

The Buzz



21st July 2023



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Well, I don't know about you, but I really feel that this year has flown by! The end of the year is full of mixed emotions, as we look back on the year gone by, say thank you and goodbye to our current classes and teachers, look forward to our new classes, and wave goodbye to our Y6 children as they move onto pastures new at their secondary schools.

I enjoyed a fun two days with our wonderful Y6 children at the beginning of the week on their **residential** at Corf Camp. They were superstars, showing great humour, independence, resilience, perseverance, teamwork and more. The fun started with a show at the Planetarium, before walking from Fort Victoria to Yarmouth where we visited Yarmouth Castle. After catching a bus to Corf Camp, we settled into our tents before enjoying an orienteering activity around the beautiful site. Later in the day saw everyone show great resilience when trying to light fires, before enjoying a delicious and well-deserved homemade spaghetti Bolognese. After the evening meal, we all gathered around the campfire to sing the obligatory campfire songs (the sillier, the better!) and many personality traits of the Y6 children were revealed that we may not necessarily have seen before!!! The day culminated in a night walk through the trees (without torches so our eyes could adjust to the dark) where we experienced the magical sight of glow worms glinting amongst the bushes.



The next day started bright and early with a full English breakfast, before taking part in bird watching in the hide overlooking the estuary, archery, crabbing and wall traversing. After striking their tents and enjoying lunch, they returned to Yarmouth for a boat trip to the Needles, where they were astounded to see a helicopter landing on the helipad on top of the lighthouse! It was a wonderful time, and I would like to say thank you to Mrs Sharp for organising it all, Mrs Eggleton, Mrs Johnstone and Mr Goldsmith for joining us for the activities, and, above all, thank you to the Y6s who made the experience so special.



The whole school and Y6 parents also said thank you and a sad goodbye to the Y6 children during the **Leavers' Service** at St Mary's Church on Wednesday, where they shared their memories of special times at Brighstone Primary, and where we laughed and cried while looking back at photos of when they were younger. The Y6 children, as well as the Y5 children, wrote some lovely prayers, which can be seen in this Buzz. We wish you all the very best, Y6; we will all miss you!

On Monday, Years 3, 4, and 5 had a fabulous time learning **circus skills** as part of a fun workshop led by Lisa Stevenson, one of our governors. Many children demonstrated amazing skills, and I've been told that the bubbles were enormous!



The year finished with a bang: the **Summer Sizzler!** This was another successful event where everyone could relax and enjoy the sunshine while also visiting the different activities and stalls, and tasting some delicious burgers and sausages. A huge thank you to the BSA who organised it, helping to bring the school community together for one last extravaganza for this academic year, while also raising funds for the school.

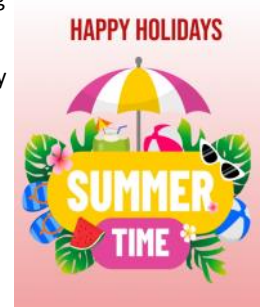
I would like to say a huge **thank you** for all your support for the school over this past year. Thank you, also, for taking the time to complete the parent survey, and for sharing such lovely, positive feedback. I will collate all the responses before sharing them (anonymously) in September.

I am sure you will join me in wishing **Miss Smith and her future husband** all the very best for their big day tomorrow and for their lives together as a married couple. Have a fantastic day!

I wish you all an amazing summer holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th September.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



Collective Worship - Respect

Please see later in the Buzz for prayers written by some of our Y6 and Y5 children and read out in the Y6 Leavers' Service.



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 **£2.95** per day.

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

The menu for the first week back is yet to be confirmed.

Poetry Corner

A poem for Y6

You are ready Year 6.
It is time.
Time for one last wear of this uniform.
Time for one last journey to school.
Time for one last registration.
Time for one last assembly.
Time for one last sit on the benches.
Time for one last wander in the corridors.
Time for one last day, everyone together.
Time for one last goodbye to your teacher.
Time to move on.
Time for the next step.
Time for new adventures.
Time to look forward and not back.
It is time.
You are ready.
It is time.

By Mrs Smith (Facebook)



Grammar and Spelling Matters

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

Punctuation: commas

Commas can help with clarity, and can save lives if they are used in the correct place!



Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm
Contact us: safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Speak with our DSL Mrs Jones in the school office
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

0808 800 5000

[Find out more](#)

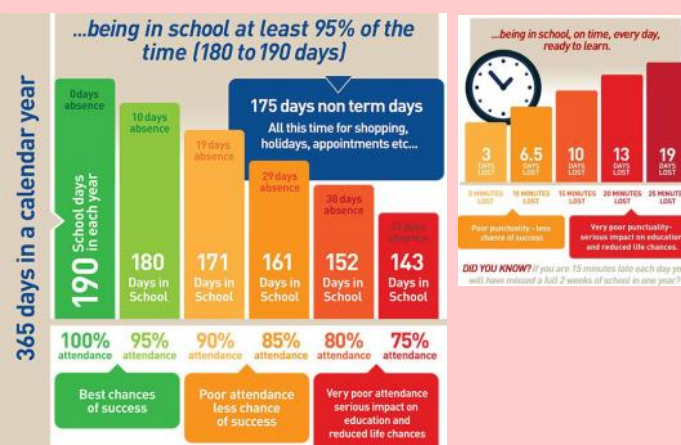
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 10th July
Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: **97.3%**

Late marks this week: 2





Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Local Activities for the Summer Holiday

A list of activities/services available over the break, suitable for young people of Primary School age.

Most of these have spaces available for no/discounted cost, for those eligible for Free School Meals.

Aspire Ryde

[IW Family Information Hub | Aspire Ryde \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[Aspire Ryde](#)

Aspire run various sessions and activities.

Brading Community Partnership

[IW Family Information Hub | Brading Community Partnership \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

Contact email for more information is gin.jane.b@gmail.com – range of activities are put on Tuesday-Friday on several weeks throughout the Summer holidays.

CM Sports

[IW Family Information Hub | CM Sports UK \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

To qualify/book the young person must be eligible for free school meals – links above are to different locations where it is running

[HAF | CM Sports \(cm-sports.co.uk\)](#)

Football Fun Factory

[IW Family Information Hub | The Football Fun Factory \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[Toddler and Kids Football Training and Parties \(thefootballfunfactory.co.uk\)](#)

Globe Fit

[IW Family Information Hub | Globe Fit \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[Globe Fit Kids Holiday Clubs - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

Free for children eligible for FSM

Continued:

Island Riding Centre

[IW Family Information Hub | Island Riding Centre \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[Holiday Club – Island Riding Centre](#)

This is listed under HAF but I cannot seem to find on their website any discounts/access to free sessions.

