

# The Buzz



13th January 2023



Learning and Achieving Through Love,  
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Change is afoot this week! The children have been very excited to see our amazing new **trim trail** on the school field. We can't wait to use it once the field dries out a bit (it's been very wet over the past few weeks). Trim trails are great for encouraging imaginative play, developing perseverance, improving cognitive ability, developing core strength and agility, gross motor skills and balance and coordination. Furthermore, the physical activity gained from this type of activity can be beneficial for children's mental health, helping to improve self-esteem, and reduce stress and anxiety. Who would have thought a trim trail could do so much!



A huge thank you to the BSA and everyone who took part in and sponsored the Round the Island Relay Race who contributed towards the total cost. We couldn't have done it without you!

The **EARA group** have also been busy planning improvements. They have created 'task force' groups with a different focus for each. One group have identified a need to develop our Quiet Zone in the playground (in the wooden summer house), so they have decided that beanbags, cushions, sensory toys, books and hanging baskets are just the ticket to ensure that it becomes a quiet, safe and welcoming space for those who need it. Two of the EARA group are drawing up a rota of members to monitor the correct use of the space (no running) and to provide support to those who need it. Watch this space!



Another 'task force' within the EARA group have decided that we need a greater range of diverse and inclusive books, so have been making some recommendations and carrying out research. We have received some books on approval which the EARA group explored today, making their choices on which books they think look enticing! Next week, six representatives from the EARA group will be visiting Gatten and Lake Primary School to meet with other schools' representatives and present our actions so far. Thank you, EARA group, for all your ideas and hard work.



Another thank you to the **School Council** who met today. They discussed a range of topics, including the development and use of the school garden, the classroom learning environments and making compost from food waste. I look forward to seeing your ideas come to fruition.

I am very proud of our children who contribute thoughtful and insightful ideas to our discussions on how to make our school even better!

With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

## Collective Worship - Courage

This week's Collective Worship theme is **Courage: Stepping out of your comfort zone**



It can take great courage to do something new or challenging. We call it 'stepping out of our comfort zone'. Sometimes small steps are needed, but they can take us to new and exciting places!

We explored the story of Moses and the Burning Bush. Moses' courage was really tested when he received a message from God to rescue his people from slavery and take them out of Egypt.

Do you have a challenge that lies ahead?  
What small steps could you take to start achieving your challenge?



Facing challenges prayer

Dear Lord,

Give us your strength to face challenges.

Help us to remember that sometimes we need to take small steps to begin with,

But it's starting the journey that matters.

Thank you that just as you promised to be with Moses,

You have also promised to be with us,

Wherever the journey leads us.

Amen

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1.9

## School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' free school meal everyday.

Children in Years 3-6 are charged at **£2.35** per day.

Baguettes now available on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of JPs (ham, cheese or tuna)

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Pie	Roast Turkey	<b>Fish Fingers</b>	Beef bolognese
Option 2	Veggie Sausages	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Quorn dippers	Veggie bolognese
Dessert	Ice cream	Jelly	Cookie	Apple Crumble	Crispy bar

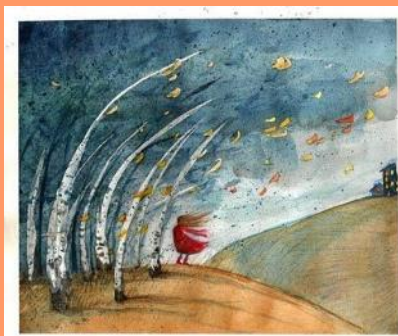
## Poetry Corner

### Who has seen the wind?

Who has seen the wind?  
Neither I nor you:  
But when the leaves hang trembling,  
The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?  
Neither you nor I:  
But when the trees bow down their heads,  
The wind is passing by.

Christina Rossetti



## Grammar and Spelling Matters

Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning!

### Grammar: Commonly misused words

#### Can or may?

**Can** refers to a person's ability to do something, whereas **may** is used to ask permission.

Can you cook?

May I come along?

However, can is often now used to ask permission in informal circumstances.

## Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child over the Christmas break you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm

You can contact the NSPCC:

### Contact the NSPCC Helpline

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us.

Call us or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

**0808 800 5000**

**Find out more**

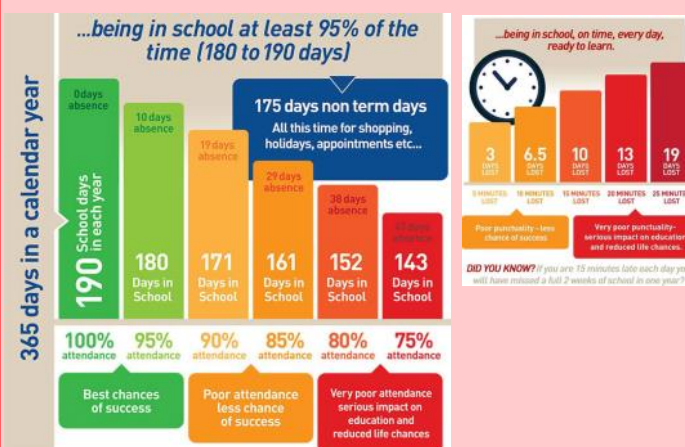
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

## Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 9th January  
Whole School attendance target:  
**96.5%**

Actual Attendance: **96.09%**  
Late marks this week: **6**



# SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health



This winter, many people who have never had to ask for help before will need support. All Islanders can get help with the cost of living.

