

Jamie Knight Free Style Footballer to Visit Queensgate

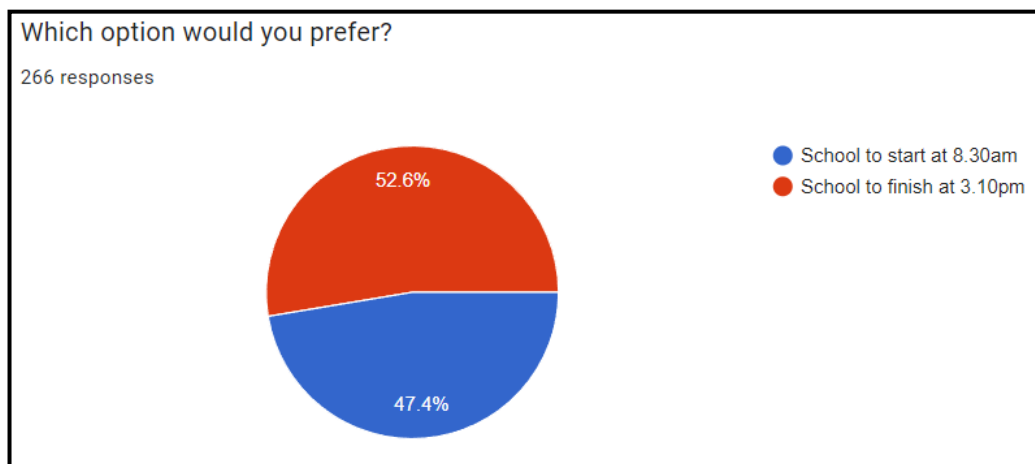
Dear Families,

Bank Holiday On Monday

Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday. Queensgate Foundation Primary school will be closed. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 5th May at 8:40am.

New Times for September

Our consultation for extending the school day for ten minutes has now closed. Here are the results.



As you can see the results were very close indeed. We will be extending the school day by ten minutes at the end of the day. From September 2024 our school day will be from 8:40am until 3:10pm. Clubs will still end at 4:00pm. Lessons will be starting straight away at 8:40am and registers will be taken straight away. We are planning to use the last ten minutes of the day for story time, another way to encourage children to love stories and reading.

Free Style Footballer

Jamie Knight, a free style footballer, will be in school working with the children on Thursday 9th May. After school between 3:00pm and 3:25pm Jamie will be selling footballs at £15 each

Role Models for the Children

It has been brought to my attention that there is a group of parents who stand outside of the school gates smoking and swearing. This has made other parents and children feel uncomfortable and intimidated. Please be respectful of others and please do not swear in front of children or parents.

Dance Live Update

I am delighted to let you know that Queensgate Dance Live Team came 3rd in the finals last Friday. Have a look at some photos below and a write up by one of the team:

First the whole Dance Live team gathered in the hall. Then we got on the bus and everyone was a little nervous. When we got onto the Hovercraft everyone was excited but still nervous. Once we got to Portsmouth we waited for the bus to go and have fun. Once we got off we ate lunch outside the guildhall we ate lunch outside the Guildhall. Then we went inside to do rehearsals and watched the other schools too. In the middle of this groups were going up to start getting into costumes. When everyone was ready we waiting until one of the Dance Live members of staff came to take us down for the show. Once it was finished we went up to the dressing room and waited to hear the results. Mrs Bradbury, Sophia and Grace went on stage to represent our school for the awards. We finished 3rd in the finals which is amazing especially for our first year. Teddy B (4BM)



Working together for a successful future

Year 6 SATs Week

Here is the timetable of exams for our Year 6 children. A free breakfast of cereal and toast is available from 8:00am each morning of the exams.

Day of the Week	Subject
Monday 13 th May 2024	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	Reading
Wednesday 15 th May 2024	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic Maths Paper 2 - Reasoning
Thursday 16 th May 2024	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning

Book Fair

After the bank holiday we will be holding a book fair in the dining hall after school each day.

To allow time to get set up please do not enter the school until 3.15pm.

You will be admitted through the double doors at the back of the school on the Key Stage 1 playground.

Payment can be made in advance by clicking the QR code on the advert.

The fair will be running on **Tuesday 7th May**, **Wednesday 8th May** and **Thursday 9th May** from **3.15pm to 4.15pm**.

Please come along and grab yourself a bargain and help raise funds and books for the school.

Thank you.