JG Tennis Coaching

[IW Family Information Hub | JG Tennis Coaching \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[JG Tennis / Coaching / Holiday camps / Detail \(lta.org.uk\)](#)

Free camps available for those eligible for FSM

John Cattle's Skate Club

[IW Family Information Hub | John Cattle's Skate Club \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[HAF SUMMER HOLIDAY SKATE SESSIONS 8-16yrs COWES WEEK 1 - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

There is a free programme again for children eligible for FSM.

Starlight Academy

[IW Family Information Hub | The Starlight Academy \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

Theatre Educational

[IW Family Information Hub | Theatre Educational \(iow.gov.uk\)](#)

[HAF - Theatre Educational](#)

Free places for those eligible for FSM.

Most of the above is provided through the HAF scheme (Holiday Activities and Food). Website can be found here - [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#) .

Just a reminder of the IOW Family Centres website - [Welcome To Isle Of Wight Family Centres : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#) , and the various Family Centre locations in Newport, Ryde and Sandown, where families can drop into over the holidays should further support be required.

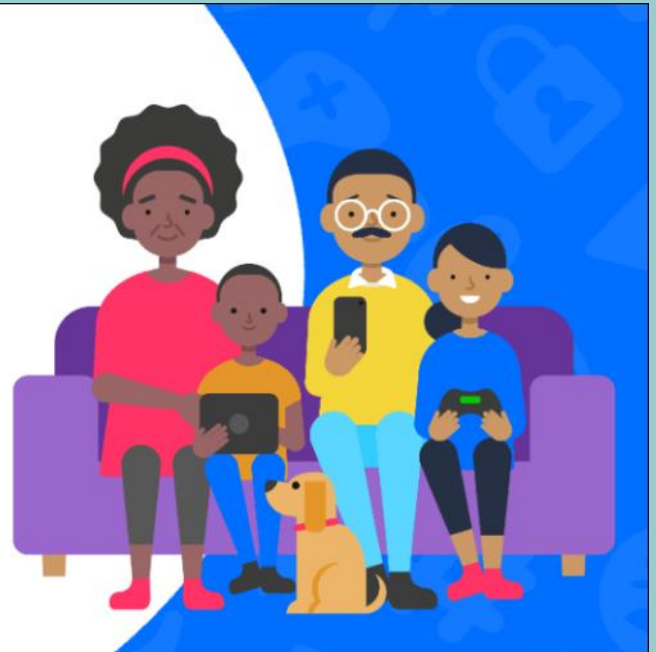
Online Safety

My Family's Digital Toolkit

Answer a few simple questions about your family and receive personalised online safety advice.

GET YOUR TOOLKIT

FIND OUT MORE →



Get your personalised online safety toolkit in a few easy steps

We know how hard it is to stay on top of your children's internet safety. That's why we created this toolkit with content that will support you through every digital dilemma and help you keep your children safe.

Simply:

- Answer a few questions about your children's digital habits (**takes just a few minutes**)
- Provide an email address to receive your own personalised online safety toolkit

Access your toolkit [here](#)



Class News

Y6 Residential at Corf Camp



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Here are some of the moving prayers (some written by Y5 to the Y6 children) and special memories written by the Y6 children, that were read out in church.

I remember the reindeer hunt in reception with Mrs Cousins. It was special because it was nearly Christmas and I was excited. We even left the school grounds and hunted in the park. Eventually we found a glittery clue in a field and in the distance we saw the reindeer.

Dear God - Toby
Thank you for the kind year sixes who always looked after the younger children
Thank you for all the times ^{everyone} ~~we~~ have shared with them in their time here. Please help them through high school when times are tough and ~~we~~ ask you help them to make friends on their ~~new~~ journey.
(Anna) both
(Amen)

I really enjoyed going to cars camp because I liked staying with my friends, going crabbing, and traversing on the the climbing.

Dear God
Thank you for giving the year 6's a great time at Brightstone Primary School and we pray that they all have a fantastic new life at their High Schools, please watch over them. Shower them with blessings along their journey, allow them to enjoy it from the day they get there to the day they leave.
Amen

In year five I went on a school trip to Blackgargachine where we ate ice cream and had lots of fun going on rides. Even though I have only been here for two years this school has taught me how to accept others and appreciate others. Brightstone Primary is a very loving school. There is a calm corner where you can go to calm down or you can see Mrs Jones. Just remember here at Brightstone Primary there is always someone to talk to.
mia.m

My first class was Robertson class in year 4. My favourite memory was when we went to Kingswood and we were convinced it was haunted. Coming to Brightstone primary has been a privilege. I have learned so many new things and most of them I will take with me for the rest of my life. I'm excited to be leaving primary school, but I'm sad to have to leave everything behind.
- Lauren

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Y6 Leavers' Service

Here are some more of the prayers (some written by Y5 to the Y6 children) and special memories written by the Y6 children, that were read out in church.

My first class at Brightstone primary school was in reception the name was Robin class my teachers were Mrs Tate and Mrs Cousins. I remember in that year we went hunting for rudely bear Christmas. My favourite memory throughout the school was going to Kingswood it was amazing. Brightstone school is such an inclusive amazing school where every ones opinions are respected. Since year 6 I have been encouraged and supported and being in year 6 has grown my confidence and was a great year to finish my time at brightstone on good luck yes. ☺

In reception I was in Robin class with Mrs Cousins as my teacher. We went on a reindeer hunt with her and Mrs Tate. Brightstone primary is a very loving school probably the best primary I know. Many years ago I was in reception I felt very loved and welcomed by everyone. My experience here has been amazing and I could not ask for more from this school. Year 6 has increased my confidence. And year 6's to come good luck with your future.
Amelia

* My favourite memory was the reindeer hunt

Tact. 7
When I started in Reception my favourite memory is of making meal soup and cake. I got very messy and dirty picking up mess from the ground and putting it in a dirty water jug. I think I would say to a new pupil is brightstone is special for its teachers and being supported if you're worried you have all the teachers to talk to in the school. As the kids down of being at brightstone I will never forget all the memories about brightstone and the years I have been here.

My first class was chimpanzee class and I enjoyed the black-gang chine trip because we got to try out new rides. Brightstone is an inclusive community where everyone's voices and opinions are heard I will miss everyone here at Brightstone teachers and students good luck to everyone.
Nelly

I remember going to Black gang Chine in year 5 and squirting each other on the pirate ships. My last moment in the field was at break time when I saw a teacher somebody playing football and the ball went into the top corner of the goal. Brightstone is a lovely school and you will learn alot. There is alot of opportunity to from concerts (like the summer fair) to school trips like Black gang Chine and the Mary Rose museum.

* My first class was Robin class in Reception. My favourite memory is the reindeer hunt where we had to go through the play ground in the past we had reindeer. I recommend this school because it has great learning and kind teachers and caring students.

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Here are some more of the prayers (some written by Y5 to the Y6 children) and special memories written by the Y6 children, that were read out in church.