- Isle of Wight Council Website: <https://beta.iow.gov.uk/keep-the-island-safe/cost-of-living/>
- Call the Citizens Advice line for free: 0800 144 88 48 or go to [citizensadviceiw.org.uk](https://citizensadviceiw.org.uk)
- The Footprint Trust can help with energy saving. Contact them on 01983 822282 or [footprint-trust.co.uk](https://footprint-trust.co.uk)
- General Island support, advice, events: [www.islefindit.org.uk](https://www.islefindit.org.uk)
- Information about cost of living support on the UK government website: [helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk](https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk)
- Mental health support: [iwmentalhealth.co.uk](https://iwmentalhealth.co.uk)
- Medical help and mental health support: call 111 or [NHS 111](#) [Find out about help and support available for Islanders on our website](#)



# Golden Book

<b>Bumble Bee</b>	<b>Ellie</b> - for increased confidence in class and working hard on her speed sounds. <b>Rufus</b> - for great input in RE. <b>Annie</b> - for super concentration in Maths. <b>Charlie</b> - super symmetry work. <b>Meadow</b> - for trying hard in reading and Maths.
<b>Honey Bee</b>	<b>Tom</b> - for beautiful writing in English.
<b>Ivy Bee</b>	<b>Jude</b> - for great suggestions in Science.
<b>Sports Bee</b>	<b>Ellie</b> - for being a great listener and role model in PE.
<b>Bee-Haviour</b>	<b>Helena</b> - for using the 6th B and "giving it a go"





# News from the Classrooms

## Honey Bee Class

In Y3/4, they have been reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. They have been learning how to improve sentences.

Miss Smith gave them a boring sentence that they had to improve with conjunctions, adjectives and adverbs in order to captivate the reader.

Tom was chosen for the Golden Book this week for his amazing sentence. I think you'll agree that his choice of vocabulary has really improved the sentence to captivate the reader and paint a picture in their mind.

Well done, Tom!

Monday 9th January 2023  
L.O: to make improvements to a sentence to captivate the reader.

Scaffolding	Core	Deepening
I can improve a basic sentence by choosing an appropriate conjunction, adverb and an adjective from a selection given to me.	I can improve a basic sentence by using a conjunction (not and), adverb and an adjective.	I can improve a series of basic sentences by using conjunctions, adverbs and adjectives.

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ILD The wild children are cold. ✓

The Iron Man walked towards the tractor

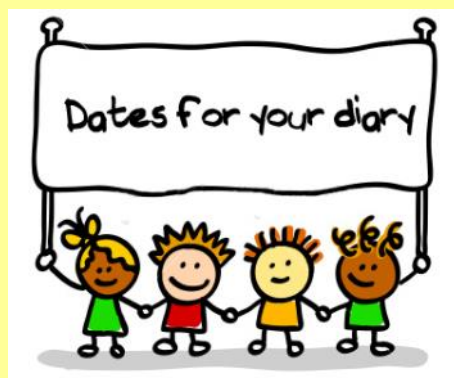
The Iron man lumbered towards the old, rusty tractor until he fell down, down, down, into the deep pit that was prepared for him.

The Iron man lumbered menacingly towards the old, rusty tractor until he fell down, down, down, into the deep pit that was prepared for him.



## Key dates this term

- Wednesday 18th January: EARA meeting at Gatten and Lake Primary School (6 children attending as representatives)
- Friday 10th February: Last day of term
- Monday 13th—Friday 17th February: Half term
- Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April: Easter holidays
- Monday 8th May – Extra Bank Holiday (due to the King’s Coronation)
- Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June: Half term
- Thursday 20th July: School closed for staff development day
- Friday 21st July: School closed for staff development day





Brighstone School Association

# Preloved Uniform Sale

Every 3rd Monday of  
each Term  
Next Sale

**23rd January 2023**

**Sale rail will be up by the school  
office for one week, with a  
donation box**



**Unwanted uniform donations welcome.  
Please place in box in office foyer the  
week before each sale.**





**DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL  
DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!  
Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February**

Plus, new for this year, Thursday 16th for the over-12s

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



Have you got your tickets yet?

#### FAQs

**Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?**

A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast! Get them from [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)

**Q: How much are tickets?**

A: Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6

**Q: Is it just for people who like reading?**

NO! The I.W. Story Festival isn't just about books! We've got lots of hands-on activities for you to get involved with – from making puppets to making rockets, illustrating comics to sewing a story. There will be storytellers and theatre performances too!

Tickets are now on sale for the I.W. Story Festival at Quay Arts in Newport during February half term from [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)

It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like **Simon Farnaby** (from Paddington 2, Horrible Histories and Ghosts) who will be talking about his **Wizard in My Shed** series of books.

Former CBeebies star, **Corrie Burnell**, will also be there with her exciting adventure story about being different, **Wilder than Midnight**.



