



Dear Dover Park Family,

It's been a busy couple of weeks at Dover Park with lots of adventures in every year group. First, I wanted to apologise for the lack of a newsletter last week—I had technical difficulties with logging onto the system and was unable to access the letter. In this week's newsletter, you'll find details of some of the activities that are coming up, as well as an overview of some of the activities that have been taking place in school.

### Driving Carefully

I've had a couple of reports recently of parents driving unsafely past the school at the beginning of the day, as well as cars speeding through the zebra crossing. May I please ask all parents and carers to take exceptional care when driving and parking around the school site, to ensure the safety of all our children.



### 'Let's Go See' Authors Visit Year 2

On Friday, we were delighted to welcome Rob and Mike, the authors and founders of the Let's Go See book series, to our school. They generously donated three books to every Year 2 child as part of their mission to raise literacy standards. Their aim is to gift books to every Year 2 child across the Isle of Wight, with hopes to expand the programme nationally.

We were also honoured to be joined by Joe Robertson, our MP, who came to support the project, along with Kirsteen O'Sullivan from the BBC, who filmed our wonderful children in action. All our visitors were extremely positive and impressed by the enthusiasm and behaviour of our pupils. Following the visits, Dover Park will be featuring in a BBC television piece, which I will update you on via Class Dojo.



## Relax Kids Workshops for Reception and Year 1

We are pleased to share that Penny Crossley will be offering Relax Kids workshops for Reception and Year 1 children and their parents. These sessions are designed to help create calm, confident children and support strong mental and emotional wellbeing. This is a fantastic opportunity to have practical advice and support to help children to manage feelings and emotions and to strengthen relationships.



The programme consists of eight weekly sessions, running from 12:30pm to 3:00pm in school, beginning on 22nd January. The first session will be an introductory meeting, complete with coffee and cake.

Please keep an eye out for the information pack being sent home to all Reception and Year 1 families.

### PJs and Popcorn

The Christmas PJs and Popcorn evening is on Tuesday 9th December. Make sure you purchase a ticket via school money. All pupils are invited to come into school for the day in their pyjamas (or comfortable clothes) and enjoy a film straight after school.

Key Stage 2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) will be watching Home Alone. (Please note, Home Alone is rated as PG, so if you purchase a ticket, you are agreeing that you are happy for your child to watch the film)

If your child doesn't want to stay for the film night, but still fancies a comfy day at school, they are welcome to wear pyjamas or comfortable clothes for a voluntary donation of 50p.

ALL children will need to be collected from school by parents/carers at 5.30 from the collection points below:

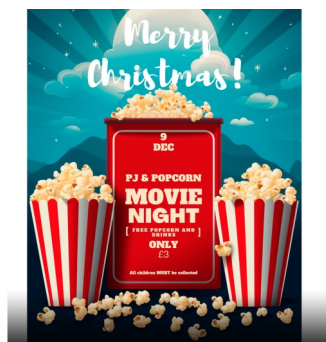
Reception Class: Art/DT room (the class next to year 1)

Year 1 and Year 2 will need to be collected from their classrooms

Year 3 will need to be collected from the usual collection point.

Years 4, 5 and 6 will be collected from the hall.

Any money raised will go into the children's funds, to be used for their benefit.

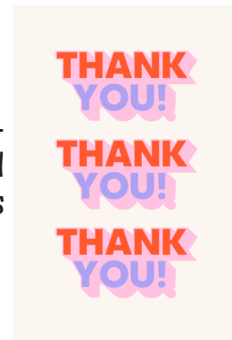


### School Uniform Reminder

We have recently noticed several children arriving in trainers or incorrect school uniform and PE kit. A reminder that all pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform each day please. Maintaining high standards of presentation helps support pride, readiness for learning and a sense of belonging in our school community. Thank you for your support in ensuring children come to school dressed appropriately.

## Reverse Calendar

Thank you so much for all of your generous donations to support our Reverse Calendar initiative. The items will be delivered to the foodbank and your kindness will support dozens of families to have a little extra this Christmas. What a great way to help our community.



## Christingle

The highly anticipated Dover Park Christingle Service is fast approaching.

We're REALLY excited to be welcoming all our children and families at All Saints Church on Friday 12th December. The children have been practicing in class and in assemblies and they sound amazing. It would be lovely if the whole school were able to attend to welcome the Christmas period with song. Children should all arrive in school uniform please.

The service starts at 5.30, but we kindly ask that children are dropped off at the main entrance of the Church at 5.15 and parents wait outside until 5.25 to give us time to settle the children into their spaces.

We would appreciate each child only having 2 adults attending, as we filled the church last year and need to ensure we comply with health & safety and fire regulations please.

Parking will not be available for parents/carers at the Church, unless disabled access is required.

We will be welcoming donations, which will be shared between Aspire and All Saints Church, so it would be great if you could bring some change.

We really look forward to seeing you all.