Hallo
In year 5 when I joined I thought I would have a terrible time; I was wrong this has been a lot of fun and for a year 5 ~~child~~ we had a trip to Blackgang since it was very far ~~away~~ ~~back~~ to Blackgang before that and after but it was fun with friends and we went on Evolution and Supermarket
I'd be almost 2 years that I have been here I have learnt so much like Rounders in P.E. or the Mary, hose in History this school is really has a lot in it and I have made friends that I am going to have forever this is an amazing school I think it is wonderful school for people children to have as their primary school and I would say to a new kid you will not find a better primary school.
Rushlal

EMM
re-ception
In Reception which was Robin class I remember going on a reindeer hunt. It was really funny because we all believed we saw a reindeer. This is a very loving and respectful school which values differences. Now I'm going into high school ready for a new begining remembering all the fun I shared with my friends I will remember this school.

My first class here was Y5 Chinese lessons. My favourite memory in that class here is when we went to Blackgang because we were the first people to go to ride the new ride street. I would like to say to a new person at this school that you can make friends very easily.
A.M

I my first class in Reception when I was little I remember playing roleplay and reading in the tent that was set up in the back of the classroom.
My favourite memory here was when we had a picnic in the field, and we had classes because in year 5 we gilled our reward jar.
The best things about this school is that we go on school trips that are amazing and do fun things in science, DT and computing and the community is good everyone is kind and no-one bullies anyone. And also you get opportunities to do sports trips and after school clubs.
Camilla.

I remember in Reception we went on a reindeer hunt around the village we found clues for where the reindeer was hiding.
My favourite moment was in year 5 when we went to Blackgang for the grand re-opening.
There are many opportunities to extend your knowledge on school trips around the Island such as Osborn House also you will be welcomed by other friendly people.
F.G

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Circus Skills



If your message is **urgent** or about **attendance** contact Mrs Pelosi in the **office**:
01983 740285
office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Office Hours 8am - 4pm

If you would like to speak with the **Headteacher** Mrs Lennon, you can find her at the school gate every morning or you can call 740285 to make an appointment with her



For **general enquiries** you can call or email the office, text the school messaging service or send a message to our school **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/BrighstoneCEPrimarySchool>
Our Facebook page is open so you do not need a personal account to view it

If you have concerns about your child's **learning** and progress, email the class teacher in the first instance and allow at least 1 working day for a reply:

Years R, 1 & 2 - teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 3 & 4 - teacher.honeybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 5 & 6 - teacher.ivybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

If you have concern regarding **safeguarding** or your **child's mental health and wellbeing** please contact Mrs Jones. You can speak to her on the playground every morning, call into the school office or email m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Our **Newsletter** is published every Friday with key information for parents and carers. You can find it on our school website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/category/the-buzz/>

Contact us



If you have a **safeguarding** concern about a child outside of school hours you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm or contact Children's Services on 0300 300 0117

School Day Timings

From September 2023, the school day will be as follows:

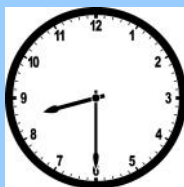
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.

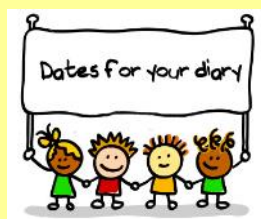


Key dates this year

2023-2024 academic year

- Friday 1st September: School closed for staff development day
- Monday 4th September: School closed for staff development day
- Tuesday 5th September: First day of school for children
- Tuesday 12th September: Meet and Greet Information Evening - meet the teachers 5pm - 6pm
- Friday 22nd September: Y6 UKSA Test the Water
- Thursday 5th October: Flu vaccinations
- Saturday 7th October: BHS Autumn Show
- Thursday 19th October: Last day of term
- Friday 20th October: School closed for staff development day
- Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November: Half term
- Monday 6th November: Back to school
- W/C Monday 13th November: Inter Faith week
- Tuesday 21st November: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Wednesday 22nd November: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5pm
- Tuesday 19th December: Last day of term
- Wednesday 20th December - Monday 1st January: Christmas holidays
- Tuesday 2nd January: Back to school
- Friday 9th February: Last day of term
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th February: Half term
- Monday 19th February: Back to school
- Tuesday 5th March: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Wednesday 6th March: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5pm
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
- Thursday 28th March: Last day of term
- Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April: Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April: Back to school
- W/C 13th May: Y6 SATs
- Friday 24th May: Last day of term
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May: Half term
- Monday 3rd June: School closed for staff development day
- Tuesday 4th June: Back to school
- Friday 12th July: Reports go home
- Tuesday 16th July: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Thursday 25th July: Last day of term
- Friday 26th July: School closed for staff development day

Term dates are also available on our school website.





BRIGHSTONE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED 2022-2023

We have helped towards the funding of the following trips:

- * Yr 3 Dinosaur Isle
- * Yr 3/4's trip to Butser Farm
- * Yr 3/4's Guild Hall visit
- * Yr 3/4's trip to Brading Roman Villa
- * KS 1 Blackgang Chine visit
- * Year 5/6's visit to the Mary Rose
- * Yr 4 Residential
- * Yr 6 Residential
- * Yr 6 Leavers Service in Portsmouth

We have also:

- * Given all new Reception parents a welcome pack
- * Paid for the Tony Peek Poetry Workshop
- * Paid for StoneCrabs theatre group to visit Yr5/6
- * Helped the EARA group buy items for their Cosy Corner
- * Provided items for the Calm Corner
- * Contributed towards the new school ipads
- * Contributed towards the Trim Trail
- * Bought Yr 4 Residential T shirts
- * Bought Yr 6 Leavers Hoodies
- * Contributed towards Yr 6 leavers party
- * Bought every child a Christmas gift, an Easter Egg, a Coronation Badge and a ice pop at sports day

We couldn't have done this without your support,
Thank you

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION!

JOIN THE BSA!

We would like to inform you all that at our next AGM in October the trustees of the committee will be elected. The roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will need to be filled due to current members stepping down.

(Without these positions filled there will be no BSA)

As a member, you'll have the opportunity to make a real impact on the school community and build our community spirit. The BSA plays a vital role in enhancing the educational experience for all students by raising money for lots of fun things. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference.

Join the BSA today!

brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com

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TESCO

TESCO COMMUNITY GRANTS

Brighstone School Association

We have been successful in applying for a Tesco Community Grant and we need your VOTES

Everytime you shop in FRESHWATER Tesco between the first week of July and end of Sept please put a blue token in our box

Our application is for a new cooker for the Cookery Club. The cookery club teaches the children an essential life skill and inspires them to try new foods.

Have you seen Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) - What is it?

Government support for **working parents**, including the self-employed, in the **UK working** at least 16 hours at the National Minimum Wage.

For children aged 0-11 or until 16 if disabled.
(Preschool/ Breakfast/Afterschool/Holiday Club)

Childcare Choices

- Parents and carers can earn up to £100k each per year and still be eligible for TFC.
- For every £8 a parent pays into an online account, the government will add an extra £2.
Up to £2,000 per child per year or £4,000 each year if the child has a disability.
- This is for parents who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit, or childcare vouchers.



