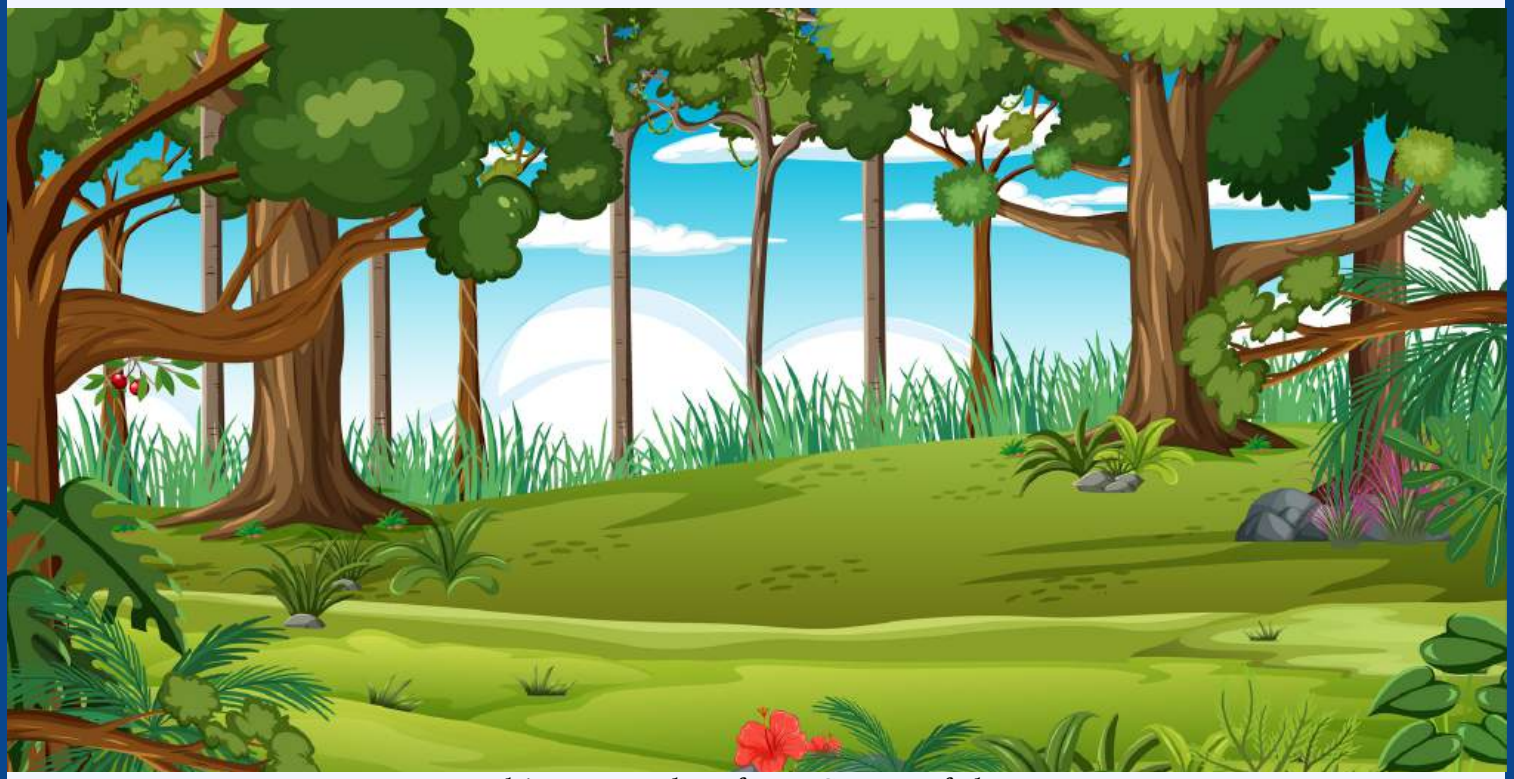
Please send your child to school wearing old play-clothes, suitable footwear, a sunhat and ensure they have a water bottle in school. We will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and has suncream applied at home. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Tuesday 24th June am - Reception - RRJ
East Cowes Seafront
*Please send your child with a towel and spare outfit in a bag.

