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Queensgate Foundation  
Primary School



## Changes at Queensgate

Dear Families,

### Keep in touch!

Please remember to follow us on FaceBook [Queensgate Foundation Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/queensgatefoundationprimary) and on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/queensgatefoundationprimary?igsh=OWczcj15MnJ1cTho>

### Staffing News

There are lots of change at Queensgate. **Mrs Dye** has resigned from her post to support her family. We currently have Mrs Heng and Miss Arnold covering along with Mrs Brown and Miss Whiten. Mrs Dye has been an absolutely brilliant member of staff both in Reception, leading Forest School and being the staff Governor. It has been a pleasure working with her and we wish her every happiness in the future.

**Mrs Webb**, our music teacher, will be leaving us at the end of term. Under her leadership music at Queensgate has gone from strength to strength. When our whole school sings it raises the roof and our choir have been hugely successful over the last few years. Mrs Webb will be having some more family time, but you may also see her on visits to Osborne House.

**Mrs Piner** is retiring at the end of the summer term. She will be spending more time on Grandma duties. Mrs Piner has been at Queensgate a long time and has been a TA in the middle school sector before that. Again, she has been an excellent member of staff who we will miss very much.

**Mrs Pengelly** has decided to spend more time with her family and traveling to new places. She will be missed very much both in Sensory club, in the Nest and for her excellent speech and language work. She has touched many children's lives over the years.

We are sorry to see these wonderful people leave our team, but we wish them all every success and happiness as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

Later in the term I will let you know who I have recruited to these positions.

### Career's Week

Week beginning **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** is Careers Week. We will be encouraging the children to Dream Big. Would any of you be able to come into school and talk about your jobs/careers with the children? Our aim is to get as many parents in as possible to chat to the children about the work that you do. Please let Mr Chubb or I know if you are available that week.

### New School Times

As you know we are required to extend our school day. Following the consultation with all stakeholders we have made the decision to extend the end of the day. The new school times will start in September. School will start at **8:40am** and finish at **3:10pm**. The whole school will be having story time between 3:00pm and 3:10pm daily. We are excited to put story time back on the timetable.

## Dates for your Diary

This term is hugely busy. I have included important dates on the next page to help you navigate your way through.

## Busy Week

There is a lot going on at school next week too.

**Year 1** will be carrying out their phonics screening test. **Year 2** children, who did not pass their phonic screen test last year, will be sitting their phonics screening test. **Year 4** will be carrying out their Multiplication check. These are all national tests that the children have to do.

On **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** some of our **Year 6** will be attending a sea swimming session on Sandown Beach. Also, on Monday Louise Smith from Medina will be leading a science session for Year 6.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**, we have an interview day to, hopefully, recruit a new music teacher to replace Mrs Webb in September.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** is photograph day for sports groups and Year 6 leavers'.

Also, on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** Dean Prodomo, Service Manager for Education, will be visiting Queensgate.

On **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** we have moderators in school to look at all Year 6 writing.

Week beginning **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** will be assessment week across the school to check in on progress.

## Year 4 Trip to Winchester Science Centre

On Thursday we went to Winchester Science Museum. We learnt all about sound and space. We had a sound workshop and lots of activities to look around. We had lunch there too. We went into the Planetarium and got to look at all the planets. The chairs were very comfy! After that we got back on the bus and the Red Funnel. We had the best time ever! - Kyle B 4MC



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## Diary Dates

Week beginning 10th June - Year 1 phonics check week, Year 2 phonics resit, Year 4 Multiplication Check

**10/06/24** Year 6 Sea Swim session, Medina college in to lead Science lesson to Year 6 classes, 2.25—4.15 Yr 5 / 6 Quad Kids @ The Bay.

**11/06/24** Medina College in to speak to Year 6's attending there in September, Interview day for new Music teacher, U9 Cricket vs Wootton, Bembridge and Greenmount @ Queensgate.