Setting up an account and payments

- Parents apply for an account through: childcarechoices.gov.uk.
 - HMRC confirm via email, and you can set up their TFC account.
 - Accounts can be opened at any time of the year and can be used straight away.
 - Parents search for provider in the 'Your Tax-Free Childcare account' section of the account homepage by name, address, postcode. (**Niton Preschool, School Lane, Niton PO38 2BP**)
 - Parents pay money into the TFC account. The top up will be added automatically.
 - The government top-up is applied to deposits made for each child, not household.
- Parents can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each child to help with the costs of childcare.
- Parents pay the childcare provider directly through the childcare account using bank transfer.
- **For every £8 a parent pays into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay the provider.**
- Parents can use Tax Free Child to pay for additional childcare costs:
Our preschool consumable charges: You pay £16.00 Government pays £4.00.



Ventnor CC Summer Camp 2023

- Girls and boys welcome - Mondays U11s and Thursdays U15s
- Times: 10am - 3pm
- Equipment supplied
- All abilities and experience welcome
- Start date Monday 31st July or Thursday 3rd August, for five weeks
- £15 per day or book all five sessions for £70, please book in advance

The course will be led by VCC overseas professional cricketer Dineth Thimodya, ECB Level 2 coach, DBS checked. Assisted by club qualified player/coaches.

Course includes batting, bowling, fielding and wicket keeping, plus matches.

Participants will need to bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink each session. Please also bring hat and suntan lotion. Tuck shop available!



Short Story Writing Competition

2023



THE FUTURE

Enter our competition, with a futuristic theme, for a chance to have your story published and recorded by a celebrity, plus other great prizes to be won!



RICHARD CADELL



CHESNEY HAWKES

ENTRY FEE (per story)

£8.00 Adults (1500 - 2000 words)
 £2.00 12 - 17s (up to 750 words)
 £2.00 8 - 11s (up to 500 words)
 £2.00 Under 8s (up to 250 words with pictures)



DEBBIE MCGEE



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ENTRY FORMS FROM
 Waterstones, Newport
 Sight for Wight, Newport
 Dress for Less, 57 Pyle Street, Newport
 Email: admin@iwsb.org.uk

For more information visit: sightforwight.org.uk

Award Ceremony on Friday 8th December 2023
 Riverside Centre, Newport @ 7pm

ENTRIES MUST BE RETURNED BY 5PM ON FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

*Sight for Wight is the working name for Isle of Wight Society for the Blind
 Registered charity number 1149415 Company limited by guarantee 6240404*



ENTRY FORM

Short Story Writing Competition 2023

'The Future'

Name:			
Address:			
Please tick your age category below as at 3.11.2023			
18+ years	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 - 17 Years	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 - 11 Years	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under 8 Years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone number:			
Email address:			
School attending:			
How did you hear about this competition?			

Fees: £8.00 per adult story & £2.00 if under 18. I enclose the following stories:

Story 1 title & word count	Story 2 title & word count	Story 3 title & word count

I enclose £ for my entries. Please put money in a sealed envelope attached to your entry and make cheques payable to **Sight for Wight** or you can phone the office on 522205 to make a card payment.

Deliver entries with fee by Friday 3rd November 2023 to:


Short Story Writing Competition -
 Waterstones, 118 High Street, Newport, IW PO30 1TP
 Dress for Less, 57 Pyle Street, Newport, IW PO30 1UL
 Millbrooke House, 137 Carisbrooke Road, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1DD

Chris Cane: admin@iwsb.org.uk

I declare that the material is my own work and has not been previously published and I accept the terms and conditions overleaf.

Signature	
Signature of parent/guardian if under 18	
Printed name of parent/guardian	

Charity Number 1149415 Company Limited by Guarantee Number 6240404

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- ### Short Story Writing Competition Terms & Conditions
- All stories must be original, unpublished and the sole work of the author.
 - Write your name at the top of each story.
 - Word count is 1500 – 2000 words for adults, up to 750 words for 12 – 17s, up to 500 words for 8 – 11s, up to 250 words (with pictures) for under 8s.
 - Make sure you have ticked the relevant age category box and entered the word count for each story.
 - Please type your story if possible, and make sure you use a 12 font (minimum), line spacing 2.0.
 - All entries must have a title and be unbound with no illustrations (apart from Under 8s category).
 - Entries to be emailed if possible or submitted to Waterstones, Dress for Less or Sight for Wight.
 - Entries by email or people with sight loss to: admin@iwsb.org.uk
 - Closing date for entries is Friday 3rd November 2023 at 5pm.
 - Winners will be announced on Friday 8th December 2023 at our Award Ceremony.
 - All stories must be accompanied by the entry fee of £8.00 per story for adults and £2.00 for under 18s. Cheques to be made payable to: 'Sight for Wight'.
 - Entries will not be returned so please keep a copy.
 - The judge's decision is final. No communication will be entered into.
 - Entrants agree to grant Sight for Wight a non-exclusive irrevocable licence to reproduce, record, publish and share for any purpose related to the competition in any medium, including print, audio and digital. This includes, but is not restricted to use in press, radio and on websites.
 - Disclaimer - The information given in these Terms & Conditions is correct, but Sight for Wight reserves the right to change any of it without prior notice. By entering the competition, entrants will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by these Terms & Conditions. Any breach of these Terms by an entrant will void their entry. If a breach has occurred, but is discovered after the award of a prize, then the organisers may require the return of that prize.
 - By entering, you also agree that, if selected as a winner of any prize, Sight for Wight may share your name with local media for the purpose of publishing the details of all winners.
 - By entering this competition you consent to Sight for Wight retaining your personal details for the administration and promotion of this competition and to receive correspondence regarding future competitions. Further information can be found in the Sight for Wight Privacy Policy on the Sight for Wight website: www.sightforwight.org.uk
 - Sight for Wight respects your privacy and never sells data to any third party.
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Holiday Hub

with Independent Arts
48-49 High St, Newport PO30 1SE

every Thursday
in August
13:00 - 14:30

creating summer collages & prints

ages 8 - 13

pay what you can

booking essential

children to be accompanied

independent arts
 Changing lives through arts

children's activities

bring a picnic

Tales & Trails

ranger walks

FREE FAMILY EVENT

storytelling

wildlife specialists

Sunday 13th August
11am - 3pm
Pan Country Park

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO GIFTONATURE.ORG.UK

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Join Vectis RFC



- ✓ Team work
- ✓ Respect
- ✓ Enjoyment
- ✓ Discipline
- ✓ Sportmanship

PLAY YOUTH RUGBY

Training is every Sunday
between September and April

Registration day 3rd September 2023, 11am @ IWRFC,
Footways, Wootton, PO33 4NQ

Register your interest: vectisrfccoaching@gmail.com

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Girls rugby Non-contact rugby sessions



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AGES 7-11

Girls only training is every other Sunday between
September and April

Contact rugby sessions also available

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AGES 11-18

Free Try Rugby Day

27th July 2023, 10am @ IWRFC,
Wootton, PO33 4NQ

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TUESDAY IS FARM FUN & FILM NIGHT

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TUESDAY STAY & PLAY AT THE ISLAND'S BIGGEST KIDS PARTY!