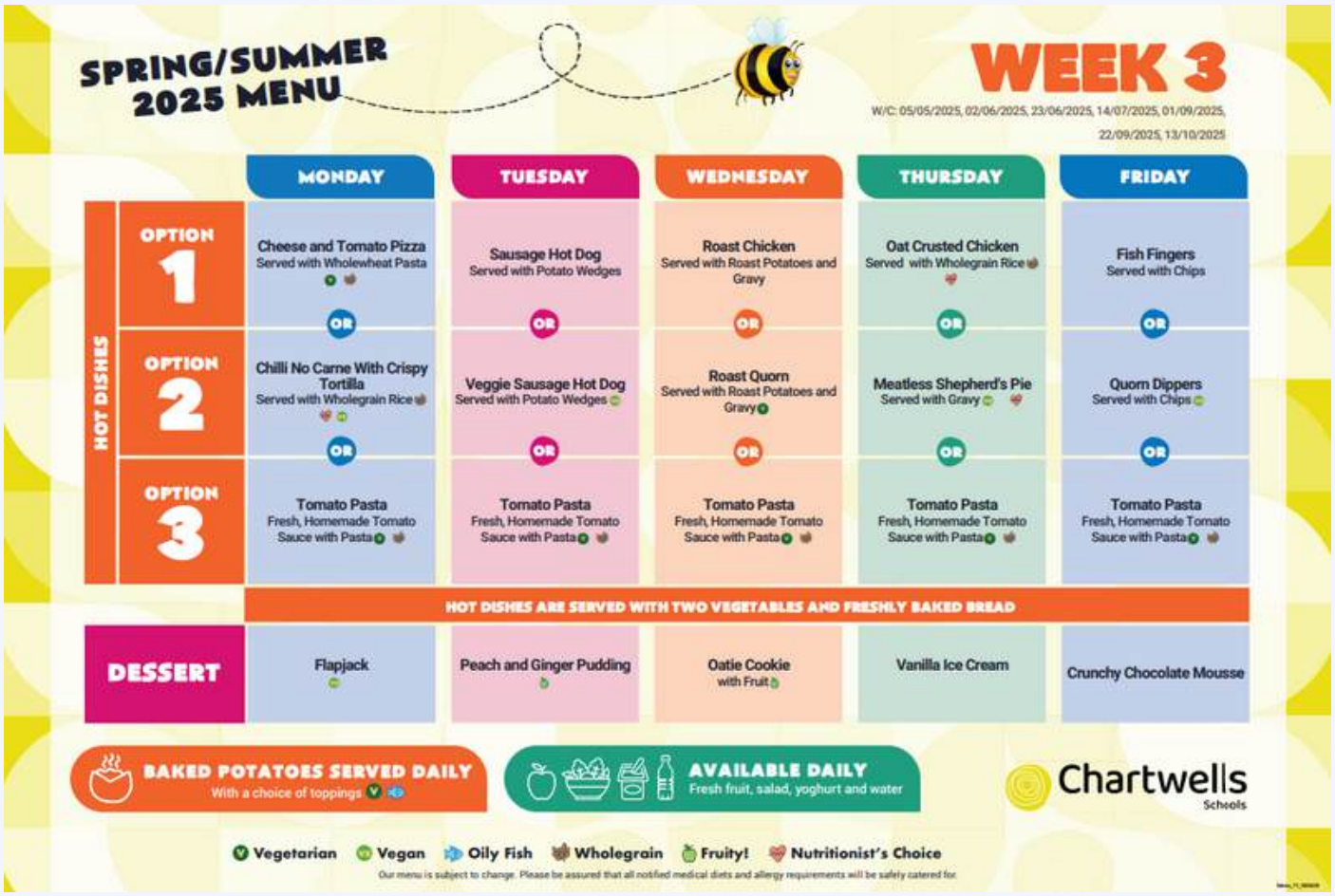
Tuesday 24th June pm - Year 3
Play-park
Bella, Dèva-Mae, Harvey H, Jamie, Corey, Clara, Logan, Harry, Riley, Poppy, Edward, Ella-Rose and AJ.

