



Dear Dover Park Family

### Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into school following the half-term holiday. They have returned full of energy, enthusiasm and with a real readiness to learn. Classrooms are buzzing with purposeful activity and it's clear that the children are already making great strides in their learning this half term.

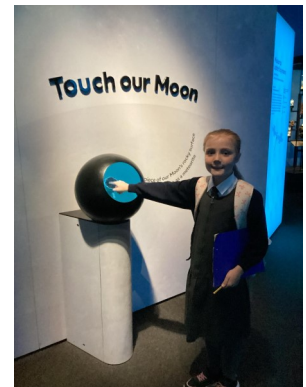
### In the Classroom

This week, I had the privilege of spending time teaching in both our Reception and Year 2 classes. I was amazed by the progress the children have made since the start of the year. Our youngest learners are growing in confidence every day—reading, writing, and exploring the world around them with great curiosity. Year 2 impressed me enormously with their focus and developing independence. It was a real pleasure to see the results of the hard work from both children and staff. We really do have amazing children!

### Year 5 Visit the Science Museum

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fantastic (and completely free!) trip to the Science Museum in London this week. Ms Jones and her team did an incredible job organising the visit and even managed to persuade the museum staff to give the children access to the exclusive Space Exhibition. The pupils were thrilled to see an array of fascinating exhibits and were amazed to touch real pieces of rock from Mars, the Moon, and even an asteroid. The staff commented on how polite and inquisitive our children were—they truly were a credit to the school. Special thanks to Red Funnel, Hummingbird Coaches, Wight Fibre and Diamond Adventures for providing such an incredible opportunity and for supporting the children of the Isle of Wight.

I think it's also important to thank the staff, who were in school at 5.30 in the morning and worked beyond 7pm to provide this amazing day.





## Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, we will be holding a Remembrance Day Assembly to honour those who have served and sacrificed. The whole school will join together for a two-minute silence. Poppies and other Poppy-related items will be available again on Monday and we encourage children to wear them proudly as a mark of respect.

## Staff Development Day and Reporting Safeguarding Concerns

On Monday, our staff team took part in an important professional development day focused on safeguarding. The training provided the latest national and local updates and gave us time to reflect on how we can continue to strengthen our practices to protect our most vulnerable children and to keep all safe. The trainer was particularly complimentary about the strong safeguarding culture within our school, which is something we are extremely proud of. As always, if you have any safeguarding concerns, please report them to Mr Kirby, Mrs Roberts or Ms Jackson, as they are your safeguarding leaders in school.

If you have concerns about child abuse or concerns for a child, you can also refer this directly to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is a collaborative initiative that unites professionals from various sectors, including children's social care, police, health providers, and education. The primary goal of the MASH is to share critical information and make timely, informed decisions to ensure the safety and promote the welfare of children. By working together, these professionals can identify risks early, provide appropriate interventions, and promote the well-being of children in our community.

The Isle of Wight Council, along with its partner agencies, holds a statutory duty to safeguard children and promote their welfare. This duty is fulfilled through coordinated efforts and a shared commitment to protecting children from harm. By leveraging the collective expertise and resources of all involved agencies, the MASH ensures that children receive the support and protection they need in a timely and effective manner. Should you need to make a referral, the link is below:

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/childrens-services/concerned-about-a-child/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-mash/>

## SEND IEP Review Meetings

Mrs Roberts is currently holding meetings for all children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to review their Individual Education Plan (IEP) targets. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to work collaboratively with parents to ensure that every child's individual needs are being met effectively. If you haven't yet arranged a meeting with Mrs Roberts, please contact the school office to book an appointment. We are passionate about working in partnership with parents and believe that openness and collaboration are key to every child's success.

Have a restful weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Mr Kirby

# LEARNING

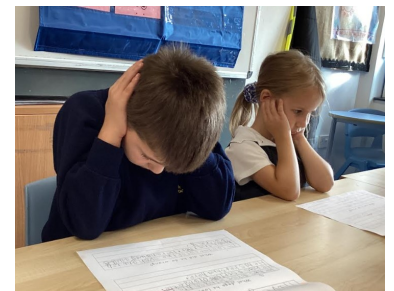
Reception are learning about People Who Help Us this half term. We have set up a couple of new role play areas. They have both been very popular and great for developing understanding, language and imaginative play.



In Year 1 the children have been getting into characters this week. They have been expressing opinions and asking questions about main characters and events of a story. The children really enjoyed drama - acting out the roles and retelling the story.



Year 2 have been working on their editing skills in writing sessions. To make our writing as amazing as possible we have been practising checking for capital letters, full stops, reading backwards to check our spellings and covering our ears and reading aloud to check that what we have written makes sense.