**12/06/24** JS Photography in for groups and leavers photos, Cowes Enterprise College in to see Year 6's attending there in September, Dean Prodomo (Service Manager, Education at the Local Authority) in to visit the school.

**13/06/24** Moderation Day for Year 6 writing, Clare Slade-Carter (Cowes EC) in to see Y6 SEND pupils, 3.30 - 5.00 Y5 & Y6 Basketball B Team @ Cowes

**18/06/24** Y5 & Y6 Handball match @ Queensgate

**19/06/24** Open Morning for all new Reception Parents, NHS Nurses into Reception for dental presentation, Home visits to new Reception starters begin today.

**20/06/24** Home visits continue, James Milligan (Assistant Principle, Cowes Enterprise College) in to see Year 6.

**21/06/24** Home visits to new Reception children, Science Day @ Queensgate

**24/06/24 INSET Day - School closed**

Week beginning 25/06/24 Careers Week @ Queensgate Primary

**25/06/24** Tim Walters, Local Authority, in to visit the school, Y1 & Y2 Team relay at Lanesend.

**26/06/24** Home visits for New Reception children.

**27/06/24** Home visits for New Reception children.

**28/06/24** Dream Big Careers Day @ Queensgate

**01/07/24** Interview for new Part-time teacher, Eco committee meeting

**02/07/24** Y3 & Y4 Team relay @ Lanesend

**03/07/24** Transition Visit 1 to Reception from Seashells, OAA Peach event @ Wootton

**04/07/24** KS1 Sports Morning, Platform One Concert in hall (Marnie Marie),

**05/07/24** KS2 Sports Day Morning, Transition Visit 1 to Reception from Seashells, 3pm School Summer Fair

Week Beginning 8th July Pupil Progress Meetings with all teachers to discuss all pupils.

**08/07/24** Y5 & Y6 Quad Kids B Team @ The Bay

**09/07/24** Move Up Morning at Queensgate, Year 6 transition day to secondary schools

**10/07/24** The Island Free School Transition Day, 5pm to 6pm Showcase evening school open to all

**11/07/24** Reserve Sports Day (am-KS2, pm-KS1)

**12/07/24 INSET Day (School closed to pupils)**

**15/07/24** Y6 Dress Rehearsal of play to some of the school, 6PM Y6 performance to parents

**16/07/24** 1.30pm Y6 Performance to parents

**17/07/24** 3.15pm - 3.45pm Reception Disco, 4pm - 5.15 Y1, 2 & 3 Disco, 5.30pm - 6.45pm Y5 & Y6 Disco

**18/07/24** Cookery Masterclass for Y6, 2.15pm Y3 Roman afternoon in hall (parents invited)

**19/07/24** Reports out to parents

**22/07/24** Y6 Waterfight, Art Day @ Queensgate

**23/07/24** Attendance Assembly

**24/07/24** 1.15 Whole school assembly for Kezzi Kindness

**25/07/24** Attendance trip day

**26/07/24** 1.30pm Y6 leavers assembly followed by clapping corridor

**02/09/24 & 03/09/24 INSET Days (school closed to Pupils), 04/09/24** School starts for Autumn term.



Following our **Whole School Eco-Day** last half term, the Art mural which was masterminded by Miss Stone has now been hung on the wall and looks amazing. During the day each child signed a milk bottle top which was then glued in place, along with some other recycled plastic, to create the picture. It serves as a reminder that we need to keep our oceans free of plastic!

Art is a form of communication, it is a visual way that transcends barriers and cultural differences. By creating a piece of art collaboratively we are sending a message to our community that shows we care about our environment. Hopefully our actions will make ourselves and families think about our plastic use and how we can recycle and reuse in a creative way.

### What Next?

We now have a water butt (recycled), which Mr. Salter will connect to the school greenhouse. This means we will now be able to use collected rainwater to water our vegetables and plants, which are growing around the school.