Wednesday 25th June am - Year 1 - 1SC
Alum Bay
Antonia, Finley, Quinn, Chloe, Ezra, Thomas, Nithya, Joshua, Jovi, Romeo, Luca, Ananya and Theo.

Wednesday 25th June pm - Year 2 - 2KG
Culver Down
George A, Sadie, Louis, George F, Imogen, Elijah, Olivia, Lenny, Holly, Archie, Lexi-Mai, Neahve, Harrison, Luke and Raemarni.



What's for lunch next week …



SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 3

W/C: 05/05/2025, 02/06/2025, 23/06/2025, 14/07/2025, 01/09/2025, 22/09/2025, 13/10/2025

HOT DISHES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Oat Crusted Chicken Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
OPTION 2	Chilli No Carne With Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Veggie Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Shepherd's Pie Served with Gravy	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
OPTION 3	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				
DESSERT	Flapjack	Peach and Ginger Pudding	Oatie Cookie with Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

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

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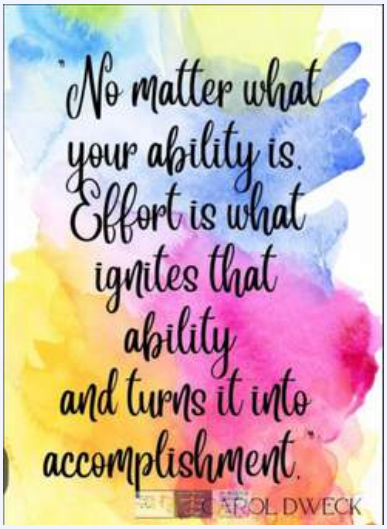
Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 94.34%

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.56%

KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 2KA with 97.07%

KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 5TS with 97.79%



READ Chat Play

And finally...

Have a lovely weekend, if you are attending the Festival I'll see you there! If not attending, enjoy the weather and remember no school on Monday!