CORRIE BURNELL

For younger children we have a world-exclusive. Author and illustrator Nicholas Allan will be revealing for the first time **The King's Pants** (some of you may already know and love one of his most famous books, **The Queen's Knickers**.)

There will be lots of other authors and illustrators for you to meet, some of them you may have heard of, some of them you may not. But all of them are worth seeing. Why not check some of them out before you come along: **Laura Ellen Anderson, Neal Layton, Jamie Littler, Gareth Peter, Kieran Larwood, Jules Harriner, Felicity Fair Thompson and Peta Rainford**

More information from: [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com)

Registered charity number: 1188024

Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Family life can be a challenge. Could you be a home visiting volunteer and help a family with young children in your area?

**How much time do I need to give?** Most home visitors give a couple of hours each week.

**Where would it be?** At the family home

**What does it involve?** The role is varied as every family is different. A Home-Start volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Your time with the family could include:

- Talking and listening
- Having fun with children
- Supporting families to get out and about
- Practical help

**Do I need any special skills or experience?** Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, great organisational skills, practical, enthusiastic. Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided. Training is a combination of online and face to face sessions. All volunteers receive regular support from a named co-ordinator.

All home visiting volunteers are subject to an enhanced DBS check and references are required.

For more information or an application form please email [admin@homestarttow.org](mailto:admin@homestarttow.org) call 01983 533357, or visit our website [www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk](http://www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you

## Privilege Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2022/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the privilege seat application window for academic year 2022 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a privilege seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply from **9am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022** Please note that the online form will be live until on or around 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Further information on the privilege seat process can be found online, here:

<https://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/School-Transport/Privilege-Seat-on-School-Transport>. Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage.

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 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022.** 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 privilege seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Privilege seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

- Up to a full term £130.00
- Up to half a term £65.00
- Up to a full-term AM or PM only £65.00
- Up to half a term AM or PM only £32.50

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

- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

- 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.

- Services available are listed at the bottom of the Privilege seat webpage

- There will be 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.



## Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Family life can be a challenge. Home-Start runs Family Group sessions for parents and their young children. Could you volunteer in a group and help make their time together special?

**How much time do I need to give?** Group sessions are 2 hours each week during term time.

**Where would it be?** Groups take place in Newport, Ryde, East Cowes & Shanklin

**What does it involve?** A Home-Start Family Group volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Working alongside the Family Group staff you will:

- Provide a warm welcome to parents & children
- Support children to enjoy the fun activities on offer
- Help with setting up and packing away
- Offer a listening ear to parents who need time to talk
- Give practical help to parents with more than one child to give them the opportunity to spend 1:1 time with each of their children

**Do I need any special skills or experience?** Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, practical, enthusiastic, creative, an understanding of child development would be an advantage and most importantly a willingness to join in with the singing! Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided.

All Family Group volunteers are subject to an enhanced DBS check and references are required.

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## Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Becoming a new parent can be a challenge and at Home-Start we know the value of supporting parents as early as possible. We are looking for, Bumps & Babies home visiting volunteers in your area?

**How much time do I need to give?** Most home visitors give a couple of hours each week.

**Where would it be?** At the family home

**What does it involve?** The role is varied as every family is different. A Home-Start volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Your time with the family could include:

- Talking and listening
- Helping parents feel more prepared for parenthood
- Practical help & emotional support before baby comes along
- Supporting parents to feel more confident
- Practical help & emotional support after baby is born
- Supporting parents to get out and about
- Cuddling a baby!

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# Day of Prayer **NHS** for our NHS

Meet at St Peter and St Paul's  
Church in Shorwell  
11am Saturday 28th January



Our NHS is in crisis. Let's get  
together to pray for all those who  
work in the NHS seeking o give life  
giving care to our communities.

## Interested in cricket? In School Years 2, 3 or 4?

**FREE** Junior Coaching Every Friday (term time only)  
at Ryde Private School Sports Hall  
Booking is **ESSENTIAL** as places are limited.

**WHEN:** First session Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

**TIME:** 5.30pm-6.30pm

**COST:** FREE



To book and more information please contact Andrew Jasper at [admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk](mailto:admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk)

The coaching will be delivered by the Isle of Wight County coaches who are qualified, and DBS checked



**CHANCE TO SHINE**  
Spreading the power of cricket



**All Islanders**  
CAN GET SUPPORT WITH THE  
**COST OF LIVING**

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

**NHS**

It's not easy being wheezy  
Join our winter **wheeze**  
webinar

- Does your child suffer with wheeze when they have coughs and colds?
- Have they been given an inhaler?
- Are you unsure what any of this means?

The Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team from Frimley Health are running an online education session where you can learn more about your child's symptoms

**Healthier Together**  
Improving the health of babies, children and young people throughout Frimley

Friday 27th January 2023  
1pm - 2pm via Teams  
Sign up today - [bit.ly/JanWheeze](https://bit.ly/JanWheeze)




HM Government

**NHS**

**UNBOOSTED**  
COVID-19 and flu can cause serious illness.

**BOOSTED**  
Vaccines are your best protection.