



Dear Dover Park Family

I am delighted to share some exciting updates and initiatives from our school this week.

### WOW Strider

We are thrilled to be participating in the WOW walking to school initiative, a pupil-led programme designed to promote healthy habits and environmental awareness. This innovative project encourages our pupils to track their daily journey to school using an interactive Travel Tracker. Children who walk to school at least twice a month will be rewarded with special badges, creating a fun and motivational approach to active travel. Our pupils were particularly excited when Strider, the WOW mascot, visited our school on Monday to introduce the initiative. Our Junior Travel Ambassadors have been instrumental in this programme, meeting with the WOW team to discuss implementation and supporting our younger pupils in recording their travel data.



### Parent Evenings

I would like to remind all parents to book their parents' evening slot for the week beginning 6th October. Every family should have received a booking link. Should you experience any difficulties in securing a slot, please contact the school office. During the parent evenings, you'll have the opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher to find out how your child has settled to their new year group and to discuss their next steps. You'll also be provided with their first school report for the year.

Mrs Roberts will also be available for drop ins (no need to book) on Monday and Tuesday evening from 3:30-5:30pm. She'll be located in the library but if needed, a confidential space can be made available. She'll be happy to discuss special education needs, social emotional and mental health needs or if you'd like a general chit chat. All are welcome! I'll also be around each day, should you have any queries or suggestions you may have.

## School Council and Pupil Responsibilities


Pupil voice remains a cornerstone of our school ethos and we consistently seek our pupils' perspectives on school matters. Recently, our school council convened to discuss our current methods of celebrating achievements during celebration assemblies, how behaviour points are issued to pupils and the way we celebrate the class with the best attendance. We also have anti-bullying ambassadors, school librarians, Equality and Rights Advocates, House Captains and Junior Travel Ambassadors. These roles and responsibilities give children the opportunity to lead school initiatives and to have their voices heard.

### Attendance

Attendance remains a critical focus for us. There is an undeniable connection between consistent school attendance and academic achievement. Regular attendance not only supports academic progress but also helps pupils maintain social connections and reduces potential anxiety associated with catching up after absences.

Data from the DfE shows us that every 5% reduction in children's attendance is likely to reduce the chance of them reaching the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 2 by about 10%.

We are committed to working collaboratively with parents to ensure our pupils are present and punctual, setting them up for success. While we appreciate term time holidays can be cheaper, we please ask parents to only take holiday during the 13 weeks available outside of term time.

		<b>Days missed</b>	<b>Hours missed</b>
<b>Best chance of academic success</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>99%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>98%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>97%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>95%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>
	<b>92%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>75</b>
	<b>90%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Significant risk of underachievement (persistent absence)</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>150</b>

## Disco Time

The school disco is back on 16th October and it promises to be a fun-filled evening for the whole school. There will be a number of items on sale at the disco if you wish to provide your child with some pocket money. Please note that no mobile phones or backpacks will be allowed in the disco hall. Children should not bring in their own snacks from home unless prearranged with staff due to a medical condition.

**Reception class** will be having a free taster session in the school hall during school hours.

**Years 1, & 2 Disco - 3:20pm-4:30pm:** Children attending the school disco will need to bring their party clothes and any spending money into school with them in the morning. They will get changed at the end of the school day and be taken into the hall by their class teacher. At the end of the school disco the children will return to their classrooms and be dismissed via their classroom doors. Reception Class will be dismissed from the Art/DT room. Parents and carers will be able to use the Park Road gate to access school.

**Yr3, 4,5 & 6 Disco 4:40pm-5.45pm:** Children attending the school disco will need to enter the school through the **PARK ROAD GATE**. At the end of the school disco, **ALL** children will need to be collected by an adult. Year 3 will be dismissed from their classroom and all other children will be dismissed via the hall doors. There will be no after school clubs.

If your child will be attending Cabin Club then they can bring their disco clothes to change into at the end of the school day.



# LEARNING

After developing a range of skills, Year 6 are now planning and painting their self portraits in the cubist style of Paul Klee.



Observe the joyous faces of Year 5 listening to music. Whatever the piece, they suddenly become composers! You've got to love their enthusiasm! Here, they can also be seen using some rather tiny maps, to say they were gobsmacked is an understatement!



In DT this week Year 4 enjoyed looking at a variety of fruits and vegetables. They then had to draw and label them.



# LEARNING

Year 3 have started the rich text, 'Little Wolf's Book of Badness' in English this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed acting as the mean Uncle Bigbad and Little Wolf!



As part of their PSHE lessons in year 2, the children have been celebrating all the things that they do to be good friends to one another. Regularly throughout the day, they stop and nominate other people in the class for the good friendship behaviours that they have shown and award them with a special certificate.



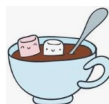
The children in Year 1 have been enquiring into the properties of rocks and metals. We've specifically looked at the similarities and differences. Using the sense of touch we were able to find out a lot - both can be hard, rough and smooth but they are different because metal can bend.

Reception Class is loving Maths Meeting! Every morning two children are chosen to help. We do lots of counting and subitising amongst a lot of other things. This helps build their understanding and fluency of key maths facts.