Best wishes,

Robin Chubb
Acting Headteacher

Working Together for a Successful Future

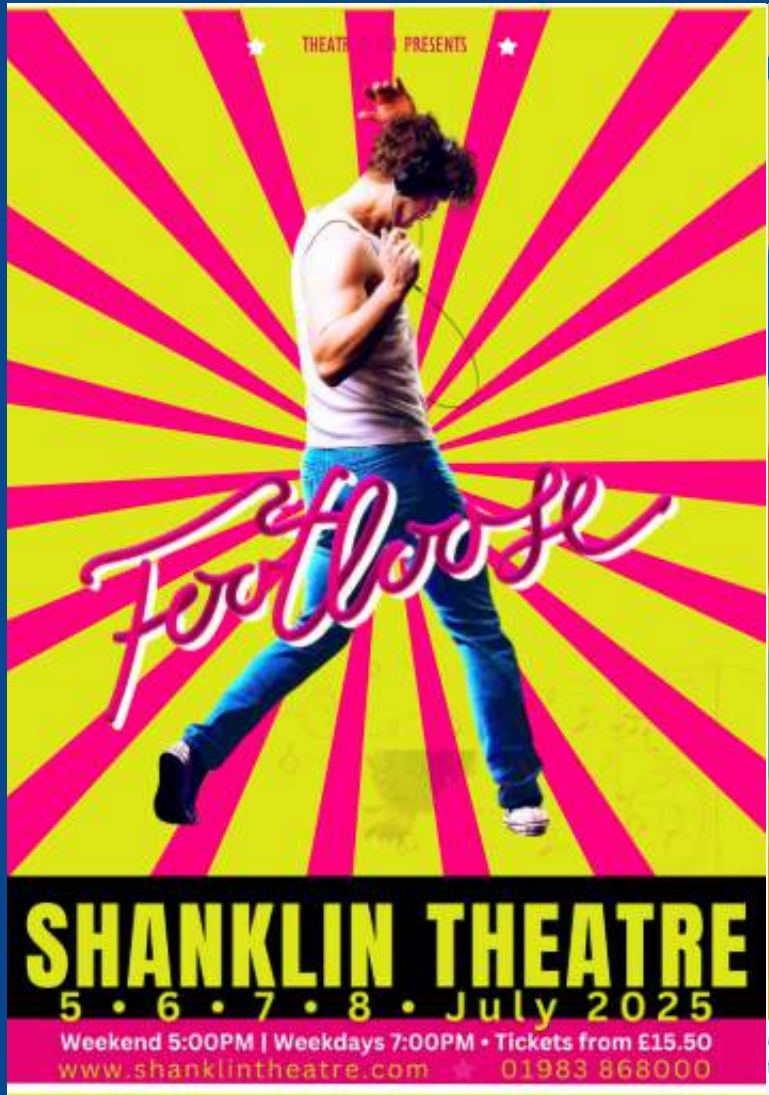
NHS 111 Online & Local Pharmacies

NHS 111 online and local pharmacies can help you get the right care

People with urgent but non-life-threatening medical needs are encouraged to use NHS 111 online to get quick advice and be directed to the most appropriate care, especially over the bank holiday weekend when services are expected to be busy.
NHS 111 online is a fast and easy-to-use alternative to the NHS 111 phone service. It can provide help for people 5 years and over by assessing symptoms, giving advice on what to do next, and connecting people to local services without having to wait on the phone.
Whether you need help with a minor injury, mental health support, advice about dental pain, or emergency medication, NHS 111 online is available 24/7. It's especially useful if you can't get a GP appointment or your surgery is closed.
Sophia from Newport recently searched 111.nhs.uk for help when she woke up with red, itchy insect bites after a family BBQ. When they started getting worse, she used NHS 111 online for advice and was directed to her local pharmacy. The pharmacist recommended a cream and gave her tips on managing the symptoms including what to do if the bites got worse.
Sophia said: "I was glad I went online first. A friend suggested I go to hospital but that didn't feel right for a few bites. The pharmacy was exactly what I needed."
You can access NHS 111 by:
Visiting 111.nhs.uk
Using the NHS App
Calling 111
Lee Haward, IW Ambulance Service Head of Clinical Coordination Centre, said: "If you've got access to the internet, NHS 111 online is a really quick and easy way to get help. It works just like calling 111, but you can do it all online, anytime, day or night. Just go to the NHS 111 website or use the NHS App, answer a few questions about how you're feeling, and it will guide you to the right care. It's really easy to use and there when you need help."

Pharmacies can help with minor illnesses - Your local pharmacy is also a great source of expert help for minor conditions. As part of the Pharmacy First scheme, many community pharmacies can now offer clinical advice and treatment for common illnesses without the need to see a GP:
Sinusitis
Sore throat
Earache
Infected insect bites
Impetigo (a bacterial skin infection)
Shingles
Uncomplicated urinary tract infections (in women)

Pharmacists are qualified healthcare professionals who can provide advice, reassurance, and treatment options, often with no need for an appointment. Many pharmacies will remain open over the bank holiday weekend. You can find a list of pharmacies online



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Drop in Sessions

- Free impartial and confidential advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Peer support, talking to others who may be experiencing a similar journey
- Free beverages and biscuits

10 JUNE
12:30 - 14:30 Newport Family Centre PO30 2AX
16:00 - 18:00 Cowes Family Centre PO31 7ET

25 JUNE
09:30 - 11:30 Ryde Family Centre PO33 2JF
12:30 - 14:30 East Cowes Family Centre PO32 6PA

17 JULY
12:30 - 14:30 Newport Family Centre PO30 2AX
16:00 - 18:00 West Wight Family Centre PO40 9XH

26 AUG
09:30 - 11:30 Sandown Family Centre PO36 9EQ
11:30 - 14:30 Ventnor Family Centre PO38 1EX

No booking required

Any questions email: info@iowsendiass.org.uk

A huge thank you to Barnardo's Family Hubs for the use of their family centres for our in-person sessions across the island

Family Hubs

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- Improve communication and understanding
- Build friendship, emotional intimacy and trust
- Regulate conflict with confidence and care

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