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SUMMER AT TAPNELL FARM PARK

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FARM FUN and FILM NIGHTS

EVERY TUESDAY
25th July to 29th August

DAY AND EVENING COMBO TICKETS AVAILABLE!

**PLANNING TO VISIT MORE THAN 3 TIMES?
EVENTS INCLUDED IN SUMMER SEASON PASS!
JUST £38 PER PERSON!**
(Unlimited free entry valid until 5th November)

SUMMER AT TAPNELL FARM PARK

The Bubble Wizard
is back with his undroppable show!

DISCO & PARTY DANCES!

AMAZING MUSIC

THE ISLAND'S BIGGEST KIDS PARTY
27th July to 31st August

CLASSIC KIDS PARTY GAMES!

FUN PRIZES to be won!

Food & Licensed Bar

STAY & PLAY EVERY THURSDAY 10AM - 8PM!

new carnival

Make Carnival Props & Costumes

Come along to this family workshop making costumes and props for a carnival entry on a 'Garden Party' theme taking inspiration from India, for Ryde Carnival- 31st Aug and Ryde Children's Parade 27th Aug, funded through the Waving the Flag HAZ Project.

FREE

RYDE CARNIVAL

**Saturday 5th August
Sunday 6th August
10am-4pm**

The Coaching House, 13 Union Rd, Ryde, PO33 2ER

Booking essential, Contact: Abigail Mearns
Tel: 01983 716095
abigail@newcarnival.co.uk

(Please no unaccompanied children)

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new carnival

Make A Bike Powered Carnival Float

Come along to this family workshop to help make a giant greenhouse lantern paraded on a cargo bike for Ryde Carnival, 'Garden Party' themed group-funded through the Waving the Flag HAZ Project.

FREE

RYDE CARNIVAL

**Tues 22nd August
Weds 23rd August
11am-4pm**

Oakfield School, Appley Road, Ryde PO33 1NE

Booking essential, Contact: Abigail Mearns
Tel: 01983 716095
abigail@newcarnival.co.uk

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SAVE ON Summer

Get support with the cost of living this summer

01983 823134 | **iow.gov.uk/costofliving**

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General help and support

Citizens Advice IW can give free help with money issues and much more.
[0800 144 88 48](tel:08001448848) or Textphone on [18001 0800 144 8884](tel:1800108001448884)
citizensadviceiw.org.uk

Buying food

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](tel:01983296592) East Cowes Community Pantry
[07961 959003](tel:07961959003) Ventnor Community Pantry
[01983 563732](tel:01983563732) Ryde Community Pantry
[07300 329610](tel:07300329610) The Pyle Street Pantry, Newport

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Connect4communities

Support including food vouchers and more.
connect4communities@iow.gov.uk
connect4communities.org

School uniform basics

Worried about affording school uniform basics? Contact your child's school; funding may be available.

Benefits

Check whether you are getting all the benefits you can.
Citizens Advice Help to Claim line.
[0800 144 8444](tel:08001448444)
gov.uk/benefits-calculators

Energy bills

The Footprint Trust give guidance on energy bills, efficiency and grants.
[01983 822282](tel:01983822282)
info@footprint-trust.co.uk
footprint-trust.co.uk

Find friendly support

The Living Well and Early Help Partnership works on the Island to connect people.
[01983 240732](tel:01983240732)
reception@lweh.org.uk
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](tel:01983823859)
iow.gov.uk/HelpThroughCrisis

Mental Health

Isle of Wight Community Mental Health and NHS 111 online.
iwmentalhealth.co.uk
[111.nhs.uk](tel:111)

Useful links

Short Breaks Programme
Fun activities for young people with additional needs.
iow.gov.uk/shortbreaks

The Family Information Hub
Local information for families.
familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk

1Leisure
All the family can have fun, get fit and stay fit – together!
1leisure.co.uk

Newport Roman Villa and Museum of Island History
Discover the Island's past.
iow.gov.uk/museums

Dinosaur Isle
Discover the Island's dinosaur history.
dinosaurisle.com

Isle of Wight Libraries
Free fun for families in the school holidays. Library members get free access to ebooks, audiobooks and more.
iow.gov.uk/libraries

Multiply
Build your maths confidence with free courses and qualifications



Find out more: iow.gov.uk/multiply

Competition

Enter one of our fun maths competitions this summer. We've got prizes to give away including:

- £50 vouchers and Wight Gift Card
- 1Leisure One Cards
- Entry to our museums

For more details and to enter go to:
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Summer Reading Challenge 2023

This year's Summer Reading Challenge starts on July 8. It's free and runs throughout the summer. All you have to do is read books and you'll get loads of great rewards.
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**WEDNESDAYS
12.30-3PM**

PARENTS VOICE IW

Summer Holiday STAY AND PLAY

For children with SEND and their families

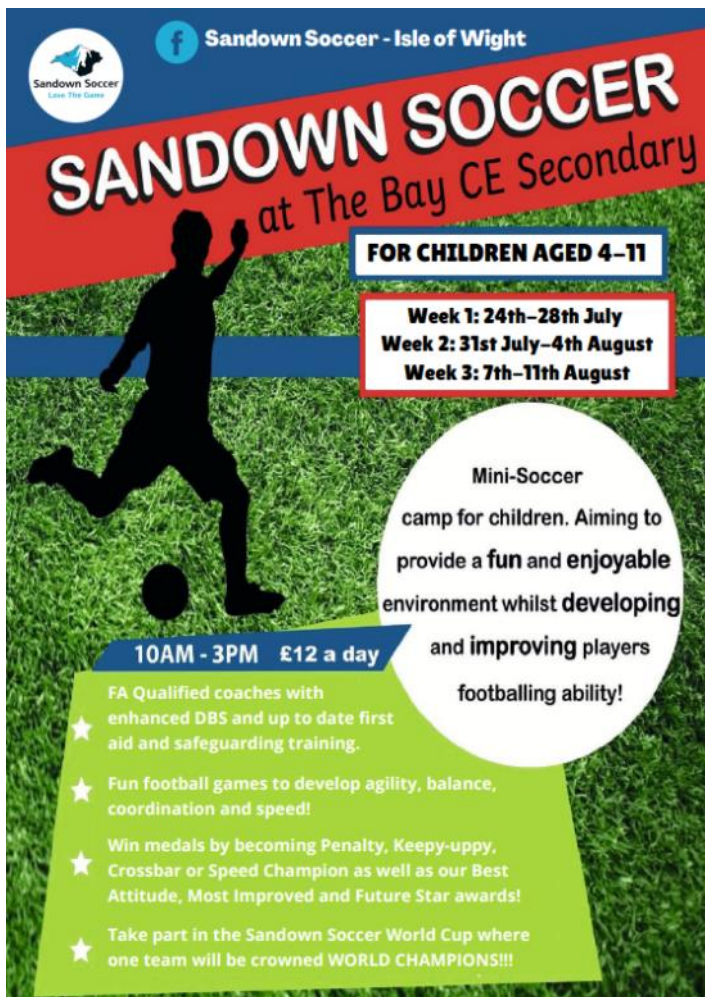
July 26th, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