All classes have been asked to contribute to the **Queensgate Eco Code**. Once their contributions have been collated the Eco Code will be on display around the school.

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





## Out & About

On Tuesday our **Reception** Out and About group visited St Helens Beach. The children enjoyed baking in our 'sand-kitchen', making some delicious ice-creams, building sandcastles, collecting and identifying shells, playing catch, frisbee and reading seaside stories! It was lovely to see the children all so engaged in activities.

"We went to the beach. I liked making sandcastles. I made a funny face in the sand." Dylan RSD



The children in **Year 5** have been learning about Space this term. This week, our Year 5 Out and About team walked up to the Highdown rocket testing site by the Needles New Battery. We talked about how the Black Knight and Black Arrow satellite rocket launchers were designed and built on the Isle of Wight between the 1950s and 1970s.

"We went to the Needles, to see where they used to test rockets. I loved seeing the ocean. The views were beautiful, but it was quite windy." Maizy 5TS



To tie in with **Year 4**'s work about Victorians, the Out and About group walked up to Tennyson Monument on Wednesday morning. They learnt about two influential Victorians that lived in Freshwater, Julia Margaret Cameron and Alfred Lord Tennyson. The group were fantastic...they were friendly and polite to members of the public and demonstrated great confidence, practically running up to the monument in a short amount of time.

"We went to Tennyson Down and walked to the monument. Some of us rolled down the hill. We are learning about Victorians and Tennyson was a famous Victorian poet that lived in a house near Freshwater." Paloma 4MC

"I really enjoyed walking up to the cross on Tennyson Down. It was really good walking with my friends." Oscar H 4MC



On Wednesday afternoon, a group of **Year 6** children enjoyed spending the afternoon at Carisbrooke Castle. They had a picnic in Princess Beatrice's garden then had fun exploring the grounds of the castle, walking up to the keep and around the castle walls.



“On Wednesday, The Year 6's who didn't go on the residential, went to Carisbrooke Castle with Miss Johnson, Mrs Webb and Mrs Wiper. When we arrived, we found a spot to have a picnic. After that, we looked around the castle and learnt about the history. We were able to bring money to buy our own ice creams. We enjoyed this trip a lot, Thank you!” Zoe and Sarah 6TM

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

Please ensure your child wears suitable play clothes and they bring a sunhat or waterproof coat (depending on the forecast). Comfortable trainers or walking shoes are recommended for Y4, Y5 and Y6 Out and About sessions.

### **Tuesday am - Reception Bembridge Lifeboat Station**

Antonia, Emily S, Felicity, Nova, Riley, Quinn, Remi-Rose, Amelia, Jovi, Kaden, Theo W and Theo T.

\*This visit is free but the RNLI said they would be very grateful if you would like to bring a small donation, please.

### **Tuesday pm - Year 5 High Down Rocket Testing Site, Needles**

Matthew, Evie H, Florence, Brody, Liam, Leon S, Tom, Elvis, Teddy, Amelia, Emily H, Halle, Hayley and Amy.

### **Wednesday am - Year 4 Tennyson Down Walk**

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

### **Wednesday pm - Year 6 Geocaching, Merstone**

Sophie, Jude, Toby, Wynter, Su, Felicity, Jack, Elsie, Harrison, Sadie, Jacob, Alayna, Olivia and Amelia.

Please can your child in **Reception** bring in a container for cookery next **Tuesday** suitable for a biscuit.

Archer, Nithya, Eden, Harper, Niamh, Reggie, Chloe, Denis, Finley, Joshua W, Joshua M, Rosey and Ezoa.

### **Cookery**

Please can your child in **Year 5** bring in a container for cookery next **Tuesday** suitable for Summertime Macaroni Cheese: Ryan, Connor, Xachary, Emily Br, Eliana, Abigail, Maya, Jonny, Guy, Logan, George, Brooke, Braiden, Acacia and Denys.