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NEW LUNA WOLF CODE DANGER **£7.99** **ALESHA DIXON**

NEW NINA PEANUT AMAZING **£8.99** **£7.99** **Available from 5th February**

NEW THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED **£7.99**

Illustration from Nina Peanut is Amazing © Sarah Bowie, 2024

Date:

Tuesday 7th May at 3.15pm
Wednesday 8th May at 3.15pm
Thursday 9th May at 3.15pm

Scan the QR code to pay online!

Out and About

On Tuesday morning our third **Reception** Out and About group had the chance to ride on the trains! The children travelled to Ryde on the minibus and enjoyed spotting lots of different types of transport. The group found it exciting watching the hovercraft arrive into Ryde and were able to wave to the pilot. The children then went to the train station at Ryde Esplanade where they caught the train to Brading station. The children learnt lots of new vocabulary about parts of the train and features of the station as well as learning about how to be safe when catching a train. Most children had not been on an electric train before, and they all loved the experience!

“We went on the train, and we went in the tunnel. We had a story on the platform about a runaway train. It’s quite wobbly when you stand up on the train- it was the best part!” Theo WF RBH

“We went on a train. It was an electric train. It was really fun. I liked the tunnel - it was so dark.”

Jovi RSD



As part of the **Year 5** topic on Earth and Space, the Out and About group visited Bonchurch to follow the Solar System Trail. The children walked along the revetment towards Ventnor, taking it in turns to read information about each planet. Using sports balls, the group discussed the comparative size of each planet and how far they are from the sun. The children were all great at taking part, listening to their peers, and learning new facts. Well done Year 5!



Our **Year 4** children will be learning about wind power and electricity during this half term. To tie in with their learning, the Out and About team visited Bembridge Windmill to learn about the history of wind power on the Island and how the mill provided flour to residents, as well as being used in both World War One and World War Two to provide shelter and an army lookout. The children sketched the windmill before heading off for a walk, navigating their way to Whitecliff Bay. They used compasses and maps to follow a route through the woodland, the holiday park and down to the beach. The group enjoyed having some well-earned biscuits for their snack (thanks to Mr Giles), before the uphill walk, all the way back up to the minibus.



The **6LR** Out and About team went orienteering in Firestone Copse on Wednesday. The children were challenged to see if they could find more orienteering markers around the forest than the two 6TM groups. The group had a great time and came across some very muddy routes. Some of the children (and Mr Gwilliam) got their boots stuck in the mud, which certainly added to the adventure! The team managed to locate nine different numbers across the southern half of the forest. It was great to see the children enjoying the outdoors. Huge well done to Felicity and Sadie who really helped the group to locate as many markers as possible.



Out and About next week...

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes and they bring a waterproof coat.

Tuesday am - Reception

**No Out and About this week due to Year 5 trip. Out and About will resume for Reception on 14th May.*

Tuesday pm - Year 5

Winchester Science Centre Trip

**Children to register at the coach outside school at 7.50am. The coach will leave by 8.00am. Please come in school uniform, bring a coat, water bottle and packed lunch in a backpack (unless you have pre-ordered one from school). You might like to bring something to do on the ferry (eg. Colouring, card game etc. No electrical toys, pads). We won't be visiting the gift shop so please do not bring money. If you bring a phone to school, it will need to be handed in when you board the coach. We will be back at school at approximately 4.00pm.*

Wednesday am - Year 4

Bembridge Windmill

Christopher, Tyler B, Caiden, Dylan C, Malaika, Logan E, Tilly, Katelyn, Ella R, Freddie, Ella S, Alfie, Rory and Connor.

Wednesday pm - Year 6

Orienteering

Vincent, Harrison P, Theo, Toby H, Summer, Gracie, Mason, Sienna, Jude C, Oscar, McKenzie, Hollie, Maya, Amber and Brooke.

**Please bring wellies or old trainers that can get muddy!*



What's for dinner next week?