The Pavillion, Victoria
Recreation Ground,
Newport, PO30 5AH

- Lots of play equipment
- Bring a picnic!
- Refreshments
- Large field
- Toilets

Adults are responsible for their children at all times

Facebook: Parents Voice IW
Email: contactus@parentsvoice-iw.org.uk



Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

SANDOWN SOCCER

at The Bay CE Secondary

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

Week 1: 24th-28th July
Week 2: 31st July-4th August
Week 3: 7th-11th August

Mini-Soccer
camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM £12 a day

- FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
- Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!
- Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
- Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned **WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!**



SANDOWN SOCCER

Player of the day!

PLAYER OF THE DAY WINS A FREE SANDOWN SOCCER T-SHIRT!!!

5 hours of fun EVERY day!
10am - 3pm
Inclusive football for ALL abilities!

Only £12 a day!

Find us on Facebook
Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

Have questions or would like more information?
Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)
sandownsoccer@yahoo.com
07594 389531

SANDOWN SOCCER

Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to 07594 389531



bikeability

Summer holiday sessions

Road safety cycle training for ages 8 to 12

Level 1 – 7 August
£10 per person. Two-hour course in a playground environment. Morning and afternoon sessions available.

Level 2* – 8 and 9 August
£15 per person. Four-hour course on local roads. Morning and afternoon sessions available.

Combined level 1 and 2 – 7, 8 and 9 August
£20 per person. Riders to attend all three days.

Family sessions
£15 per family. Three-hour session, morning and afternoon sessions available. contact us for more information.

*Rider assessment required prior to level 2.

ISLE of WIGHT
DRIVE LESS SEE MORE

Book by 5pm Monday 17 July
Contact: sports.unit@iow.gov.uk or 01983 823818



Dr Bike

Get your bike checked ready for the summer – for free!

A qualified mechanic will check your bike is safe, will conduct minor repairs, and make recommendations. Drop-in service – no booking required!

Sessions
Medina Leisure centre, 9am to 2pm
Monday 7 August
Monday 21 August (end of summer session)

ISLE of WIGHT
DRIVE LESS SEE MORE
Adrian's BIKE SHOP

Fun for all the family

26th July

KINGSWOOD IOW OPEN DAY



10am - 4pm
High ropes activities
Field games & more
Shop open all day
Suitable for all!

Charity event in support of the Youth Sport Trust
Lunch available on request (pre-order £4pp)
Get in touch with centre via phone or email to book, can be done on the day!

£5 entry per person
yazmin.wright@inspiring-learning.com | 01983 875 353

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Information Chat
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West Wight Sports & Community Centre

Tuesdays
10:30am - 12:30pm

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01983 240 722
help@westwight.org.uk



Everyone welcome!

CHURCHES OF WEST WIGHT
COMMUNITY COOPERATION FOR ALL
SOUTHERN
Just ask! Connecting Communities

Anyone who needs assistance with funding their child's activities please email ian.mcandrew@westwight.org.uk or go to our website to find out how to apply, as there is financial support available.



All activities must be booked in advance including fun hours and swimming.
All under 8's must be accompanied by an adult on the premises during all activities.
Swimming pool – book online – you need to register with us on 752168 and we will give you a PIN.

Booking terms and conditions

ACTIVITIES

- Payment must be made in full at time of booking
 - Users and members are asked to notify us as soon as possible if attendance at a booked activity is not possible
 - Bookings can be cancelled at any time. No refund will be given for cancellations less than 24 hours before a booked activity
 - We reserve the right to refuse further bookings from anyone who repeatedly does not honour their booking or the terms and conditions
 - Bookings can be made 9 days ahead for Fun Hour and Open Swim. Other activities are available to book sooner
 - Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult on the premises during all activities
 - Minimum age for swimming lessons is 4 years
- ONLINE BOOKINGS – CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**
- Only Fun Hour and Open Swim can be booked online
 - Users/members must be registered, with a valid email address and issued with a unique PIN in order to be able to access the online booking portal. Please telephone and ask for your PIN and details

- We reserve the right to suspend an online booking account at any time
- Bookings can be made online up to 2 hours before the time of the booking. After that time bookings should be made over the phone
- Bookings can be cancelled online no later than 24 hours before the booking. After that time bookings must be cancelled over the phone
- Payments cannot be refunded online. Please call us to process your refund

SWIMMING COURSES

- In the event of a cancellation of a swimming course by a customer, full fee will be retained unless the place can be re-sold, in which case a refund of 80% of the fees or pro-rata if the course has commenced
- In the event of cancellation by us 100% refund will be issued or pro-rata if the course has commenced

We accept the following payment cards:



Five weeks of Summer Holiday Fun

July 24th - August 27th

Swimming Lessons • Kayaking • Climbing • Judo
Personal Survival • Skateboarding • Snorkelling
Youth Football • Raft Racing • Diving
Tag Rugby • Mermaids • Sports Club
Kids Dance • Pre-sailing skills
Fun Hours • Open Swim Sessions
Rookie Lifeguard Course



West Wight
Sports & Community Centre

Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO40 9XH

Tel: (01983) 752168
www.westwight.org.uk
E-mail: info@westwight.org.uk

Reg. Charity No. 273134

Summer Holiday Fun, 2023

Swimming lessons 5 day week £36.50

Learner Pool

0900-0930 – Non Swimmer Happy to go in the water in armbands.
0930-1000 – Beginner Swimmer Ready to swim without armbands.
1000-1030 – 5-10m Water confident, can swim 5-10m on front and back.

Main Pool

0900-0930 – 10m+ Can swim 10m on front and back and happy to put face in water.
0900-0930 – 25m+ Can swim 25m on front and back using a recognisable stroke.
0930-1000 – 50m+ Can swim 50m using good front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke.
0930-1000 – 100m+ Can swim 100m using good front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke.

Mondays

Kayaking – 1000-1100 – 8-11 years – £8 – An introduction to kayaking through fun and games. Must be able to swim at least 25m. (7th, 14th and 21st August only).