Please can your child in **Year 4** bring in a container on **Wednesday** suitable for Cheese and Onion Pasties: Elliott, Kyle, Teddy, Ashton, Maddie, Bella, Jesse, Toby, Destiny, Hannah, Charley Jack, Logan, Oscar S and Tommy.

If your child attends **Cookery Club** on either **Tuesday** or **Wednesday** please bring a container **Every Week**.





# What's for dinner next term?

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



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## WEEK 2

W/C: 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 22/07, 16/09, 07/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
JACKET POTATO	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	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					
DESSERT	Chocolate Cookie	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Orange Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit	Orange Drizzle

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**TRAIN TO TEACH ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT**

### Fancy Becoming a Teacher?

*Inspiring Future Teachers - HISP Teacher Training is your local hub which provides the opportunity to train to teach in Isle of Wight schools as well as offering face-to-face centre-based training on the Isle of Wight.*

*Inspiring Future Teachers (IFT) is a national School Centred Provider of Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) working through regional partners to offer one-year postgraduate routes to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) with the option to study for a masters level Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE).*

For more information follow this link: [www.inspiringfutureteachers.org/hisp](http://www.inspiringfutureteachers.org/hisp)

**June 2024**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to invite you to come along to a free, informal maths group that is held at Queensgate Primary School **every Friday morning at 9:15am** for one hour. This opportunity is possible due to funding from the **Multiply Project**, which aims to support adults across the UK with improving their maths skills. Here on the Isle of Wight, the team at Adult Community Learning provides a wide range of courses and workshops in many different venues, including schools. I have been running the group at Queensgate for some time now, and am always keen to encourage new learners to take advantage of the support available.

The focus of the schools' project is to enable parents and carers to develop their own confidence and maths skills, so that they can in turn support their children more effectively with maths at home. Research has shown that if adults have good maths skills, their children are much more likely to achieve better at school, and to have a positive attitude towards the subject. Having good basic maths skills is crucial in everyday life, from personal budgeting to reading timetables, measurement and following recipes.

So, what can you expect from the maths sessions at Queensgate? First and foremost, it's a relaxed, friendly environment, where you will feel fully supported by me and the other members of the group. All the learning is personalised to suit your needs. You can work at your own pace and at your own level, on topics that are most relevant for you. There is even an opportunity to work towards a formal qualification if you would like to, which could help you to access job opportunities in the future.

I have worked with lots of parents at Queensgate over the past year or so. They have all said how much they have enjoyed the course, how it has helped them to become so much more confident with their maths skills, and how it has made them realise that maths is nowhere near as scary as they had previously thought!


I do hope that you'll be able to come along on a Friday morning, and will be delighted to welcome you. There's no need to book, but if you would like any further information, I can be contacted at the Community Learning Centre on 01983 817280 or [dee.swallow@iow.gov.uk](mailto:dee.swallow@iow.gov.uk). You can also ask Miss Rorich at the school office, or leave her a message to pass on to me.

With kindest regards

*Dee Swallow*

Maths Tutor (Multiply Project), Adult Community Learning Service





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Do your best to make today  
Awesome and to make  
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### Year 6 Residential

As I write this the Year 6's are completing their last activity. They have been having an amazing time and slept well on the 2nd night! We look forward to welcoming them back later today and back to school on Monday to hear about their adventures. More photos and write up will be included in next week's newsletter.



### Attendance

**Whole School Attendance since September is 95.2%**

**Whole School Attendance this week is 95.34%**

**KS1 Class with best attendance this week is 1CE with 100%**

**KS2 Class with best attendance this week is 6LR with 96.55%**

And Finally...

Have a lovely weekend. As always please remember to read, chat & play with your children.



Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



**Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Form  
2024-25 Open Day/Evening dates  
(as at June 2024)**

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	1 October 2024	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Christ the King College	19 September 2024	Year 6 open evening
	07 November 2024	6 <sup>th</sup> Form open evening
Cowes Enterprise College	1 <sup>st</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 6 45-minute bookable tours will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be led by a member of the senior leadership team who will be able to answer any specific questions you have about year 7, our curriculum and enrichment opportunities. Tour times to be confirmed. <i>Bookings can be made by calling the academy on <a href="tel:01983203103">01983 203103</a> from the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</i>
	October 2024	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Details tbc
Island Free School	12 October 2024	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm  Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Medina College	26 September 2024	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Ryde Academy	9 October 2024	Y6 Open Evening
	20 November 2024	6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	5 October 2024	Y6 and 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm
The Bay CE School	3 October 2024	Y6 Open Evening: 5-8pm
The Island VI Form	14 November 2024	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm
The Isle of Wight College	26 June 2024	4-7pm
	24 September 2024	4-7pm
	16 November 2024	Open Day
	8 January 2025	4-7pm
	1 February 2025	Open Day
	24 April 2024	Open evening tbc
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: <a href="mailto:mail@prioryschool.org.uk">mail@prioryschool.org.uk</a>

- Please note St Georges is not offering open days. Places are allocated via the SEND department./

**CHRIST THE KING COLLEGE**

**YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING**




**5.30 - 6.30pm**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Tel: 537070 Email: [admin@christthekingcollege.co.uk](mailto:admin@christthekingcollege.co.uk)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

8th - 16th June 2024

Let's **swap** **together** for **good**

## Get Creative with Nature

Join us for free creative nature inspired activities and find out more about community wildlife in East Cowes and how you can help.

## East Side Curve

East Cowes Community  
Library, York Avenue

## Saturday 8 June

10am - 12pm



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## DESIGN A T-SHIRT TO SUPPORT & RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ISLE OF WIGHT INSHORE LIFEBOATS

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## Wildheart Teddy Bear's Picnic Challenge Day

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Tours at:  
10.30, 12.30 &  
14.30

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Take part in a Teddy bear activities including:

- Teddy bear trail around the Sanctuary
- Brown bear activity sheet
- Design a teddy bear or teddy biscuit
- Make a pipe cleaner teddy bear
- Teddy bear songs



East Cowes Cricket Club



# Cricket Training SESSIONS



The sessions will cover cricket skills through activities and practice matches to ensure a fun environment for beginners and experienced cricketers. All children welcome

Starting Thursday 11th April

THURSDAY EVENINGS 6-7.30PM  
(Weather permitting)

- Open to all aged 8-14
- First session FREE
- £3 a week after
- Opportunities to play in a team

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East Cowes Sports Ground  
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## Spare Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2024/2025

This notice applies to those parents of current year 6 students who are moving up to secondary school next year and wish to apply for a place on a Council-contracted school bus service.

Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the spare seat application window for academic year 2024 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a spare seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply between **9am on Monday 1st July 2024 and 4pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024**. Please note that the online form will only be live between the above times and that applications received outside of this window will not be accepted.

Further information on the spare seat process can be found online, here: [Spare seat scheme \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk) if you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage, you will see the bus services for which you can apply. **This information will be live from 9am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.

Do bear in mind that making an application for a spare seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

### **Ticket costs and payment**

The cost of a ticket will increase from academic year 2024. This was agreed following a Cabinet decision made on 9th May 2024 following the recent [School Transport Policy Consultation](#). Spare seat prices will then rise each academic year in line with CPI (Consumer Price Index) rate at March in the year that you are applying for.

Privilege seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

- Up to a full term £190.00
- Up to half a term £95.00
- Up to a full-term AM or PM only £95.00
- Up to half a term AM or PM only £47.50

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: [transport.info@iow.gov.uk](mailto:transport.info@iow.gov.uk) or telephone: 823780.

### **Important Points to Note**

- **There will only be 1 application window before the start of the academic year so please ensure you apply during this window for your child to be considered for a seat.**
- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.
- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.
- There is a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.
- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.