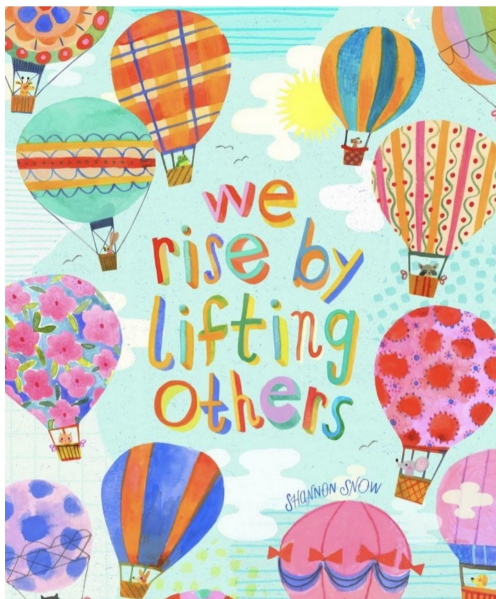
(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	HOT SPECIALS		Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	BBQ Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes	Turkey Lasagne 🍷 🌱 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO		Vegetarian Burger 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic Plate 🌱	Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla 🌱 🍷 🌱 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers 🌱 Served with Chips
	DESSERT		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	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍷 🌱						
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
		Shortbread and Fruit	Raspberry Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream	Original Flapjack	

Schools Walk the Wight

Just a reminder that Walk the Wight is on **Sunday 12th May**. Schools Walk the Wight starts at Freshwater and joins the main walk for the last four miles. The Hospice would not be able to run without the contributions made through Walk the Wight.



Schools Walk the Wight with  **Mountbatten**



Isle of Wight AWARDS 2023
GOLD AWARD
BEST ISLAND EVENT

Sunday, 12 May 2024
Register now: mountbatten.org.uk/swtw

Year 5 and 6 Science show - It was Electrifying!

On Wednesday a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) science roadshow sponsored by BAE systems, the RAF and the Royal Navy came to visit our Year 5 and Year 6 children. It was all about electricity. The three Presenters; Matt, Charlotte and Ellie were very engaging and knowledgeable and made it a fun show. There were some interactions with the children who volunteered to help, even Mrs Webb got involved!



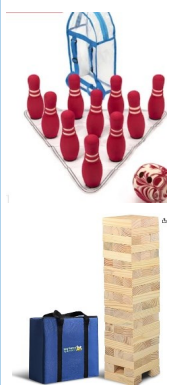
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Summer term PE and physical activity news

Hopefully, the weather is going to improve soon and the sun will be shining, allowing us to make more use of our outdoor space. Our focus this term will be to continue teaching quality PE lessons and increase the amount of activity the children are doing during school hours to help ensure that all Queensgate pupils fulfil the Government's recommendation of 60 minutes of activity a day (30 minutes of which should be in school, 30 minutes out of school hours).



PE lessons: This term all children will be taking part in a range of outdoor activities such as rounders, tennis, athletics and cricket. KS1 will be focusing on the fundamental skills of throwing, catching, running and hitting. KS2 will revise these key skills before applying them in various game situations. There will be competitive opportunities in athletics, tennis and cricket for our more able children and a range of festivals aimed at encouraging children to be more active.



Sport leaders: Last term some sports leaders helped to sell some extra shorts and socks that we had stored in our container. Thank you to all the parents and children who supported this by buying shorts/socks. Nearly £100 was raised which has been spent on some new games for the field at lunchtimes. Children have been shown this equipment in assembly and will hopefully enjoy using it during lunchtimes.



Path to Paris



Our school has signed up for the Path to Paris challenge. Each year group has been assigned a virtual bus, and they are required to propel it around the world by accruing active kilometres through engaging in extra physical activities. Children, parents, and classroom staff can record the activities undertaken by children (and adults - earning bonus kilometres for the year group if adults participate in the extra activities). These activities are then converted into kilometres to advance their bus across the globe. Weekly updates on each year group's bus progress will be provided. For more details on this challenge and instructions on how to log your activities, please refer to the attached poster.

Your child is on the Path to Paris!

To celebrate the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Path to Paris is challenging children across the country to virtually travel to Paris by getting active.

Parents and carers can support young people by encouraging them to get active and helping them to log their activity on the website. Their team will progress even faster if you are getting active alongside them.

Your child is taking part in the Path to Paris and we need your support to power their team virtually around the world to make it to Paris in time for the Games.

- 1. Get active as a family**
There's lots of ideas and inspiration on the website.
- 2. Head to the website**
Key in the unique pin found on the back to find your team.
- 3. Log your activity**
Your child's activity will be converted into a distance.
- 4. Track your progress**
Keep track of how far your team has travelled on the website.
- 5. Win prizes**
Teams that log their activity will be eligible to win prizes to bring home: athlete visits to their club or school, or money-can't-buy opportunities to attend team GB and ParalympicGB events.