Personal Survival – 1000-1100 – 10-16 years – £8 – Learn essential safety and personal survival techniques for in and around water. Please bring a t-shirt and shorts to wear in the pool. (24th and 31st July only).

Climbing – 1400-1500 – 7-12 years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Skateboarding – 1600-1650 and 1700-1750 – 5-17 years – Suitable for all abilities and equipment provided. Book via www.bookwhen.com/skateclub. £6 per session or book 4 sessions to receive an automatic discount to £20.

Youth Football – 1800-1900 – 13-15 years – £4 – Opportunity for boys to play football under the guidance of FA coaches. (31st July and 7th, 14th and 21st August only).

Tuesdays

Snorkelling – 1000-1100 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim at least 25m and be happy under the water.

Judo – 1630-1730 – £5.50 – Introduction to Judo including skills and games. Judo kit provided - wear t-shirt and shorts. No jewellery. (1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd August only).

Wednesdays

Raft Racing – 1000-1100 – 6yrs + – £5.50 – Fun and games in teams racing on our specially built rafts. Must be able to swim at least 50m.

Tag Rugby – 0930-1030 – 7-11 years – £5.50 – Introduction to rugby through a fun, non-contact version of the game.

Climbing – 1130-1230 and 1230-1330 – 7-12 years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Thursdays

Sports Club – 0930-1030 – 7-11 years – £5.50 – A fun session with a range of sports, games and activities; including an introduction to archery using soft arrows. (10th, 17th and 24th August only).

Diving – 1000-1100 – £8 – Must be able to swim at least 25m, be happy underwater and be able to perform a head first entry into the pool.

Climbing – 1500-1600 and 1600-1700 – 7-12 years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Fridays

Mermaids Main Pool – 1000-1030 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim 25m+ and happy under the water.

Mermaids Small Pool – 1030-1100 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim 10m+ and happy under the water.

Kids Dance – 1015-1115 – 5-8 years – £6 – Jazz/street dance style, learning both technical aspects as well as dance routines to popular songs. (Except 18th August).

Pre-Sailing Skills – 1200-1400 – 7-12 years – £29 – Introduction to sailing skills in a safe and warm environment. Session includes dry sailing skills/games and pool work. Must be able to swim 25m. (Friday 28th July only).

Open Swim Sessions

No lanes, diving boards in use – great for a family swim session. Adults £5.50, Children/under 20's £3.

Mon-Thurs – 1400-1500 & 1500-1600

Fridays – 1400-1500 (except 4th & 11th August)

Sat & Sun – 1400-1500 (except 6th August)

Fun Hours

Fun and floats in our pool. Under 8's MUST be accompanied in the water. £4.

Mondays-Fridays – 1100-1200

Saturdays and Sundays – 1000-1100

Rookie Lifeguard Course

Monday 14th-Friday 18th August – 0900-1000 – £45.50 – 10-16 years (must be able to confidently swim 200m without stopping) – Fun and exciting life-saving awards scheme, teaching self-rescue, survival, rescue and lifesaving sport skills. Provides participants with the skills they need to be confident in the pool or the sea and enjoy water safely.

Tuesday 29th August-Sunday 3rd September

Fun Hours – 1100-1200 (Tuesday-Friday); 1000-1100 (Saturday and Sunday)

– fun and floats in our pool. Under 8s MUST be accompanied in the water. £4.

Open Swim Sessions – 1400-1500 and 1500-1600 (Tuesday-Thursday); 1400-1500 (Friday-Sunday)

– No lanes, diving boards in use – great for a family swim session. Adults £5.50, Children/under 20s £3.

Isle of Wight Family Information Hub

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

Visit www.familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk to find out more.



01983 823169

familyinformationhub@iow.gov.uk

IWFamilyInfoHub

Junior Golf initiative @ Freshwater Bay GC – class 2 is on Saturday 29th July @ 10.00am



Dear Parent,

In June, the first introduction class to Junior golf was a great success with 15 juniors attending the initial class brilliantly run by PGA Professional James Veal.

If you wish to register your child for their second class on Saturday 29th July @ 10.00am, Can I kindly ask parents to:-

- call the Freshwater Bay GC on 752955 to confirm your junior's attendance. If you were not at the first class, they will need to know the name of the parent and junior, a mobile contact number, an email address and the junior's age.

- on the day, report to Paula Burke in the clubhouse by 9.45am to register.

Because of the interest shown by their existing members and local schools they are also looking at other new initiatives and the possibility of winter classes to develop the junior section at their club, where classes can be run partly at the West Wight Sports Centre and Freshwater Bay GC.



Pick Up 8 Challenge!

8 beaches in 8 days












Summer Events

Pick up 8! Microplastic Campaign is on a Beach Roadshow...

Over August 2023 we're coming to a beach near you... visiting 8 beaches in 8 days!

Chale Show
5th - 6th August 2023

Have you spotted the elusive Wild Nurdle hiding on your beach? Where do these naughty Nurdles come from? And WHAT is their purpose here? Can we stop them before our happy sharks eat them all up? Can you CATCH any Wild Nurdles that you find running around Chale Show? We will be teaming up with Sharklab LIVE to discover everything about these Naughty Nurdles and Sharks that live around the island, and how to keep our prehistoric sharks safe from Nibbling Nurdles!

Pick Up 8! Beach Challenge

Join us on the beach as we dive into Microplastic Baitbites, Rocky Rockpools stuffed with sea wonders, Incredible Shark Aggrozans and... have you ever heard of the Olympic Games?

If so, we'll be hosting the 'Oh-Linger Games'... a beach sporting event which will test your 'SEA King' skills and sporting ability... as we chase Naughty Nurdles off the beach!

Week 1:

- 11th August 2023 – 11-2pm - Ryde Beach
- 12th August 2023 – 11-2pm - Sandown Beach
- 13th August 2023 – 11-2pm - Shanklin Beach
- 14th August 2023 – 11-2pm - Ventnor Beach

Pick Up 8! Beach Challenge


Week 2:


- 18th August 2023 – 11-2pm - Compton Beach
- 19th August 2023 – 11-2pm - Freshwater Beach
- 20th August 2023 – 11-2pm - Fort Victoria
- 21th August 2023 – 11-2pm - Cowes Beach


For more info please email: pickup8@sealife.com

OR check out our website at: <https://sharklablive.wixsite.com/sharklab-live/pick-up-8>

Upload your Pick Up 8! Treasure images onto Blue Seas Protection Facebook group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/407164914530943>







PICK UP 8!

The 'Pick Up 8! Micro Plastics' Campaign is a quick solution to remove microplastics from our islands beaches... we need your help to spread the word 'Pick Up 8!'

Everyone is invited to become ACTIVE-its and upload images of their 'Micro Pieces of Eight Treasures' to Blue Seas Protection's Facebook group page: Pick Up 8! By 31st December 2023, we aim to have recorded at least 8000 pieces of Micro Plastics being removed from island beaches this year.