## Hot Chocolate Friday

Year 1— Buddy  
 Year 2— Teddy  
 Year 3— Pearl  
 Year 4— Olivia J  
 Year 5— Cecila  
 Year 6— Max Judd



## Reader of the Week

Year 1— Phoebe  
 Year 2— James  
 Year 3— Farley  
 Year 4— Lisa  
 Year 5— Zak  
 Year 6— Toby



## Cloakroom Award

Year 5

## Attendance Award

Year 3



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Well done to Etta and Sophia who have achieved certificates for their efforts in swimming



## Diary Dates

29th September — Phonics Parent Workshop  
6th, 7th and 8th October — Parents Evening  
10th October—Mountbatten 'Go Yellow Day'  
16th October — School Disco  
5th November — Year 6 DT Workshop  
18th November — Year 5 DT Workshop  
20<sup>th</sup> November — Year 3 Assembly  
22nd November — Christmas Sing Up at Medina Theatre (children who have attended choir)  
8th December — Year 1 Art Workshop  
9th December — PJs and Popcorn Fundraiser  
11th December — Christingle Service  
12th December — Reception Christmas Craft Workshop  
30th January —Year 3 Music Workshop  
9th February —Year 4 Art Workshop  
13<sup>th</sup> February — Year 2 Assembly  
4th March —Year 6 Music Workshop  
12th March —Year 2 DT Workshop  
16th March — Year 4 Music Workshop  
18th March —Year 5 Assembly  
20th March — Easter Egg donation — Dress Down Day  
26th March — Year 1 Assembly  
27th March —Easter Egg Tombola  
4th May —Year 5 Music Workshop  
14<sup>th</sup> May — Year 4 Assembly  
20<sup>th</sup> May — Year 1 Music Workshop  
21st May — School Disco  
29nd May — Reception Music Workshop  
5th June — Year 3 Parent Workshop  
19th June— Whole School Teddy Bear Picnic 12:15-1:00  
25th June — Year 2 Music Workshop  
2nd July — Reception Assembly

## 2025/26 Webinar Schedule (Autumn Term)

<u>Navigating Neurodivergence</u>	<u>Breakthrough Behaviour</u>	<u>Feel without Fear</u>	<u>Re-establishing Routines</u>	<u>CPVA</u> (Child to Parent Violence and Aggression)	<u>Sleep</u>	<u>Accepting Adolescence</u>	<u>Seasonal Sensory Awareness</u>
4th September 9:30am	9th September 9:30am	11th September 9:30am	16th September 9:30am	18th September 9:30am	23rd September 9:30am	25th September 9:30am	
30th September 9:30am	2nd October 9:30am	7th October 9:30am	9th October 9:30am	14th October 9:30am	16th October 9:30am	17th October 9:30am	17th October 11:30am
4th November 9:30am	6th November 9:30am	11th November 9:30am	13th November 9:30am	18th November 9:30am	20th November 9:30am	25th November 9:30am	27th November 9:30am
2nd December 9:30am	4th December 9:30am	9th December 9:30am	11th December 9:30am	16th December 9:30am	18th December 9:30am	19th December 9:30am	19th December 11:30am

Please email [katrina.austin1@iow.gov.uk](mailto:katrina.austin1@iow.gov.uk) to join any of the webinars noted above. All webinars are delivered online via Teams. A link to the webinar will be sent to you 24 hours prior.

Isle of Wight  
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Team



**Lift Ryde**  
**Open Evening**  
**October 8th**  
**4:00pm - 7:00pm**

Parent Presentations 4:30pm and 5:30pm



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## Play netball for weight loss

A free 12-week programme at your local sports centre

Complete a specialist digital weight loss programme alongside weekly netball sessions designed to help you reach your fitness goals in a fun, supportive environment.

**Scan me to Sign up!**

**Join our next programme:**

**Date:** Thursday 2nd October, 2025

**Time:** 6-7.30pm

**Location:** Ryde School, PO33 3BE

support@gloji.co.uk 0800 054 1190 www.iow.gloji.org.uk

## Suicide First Aid

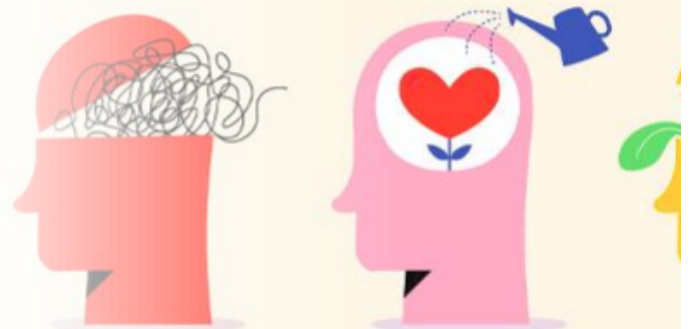
This FREE full day course provides learners with the foundational knowledge and practical skills needed to effectively intervene in situations where someone may be contemplating suicide.

Designed for individuals across various professions and community roles, this programme equips learners with the tools to recognise the signs of suicide, initiate life-saving conversations, and connect at-risk individuals with appropriate resources.

Whether you're a healthcare professional, educator, HR personnel, or concerned community member, this programme empowers you to make a real difference

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 09:30am–4.30pm at The Learning Centre, Westridge, Brading Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 1QS**

Isle of Wight Council employees should book via the [course page](#) on the Learning Hub. External delegates can see more information [here](#) and book by completing the [online application form](#)





# Drop-in Sessions

For parents of Early years children with emerging



## SEND

Please scan the QR code for more information and to book

Come and join us for a friendly and informal drop in session, designed to provide support, advice, and a chance to connect with other parents and carers.

We often have Occupational Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists available to offer specialist advice.

**10<sup>th</sup> September- Newport Family Centre**

**17<sup>th</sup> October- Sandown Family Centre**

**7<sup>th</sup> November- Ryde Family Centre**

**9<sup>th</sup> December- Newport Family Centre**

***9.30am - 10.30am or***

***10.30am - 11.30am***



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