So get moving!

Have fun dancing around your living room, walking the dog, going for a Sunday swim, whatever you want, just get moving and log those active minutes!

Your child's team is called:
Their year group:
Your child's pin is:

Log your family activity here: getset.co.uk/log-activity

Show and Tell

Show us how you're keeping active by emailing us at getset@getset.co.uk or on social media by tagging [getsetofficial](https://www.instagram.com/getsetofficial) and you may be featured on our website and win prizes too!

Check out our Show and Tell page to see how other teams are getting active.

How far we have travelled so far

Year	Distance	Year	Distance
Reception	0 km	Year 3	758 km
Year 1	287 km	Year 4	1032 km
Year 2	0 km	Year 5	1006 km
		Year 6	5863 km



Eco Schools



Did you know?

Act now! Inaction is the biggest challenge to people, to live an Eco friendly lifestyle. **Earthwatch Europe** helps people take action to protect the nature around them. Check out:

www.earthwatch.org.uk

Act Now! Make a impact! Calculate your carbon footprint on

www.footprint.wwf.org.uk

Check the 40 ways you can be ore Eco Friendly in 2024 on
www.greenmatch.co.uk



Eco Tip!

Make Green choices:

- NO Mow May! Don't lop off every buttercup, daisy and bee-friendly dandelion! Grab a chair and watch your grass grow. Leaving even part of your garden to grow wild can help pollinating insects, such as bees, thrive

**Inspiring children to contribute to a greener environment and world
is something we could and shoud do.**

Reduce

Reuse

Recycle

Message from Gillian Keegan, Secretary of State for Education on Attendance

As we enter the summer term, I want to update you on our plan to improve school attendance. Being in school is not only vital for improving attainment, but also for children's wellbeing and development. Every day a child misses school, this is approximately 6 hours of education that they cannot get back. But since the pandemic, attendance has become a major challenge for schools all around the world. That's why we've been working hard for a number of years to address this issue. Here's how:

- We have introduced a world-leading data collection system where every school must share their daily attendance registers. This will help us to understand and target the areas that need improving the most.
- We have expanded attendance hubs and mentors which provide best practice to under-performing schools to improve their attendance rates.
- And we have appointed the founder of England's first attendance hub, Robert Tarn CBE, as our Attendance Ambassador to drive this progress across the system.

Thanks to the hard work of teachers, parents and pupils, alongside these reforms, I'm pleased that there are now 440,000 fewer pupils persistently absent or not attending school. And overall absence rates have reduced year on year from 7.6% in 2021/22 to 7.4% in 2022/23, to 7% so far this year. But this is still too high. We all have a duty to make sure children regularly attend school. That means that holidays should be around school breaks to avoid taking children out of school during term time. And parents should ensure that if their children have mild illnesses or mild anxiety, they consult NHS guidance to determine whether they should go into school or not. We have built a world-class education system, where 90% of schools are now rated Good or Outstanding - up from 68% in 2010 - but the only way that children can benefit from this is if they are in school. So let's continue to work together as parents, teachers, schools and government to prioritise school attendance, and give our children the best possible start in life.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance since September is 95.01%

Whole School Attendance this week is 96.16%

And Finally...

Have a lovely weekend and remember to Read, Chat and Play with your children!

See you on Tuesday!

Best wishes,



Samantha Sillito

Headteacher





Free Activity Day



Saturday 11 May 2024

9:30am - 3:30pm

Corf Scout Campsite

Corf Road, Shalfleet, PO30 4NT

All welcome particularly non-Scouts.

Many activities. Refreshments.

Parking £5 per car at

What3Words ///orders.twit.pace

Water activities dependent on tide and conditions - swimwear & change of clothes required. No open toed shoes. All activities dependent on availability of time and volunteers.



