



Dear Dover Park Family

As we reach the end of a busy and adventure-packed half term, I am delighted to share the final newsletter of the half term. Staff from reception through to year 6 have worked tirelessly to provide a high-quality education for your children and I think it's important to thank them for their dedication and commitment to our amazing school.

### Harvest Festival

Yesterday's harvest festival assembly provided a profound opportunity for our pupils to reflect deeply on the journey of food production. Our children explored the remarkable dedication of farmers who work hard to ensure our communities are nourished. I extend my gratitude for the generous food donations received. These contributions have been delivered by our school council to Aspire to support our local community. We discussed how this contribution links to our school values: Enjoy, Belong and Believe.



### Developing Science

As you know, we're always looking to develop our curriculum, to ensure children at Dover Park have the best possible education. I am really proud to announce that Dover Park has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. This recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional scientific education and inspiring our pupils' curiosity about the world around them. HUGE thanks goes to our science leader, Mrs Newnham, who led the development of our science provision over the past 12 months and to our staff who have put in a great deal of time and effort to support the project.



## Listening to Pupils

Just as I often seek parents and staff's thoughts and opinions through questionnaires and discussions, listening to our pupils is really important to me. After all, they're the ones who are living and experiencing all Dover Park has to offer.



Our school council embodies this commitment, collecting and presenting feedback from their classes to ensure all are heard. Following the recommendations made by our school council, we will be implementing three exciting changes next half term:

- The class attendance award will now be a half-termly celebration, with the class achieving the best attendance earning a prize of their own choosing. This approach encourages sustained commitment and collective effort. (We currently have a weekly award)
- Our sports recognition will also change to a half-termly format, with one child selected from each year group. This provides broader acknowledgement of sporting achievement and potential. (Currently one pupil across the whole school is awarded weekly)
- The Dojo shop will now operate three times annually - at the conclusion of each term. Themed prizes will align with the season, offering pupils more frequent opportunities to redeem their hard-earned Dojo points. (We currently open the dojo shop at the end of each year)

## Disco

The school disco was a huge success. Pupils from Reception through Year 6 transformed our school hall into a spectacular dance floor, with colourful lights and lively music creating an electrifying atmosphere. Our teaching staff joined in, showcasing some impressive dance moves that delighted the children. The pupils showed impressive choreography and team spirit. The event was a resounding success that raised £705.27 for our children's fund. Every penny will be carefully allocated to enhance our pupils' experiences and opportunities. Thanks to staff for staying in school later to provide this opportunity and to parents for supporting the event.



## Development Day

As previously mentioned, school will be closed to children on 3rd November, as the whole staff team will be in school completing safeguarding training. Although there is no requirement for schools to have safeguarding training on an annual basis, safeguarding is our number one priority, so we ensure our staff are up to date with the most recent national and local updates. We look forward to welcoming the children back in school on Tuesday 4th November.



# LEARNING

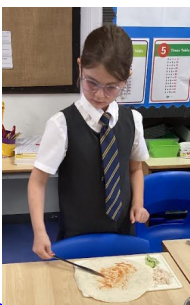
Reception had a lovely afternoon exploring Simeon Park for signs of Autumn. They became leaf detectives hoping to find lots of different types of leaves.



The year one children have been learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot in RE. They enjoyed making decorations for our own mini Sukkah and really listened well.



Year 2 began preparing for their Computing project for next term. We read 'The Naughty Bus' and then planned where the bus would go in and around school to get up to mischief. They will use these ideas to create their own images for a picture book after the half term break.



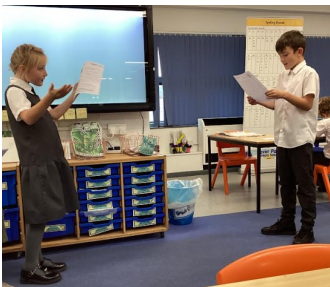
Last week the children had an amazing time making their wraps for Design and Technology! They all demonstrated fabulous food safety and hygiene, and I was very impressed with their cutting and folding skills. It was lovely to see the

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This week Year 4 have been working hard on their times table knowledge by looking at different representations of the 6 and 7 times table.



What a week in Year 5! They've blasted off with some stunning Peter Thorpe-inspired space art, brought their best acting skills to life in PSHE with drama about being assertive, and even tickled the ivories—learning Mary Had a Little Lamb on the keyboards. What a week it's been!




Year 6 had a fantastic time and learnt a lot from their visit to Ryde Fire Station. They watched a great presentation on CPR and then had a go themselves. Well done Year 6






## Diary Dates

- 17th October— Last day of school before half term
- 3rd November—Staff Training Day—School closed to pupils
- 4th November—Start of Autumn 2—Children return to school
- 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
- 8th December — Year 1 Art Workshop
- 9th December — PJs and Popcorn Fundraiser
- 12th December — Christingle Service—Please note change of date
- 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

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- Pumpkin light trail in the town
  - Sweets
  - Bouncy Castle
  - Face painting and Glitter Tattoos
  - Crafts and Activities
  - Food and Cakes

# Light Party

FREE FAMILY FUN



Everyone is welcome! We would love to see you!

Friday 31st October 2025 3.30pm -5pm

St James's Church, Market Street  
Ryde



Family Assist  
Solent



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NHS Foundation Trust

# Helping to keep your child healthy

The Isle of Wight 0-19 Team is made up of Health Visitors, School Nurses, Community Nurses, Associate Practitioners and Administrators.

We use our skill mix team to ensure that all families are offered mandated health contacts for needs assessment, advice and support.

**Please see Family Assist for additional support information.**



If you have any questions or would like to speak to a Health Visitor or School Nurse, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on **0300 123 5224**



## 2025/26 Webinar Schedule (Autumn Term)

Navigating Neurodivergence	Breakthrough Behaviour	Feel without Fear	Re-establishing Routines	CPVA (Child to Parent Violence and Aggression)	Sleep	Accepting Adolescence	Seasonal Sensory Awareness
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.

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## Occupational therapy Parent advice sessions

The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks - e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- Preschool / school readiness



### Session Dates for 2025

(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 18 September, 16 October, 20 November

Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on **01983 534520** or via email to [iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net](mailto:iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net)

Sessions will take place at the Childrens Therapies Department, St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight

# 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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# Ryde



## Health Visitor Drop-in Clinic

The Health Visitor clinic at Ryde family hub will be changing to drop-in from **Wednesday 7th May**

Appointments will no longer be booked, please just drop in

A Barnardo's Worker will also be available for information about family hub services



**Every  
Wednesday  
9.30 –  
11.30am**



George Street,  
Ryde, PO33 2JF



01983 617617

If you have any questions or would like to speak to a health visitor outside of these times, please ring the 0-19 duty desk on 0300 1235224



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