



Dear Dover Park Family,

What a fantastic week it has been here at school! The children have been working incredibly hard, and the atmosphere around the building has been calm, purposeful and full of enthusiasm. As always, I am immensely proud of our pupils and staff for everything they bring to our school community each day. Together, we continue to enjoy our learning, believe in ourselves, and belong to a school where everyone is valued.



Reverse Advent Calendar - Supporting Our Community

We are pleased to share that we will once again be taking part in our Reverse Advent Calendar, supporting families who may need a little extra help over the Christmas period.

On Friday 5th December, children are invited to come to school in home clothes in exchange for a food donation. All items will be shared with local foodbanks. Acts of kindness like this show what it truly means to belong to a caring community—one that looks out for others and shares what it can.

Each year group has been allocated suggested items:

Year 6: hot chocolate, Angel Delight, gravy granules

Year 5: packets/tubs of chocolate, trifle mix, evaporated milk

Year 4: napkins, cranberry sauce, chutney

Year 3: jelly, savoury crackers, pickled onions/gherkins

Year 2: stuffing, Christmas pudding, fizzy drinks (not energy drinks)

Year 1: selection boxes, mayonnaise, mini marshmallows

Reception: crisps/pretzels/twiglets, part-baked rolls (exp. date Jan 26), mince pies

Staff: Christmas crackers, tinned biscuits, stollen/yule log/panettone

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Together, we show our children what it means to believe in kindness and community spirit at Christmas.



Welcoming Prospective Parents

Over the past couple of months, I have had the pleasure of showing many prospective parents around the school. These visits are a great opportunity to show all the amazing things we have in place at Dover Park and I am consistently told how calm and settled the school feels. Our children's excellent manners shine through, showing how much they believe in doing the right thing and supporting one another.

It's also wonderful to hear how impressed visitors are by our outdoor developments. These spaces give children the freedom to explore, discover and truly enjoy their learning and break times—opportunities we are very proud to offer. Prospective families often comment that the school feels like a place where children really belong.

Parents in School - Building Our Community

We firmly believe in giving parents regular opportunities to come into school. It's important that you can see what happens in the classroom and share in your children's learning. This home-school connection is a key part of helping everyone feel they truly belong to our school community.

This week, Year 5 welcomed parents for a workshop linked to their current DT project, and it was lovely to see families creating and problem-solving together. Year 3 also delivered a wonderful class assembly, showcasing their fantastic work with pride. Moments like these remind us how much the children enjoy sharing their achievements and how confidently they believe in themselves when supported by their families.



Staff Development and Training — Continuous Professional Development

Staying informed about current research and best practice is incredibly important to us. We want to ensure our staff continue developing so they can offer the very best for our children. When our staff grow in confidence and expertise, it strengthens our whole community and helps every child to truly believe in their potential.

This week, Ms Sleep, our Early Years Leader, and I attended an Early Years conference. We also sent teacher representatives from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to maths training sessions. These opportunities help us refine and enrich our teaching so that lessons remain engaging and exciting, helping pupils to enjoy their learning journey.

LEARNING

Reception had a visit from the Police today as part of their People Who Help Us topic. The children found out what Police Officers do in the community and in an emergency, what they carry on their uniform and why.



In Year 1 art classes, the children have been experimenting adding white to colours to find different tints and adding black to find different shades. They were able to gradually add the amounts to make their own tint and shade chart. We found out that you couldn't add black to colours already mixed with white as it would turn to a shade of grey!

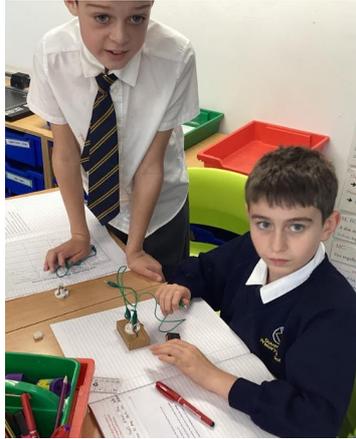


Year 2 have been practising strategies for addition and subtraction by - can you believe - playing games! Fluently adding and subtracting multiples of 10 was the aim and enjoyment was had by all.



LEARNING

Year 6 have continued to investigate the properties of electricity. This week they have learnt why metal can conduct electricity as well as how different batteries change the voltage in a circuit.



On Tuesday, Year 5 loved welcoming their families into the classroom—extra pairs of hands (and patience!) were very welcome as they tackled their sewing! Miss Jones was especially grateful for the support... those knots don't tie themselves!