www.corfcamp.org.uk



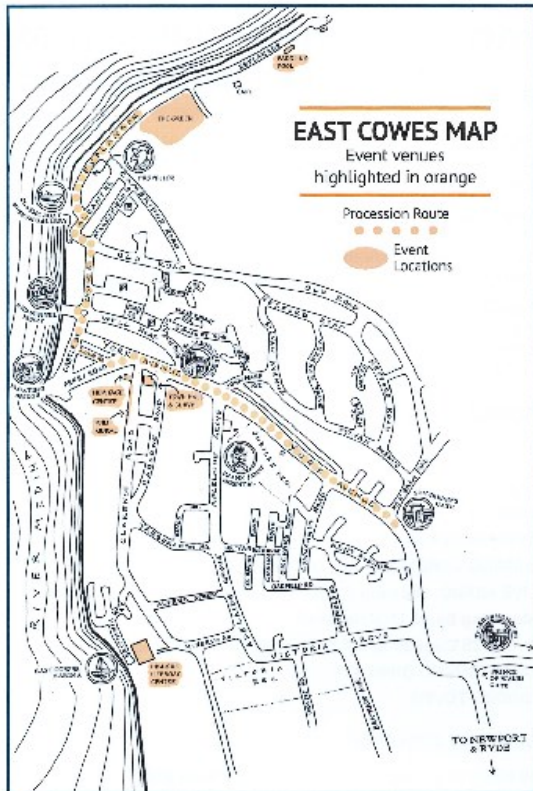
Ramblers march for East Cowes section of National coastal path

I just wanted to make you aware of the Ramblers organised march from Jubilee Park to Osborne House on bank holiday Monday, should any families want to show support for improved public rights of way access to the coastline and countryside in East Cowes. There will be a children's competition as part of our display and there are take away pens and badges. Full details are on the website:

<https://www.iowramblers.com/>

Best Wishes

Callum Tanner | callum@tanneriw.com



East Cowes Programme of Events

CELEBRATING THE 200th ANNIVERSARY of the formation of the R.N.L.I. AND THE 100th ANNIVERSARY of the East Cowes Esplanade

MAY 2024



Organised by:
East Cowes Town Council,
East Cowes Heritage Centre
and the Inshore Lifeboat Centre.



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Programme of Events

Friday 24th May to Monday 27th May 2024

FRIDAY 24th MAY

12.30pm SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING at the EAST COWES INSHORE LIFEBOAT CENTRE. *INVITATION ONLY.*

2.30pm OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE RNLI MURAL painted by the artist DAEV WALSH. *Clarence Road.*

6.30pm RECEPTION to launch the East Cowes Heritage Exhibition at the TOWN HALL. *INVITATION ONLY.*

SATURDAY 25th MAY

10.00am EXHIBITION OPENS TO THE PUBLIC. *Town Hall.*
Showing the importance of the boatyards on the River Medina that built lifeboats for the RNLI for many years. Photographs and artifacts gathered from collections at the Heritage Centre and the County Archives. A film about building lifeboats on the IOW will be shown. *Closes 4.00pm.*

12.00 PROCESSION THROUGH EAST COWES
Procession of Marching Bands and an RNLI Lifeboat. The Coastguard, decorated floats, vintage cars, fancy dress entrants and the mascots Stormy Stan and Ted Funnel.
Starts at Sovereign Gate, York Avenue, Ends on The Green at the Esplanade.

1.00pm to 5.00pm. EVENTS ON THE ESPLANADE
LOCAL BAND CORNERSTONE and MAGICIAN RANDINI on the stage.
MAD-AID Horsebox bar. RNLI Stand. Food and drink stands.
Bring a picnic and enjoy the afternoon by the sea.

1.30pm UNVEILING OF THE ESPLANADE INFORMATION BOARD
To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the Esplanade to the public.

SATURDAY 3.00pm GIANT HOOK-A-DUCK GAME
The paddling pool will be filled with plastic ducks and a large duck will hook lucky ones to win prizes for the crowds.

TIME TBA: RNLI SEA RESCUE DEMONSTRATION
The RNLI will demonstrate a 'man overboard' rescue in the waters along the Esplanade using an Inshore Lifeboat made at the centre in East Cowes.

7.00pm EVENING SHOWING OF 'BUILDING LIFEBOATS ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT'. *Town Hall.*
A film highlighting the working lives of the boatbuilders who worked on the RNLI lifeboats. *Refreshments available.*

SUNDAY 26th MAY

10.00am to 4.00pm EXHIBITION OPEN. *Town Hall.*

EVENTS AT THE INSHORE LIFEBOAT CENTRE *Clarence Road.*

Starts at 10.30am

NAMING CEREMONY of a D-CLASS Lifeboat

LIVE MUSIC: Slipshod Singers, Cowes Concert Band, Medina Marching Band, Ukelele Band.

D-CLASS Capsize and Righting drill in The Marina

COASTGUARD DISPLAYS

GUIDED TOURS

MONDAY 27th MAY

10.00am to 4.00pm EXHIBITION OPEN. *Town Hall.*