The rules are:

1. A Maximum of 8 Micro Plastics EACH person
2. Picked Up EVERY Time you LEAVE the Beach
3. ONLY on the way back from your visit to a beach, river, lake or stream.

WHY?

This will instantly remove plastic particles from our seas, to prevent sea life from eating and dying from it. All plastic breaks down quickly in the sun, wind, rain and the action of the sea waves speed the breakdown process.

In a landfill environment it is estimated to take approx. 500 years for plastics to break down (decompose). Unfortunately 'Wild Sea Plastics' breaks down within years, as these natural Sea forces rapidly break them down into smaller and smaller pieces.

'Micro' means 'small, tiny', so Microplastic, is any type of plastic which is smaller than your hand. Microplastics are so small they can be eaten by fish, sea creatures and birds. Once inside fish, the plastic breaks down in to even smaller 'Nano Plastics', which can't even be seen. We then eat the fish - so the Nanoplastic enters our food web too! Scientists are still researching if Nanoplastic is affecting our long-term health.

The removal of Micro Plastic from our Sea is all our responsibility... as there is no mechanical mechanism that can remove it all.

BUT we can... as individuals... each of us can Pick Up 8! Pieces of Micro Plastic every time we return from any watercourse, to remove the Micro Plastics we see preventing it from ending up in the Sea.

HOW?

1 person removes 8 pieces of Microplastic
2 dog walkers remove 16 pieces
1x family of 4 can remove 32 microplastic pieces...
TOTAL: 56 Micro Plastics pieces instantly removed!

What you can do:

1. Take part in the Pick Up 8! Campaign yourself, every time you pop to the beach
2. Spread the Pick Up 8! Micro Plastics message to your friends, family, colleagues, organisation
3. Dispose of your Pick Up 8! Micro Plastics safely into the beach side street or car park bins direct.
4. Make sure that you wash your hands thoroughly afterwards.
5. If you would like to - send Blue Seas Protection a facebook photo of your Pick Up 8! Micro Plastic so we can add it to our 8000 Microplastic Goal!

Chair of Blue Seas Protection - Captain Garry Oates:

"If everyone picks up just 8 pieces of microplastic every time they go to the beach, collectively we can make a difference. A family of 4 for example could remove 32 pieces together in one visit. That is 32 pieces which will not be eaten by sea creatures and will not find their way into human food."



Sandown Green Party - Councillor Susan Betts:

"I'm delighted to hear about this innovative campaign which is so simple that anyone of any age can participate in and make a difference to their local environment to help save the planet. This is an example of people working together in communities, which is what our beautiful Isle of Wight Biosphere is all about."

Upload your photos direct onto our Facebook group page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/407164914530943>

For more info please email: pickup8@sealife.com

OR check out our website at: <https://sharklablive.wixsite.com/sharklab-live/pick-up-8>

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

PARENT NEWSLETTER ISSUE 66 | SUMMER 2023

We wish all our pupils and their families a fantastic summer of fun.

Whilst children and teachers enjoy a well-deserved break, our team of chefs and nutritionists will be busy in the kitchen putting the finishing touches to our new autumn menu, launching in October.



September



October



November



December

We've got lots of fun theme days planned to get the children buzzing with excitement - trying new dishes, experiencing new cultures, and learning that nutritious food is fun.

Watch this space!!!!

SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE...

For all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Simply speak to your school office to enable your child to enjoy a nutritionally balanced, tasty meal every day. PLUS, this could save you up to £457 a year.

Did you know that children in Years 3 - 6 could also enjoy a school meal for FREE?

Check if you are eligible here ▶

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CHILDREN'S SHOW SCHEDULE 2023

SPRING SHOW

Saturday 1st April

Wilberforce Hall, Main Road, Brighstone
1.30pm to 4.00pm Presentations at 4.00pm

125th BHS MARQUEE IN NEW SUMMER SHOW

Saturday 15th July

Recreation Field, New Road, Brighstone
Marquee opens 1.30pm Presentations at 4.00pm

AUTUMN SHOW

Saturday 7th October

Wilberforce Hall, Main Road, Brighstone
1.30pm to 4.00pm Presentations at 4.00pm

SPRING SHOW

Please state your age on the entry form, then it will be taken into consideration.

- 72. A Painting or Drawing for King Charles's Coronation.
- 73. A driftwood model of a dinosaur.
- 74. 4 Fairy Cakes, made and decorated.
- 75. Floral art – An Easter Posy.
- 76. 4 Decorated Rich Tea Biscuits, Coronation Themed (judged on decoration only).
- 77. Handwriting:

God save our gracious King!
 Long live our noble King!
 God save the King!
 Send him victorious,
 Happy and glorious,
 Long to reign over us,
 God save the King.

AUTUMN SHOW

Please state your age on the entry form, then it will be taken into consideration.

- 118. A Christmas Card.
- 119. 4 Christmas or Halloween cup cakes made and decorated.
- 120. A driftwood reindeer.
- 121. My favourite pot plant, grown by entrant.
- 122. An Autumn painting or drawing A4 max.
- 123. A model made from Lego, no bigger than 30cm x 40cm
- 124. Handwriting:

Rain, rain go away,
 Come again another day.
 Rain, rain go away,
 Little Johnny wants to play.

SUMMER SHOW

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Prize money for children's classes: 1st - £1.50, 2nd - £1, 3rd - 50p. Your age must be displayed clearly, then it will be taken into consideration.

Classes 156 and 163 must be arranged by the exhibitor on site without assistance.

For ages 9 and under:

- 151. Something new from something old.
- 152. My pet - a painting/drawing A4 max.
- 153. My favourite "snapshot" (must be taken by entrant).
- 154. A creature made from a vegetable
- 155. A creature made from driftwood and shells.
- 156. Garden flowers in a teapot.
- 157. A miniature living garden (in a bowl or pot).
- 158. 4 decorated biscuits (judged on decoration only).
- 159. 4 pieces of flapjack, any variety.

For ages 10 to 16

- 160. A miniature scarecrow – maximum size 30 cm.
- 161. Still Life – a drawing or sketch.
- 162. My favourite "snapshot" (must be taken by entrant).
- 163. A miniature herb garden (in a bowl or pot).
- 164. A miniature building made from driftwood and shells.
- 165. A carrot cake.
- 166. 4 decorated fairy cakes.

For all ages up to 16

- 167. New class for 2023 – Grow a squash any variety.
- 168. Handwriting:
 Incy, wincy spider climbed up the spout,
 Down came the rain and washed the spider out,
 Out came the sun and dried up all the rain,
 And incy, wincy spider climbed up the spout again.

CHILDREN'S ENTRY FORMS (ALL ENTRIES ARE FREE)

AUTUMN SHOW 2023

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NAME (BLOCK CAPITALS) _____ AGE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE NUMBER _____

Children's Classes

Please circle: 118 119 120 121 122 123 124

Number of entries _____

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