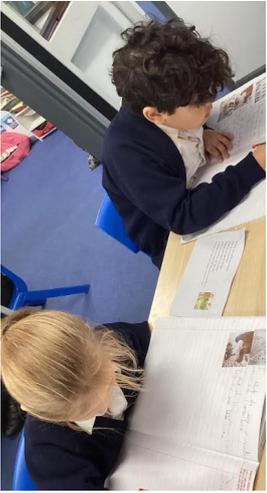


This week Year 4 have been looking at shape in maths and have started to explore lines of symmetry.



LEARNING

In Year 3 we have started looking at the text 'Stone Age Boy'. The children enjoyed working in pairs to interview each other, asking questions about the Stone Age or Present day.



Hot Chocolate Friday

- Year 1— Arnie
- Year 2— Gabby
- Year 3— Grayson
- Year 4— Ellen
- Year 5— Sophia-Rae
- Year 6— Koban



Reader of the Week

- Year 1— Ronnie
- Year 2— Lucy
- Year 3— Enid
- Year 4— Delilah
- Year 5— Evie
- Year 6— Tommy



Cloakroom Award

Year 5

Behaviour Points Award

Red Team



Well done to Dylan who has been working hard in his swimming lessons and gaining lots of certificates



Diary Dates

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

13th 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

14th May — Year 4 Assembly

20th 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



Family Assist
Solent



Hampshire and
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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**





SANTA DASH



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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.

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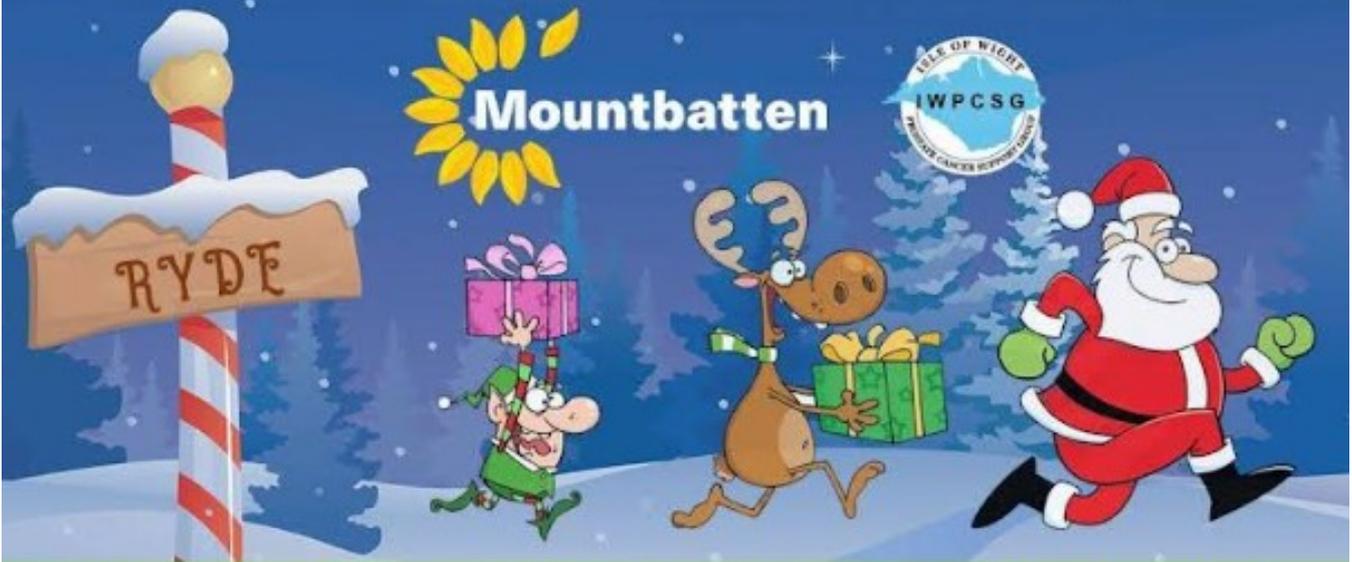
2025



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

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

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*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.

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- 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)

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
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Please email 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

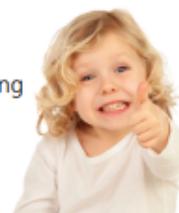
The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

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

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.

10th September- Newport Family Centre

17th October- Sandown Family Centre

7th November- Ryde Family Centre

9th December- Newport Family Centre

***9.30am - 10.30am or
10.30am - 11.30am***



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