# LEARNING

The children in Year 3 really enjoyed investigating different measurements in groups this week for science. They thought about how to make them as accurate as possible, and what issues may arise that could prevent accuracy.



This week Year 4 have been looking at fractions in maths. We used physical number lines to represent fractions.



Wow, what an incredible day we had at the Natural History Museum. We were let into a special space exhibit... with a little bartering from Miss Jones. The children were able to touch pieces of Mars, the moon and even an asteroid! Us grown ups are extremely proud of the children, we are sure you are too.



This week, Year 6 started a new topic in Science. They have been learning about different types of circuit and how these should be drawn using the correct symbols. So far they have constructed: simple, series and

## Hot Chocolate Friday

Year 1— Violet

Year 2— Amelia

Year 3— Abigail

Year 4— Esther

Year 5— Sophia S

Year 6— Kodey



## Reader of the Week

Year 1— Harry W

Year 2— Carter

Year 3— Kayla

Year 4— Chloe

Year 5— Stewart

Year 6— Toby



## Cloakroom Award

Year 2



Well done to Teddy who won the library's Summer Reading Challenge Book Review and Picture competition.

Congratulations also goes to Phoenix who has had a poem published in a book—well done!



## Diary Dates

- 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



JOIN THE  
**ASPIRE**  
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**COUNCIL**

HAVE YOUR  
VOICE  
HEARD

ARE YOU  
AGED 25 OR  
UNDER?



**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT, INFLUENCE DECISIONS AND  
HELP SHAPE A BETTER FUTURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON  
THE ISLE OF WIGHT  
ASPIRE RYDE INVITES YOU TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR  
YOUTH COUNCIL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US  
BY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT:

[joseph@aspireryde.org.uk](mailto:joseph@aspireryde.org.uk)

01983 716020

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1163336





Family Assist  
Solent

**NHS**

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Isle of Wight Healthcare  
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**





# SANTA DASH



20  
25

**PROUDLY RAISING MONEY FOR ISLAND CHARITIES!**

### OFFERS:



- **Unlimited Bowling for £18 a person till 3pm (subject to availability)**
- **£5 per person per game for all attendees (subject to availability)**

**11:00AM** **DECEMBER 07, 2025.**

**Starts and ends at Ryde Super Bowl and Laser Quest, The Pavilion, Esplanade, Ryde, Isle of Wight.**

**01983617070** | **<https://rydesuperbowl.com>**



RYDE & DISTRICT ROUND TABLE PRESENTS

# SANTA DASH

2025



2 km or 5 km  
7th December at 11am  
Start / Finish at Ryde Superbowl

Book tickets now at [isleofwight.com/santadash](http://isleofwight.com/santadash)  
Children: £10° | Adults: £20 | Family of 4: £50

PROUDLY RAISING MONEY FOR ISLAND CHARITIES



\*Children must be under 18 - Booking fees apply - Entry on the day will incur slightly higher fees - Only 1 dog per adult/ family.  
See Facebook page or ticketing website for all event details. Santa suits are provided.

**Superbowl**  
Isle of Wight.com



**snap** 24/7  
fitness  
ISLE OF WIGHT



- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

**13  
NOV**  
**09:30**

Responding to a draft  
EHCP

If you are in that critical  
time frame having  
received your draft

**18  
NOV**  
**10:00**

Appeals to SEND Tribunal

A step-by-step guide  
through the appeals  
process

**21  
NOV**  
**10:00**

Ordinarily Available  
Provision and SEN Support

Looking at support  
available for those who do  
not have an EHCP

**24  
NOV**  
**13:00**

Considering an EHC Plan?

Independent and  
impartial information to  
guide you through the  
process

**25  
NOV**  
**10:00**

Responding to a draft  
EHCP

If you are in that critical  
time frame having  
received your draft

**26  
NOV**  
**12:30**

Alternative Provision

What constitutes as a  
suitable education in  
relation to section 19 of  
the education act

## 2025/26 Webinar Schedule (Autumn Term)

<b>Navigating Neurodivergence</b>	<b>Breakthrough Behaviour</b>	<b>Feel without Fear</b>	<b>Re-establishing Routines</b>	<b>CPVA</b> (Child to Parent Violence and Aggression)	<b>Sleep</b>	<b>Accepting Adolescence</b>	<b>Seasonal Sensory Awareness</b>
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
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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  
Neurodiversity  
Team**



**NHS**  
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Isle of Wight Healthcare**  
NHS Foundation Trust

## 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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