Please note, on the morning of the Christingle, the whole school will be taking a short walk to All Saints for a dress rehearsal. This will take place during school hours and children will be back in school ready for lunch. I kindly ask that you make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather - warm and waterproof clothing is a must for our little walk!



# LEARNING

This week Reception had a mystery to solve- who messed up the construction area? The children became detectives and suspects to work out 'who done it!'



Year 6 had a fantastic and informative time on Thursday. They were visited by Wildlife Sanctuary and learnt all about White-tailed Eagles which have been reintroduced on the Isle of Wight.



This week, the children became budding botanists as they carefully dissected flowers, exploring the fascinating male and female parts hidden within. It was hands-on science at its finest—steady hands, curious minds, and plenty of "wow!" moments!

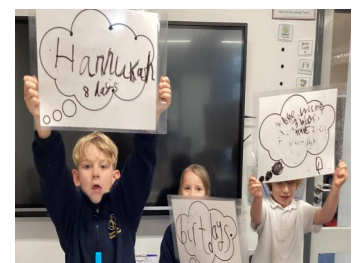
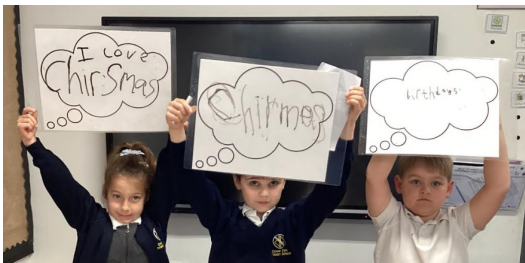
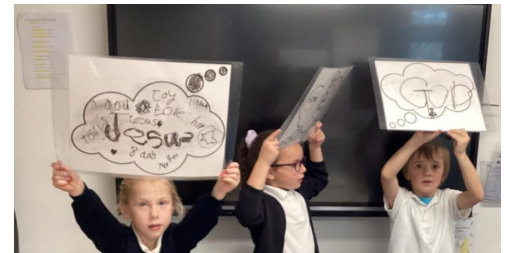
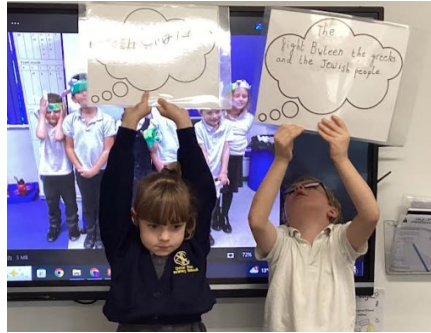
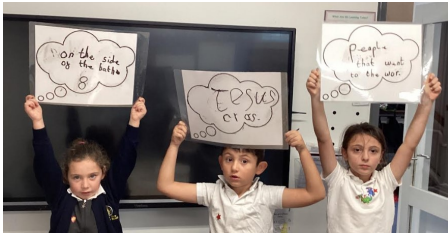


Year 3 explored the concept of a timeline through the use of a toilet roll in History this week. With 1 square equalling 100 years, they were very shocked to learn that the length of the roll could have gone all the way down past the beach to the mainland after the 20 squares that demonstrated the time since the birth of Jesus!



# LEARNING

Year 2 have learned how candles and light are used as symbols by Christians and Jews in their celebrations of Advent and Hanukkah. We reflected on what different religions will be thinking or remembering when they light candles, as well as wondering what we would remember.



This week, the children in Year 4, in their science lesson were looking at the different parts of the digestive system and where they think they are in the body.



Year 1 are carrying out a longitudinal study as part of our Science this year. We are looking at the seasonal changes of the Oak tree on the field. As part of the seasons, we are looking at the weather and how our clothes change depending on the season and the weather that goes with it. We realised we would not wear our swim suits in winter!



## Hot Chocolate Friday

28.11.25.

Year 1— Emily

Year 2— Rowan

Year 3— Isobelle

Year 4— Chloe

Year 5— Annie

Year 6— Max Judd



## Reader of the Week

28.11.25.

Year 1— Sophia

Year 2— Isaiah

Year 3— Beaudi

Year 4— Hannah

Year 5— Owen

Year 6— Emily W



## Hot Chocolate Friday

5.12.25.

Year 1— Daisy

Year 2— Matthew

Year 3— Arabella

Year 4— Sophia B

Year 5— Zak

Year 6— Chester



## Reader of the Week

5.12.25.

Year 1— Beatrice

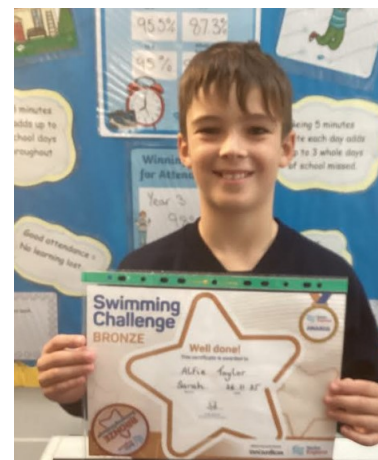
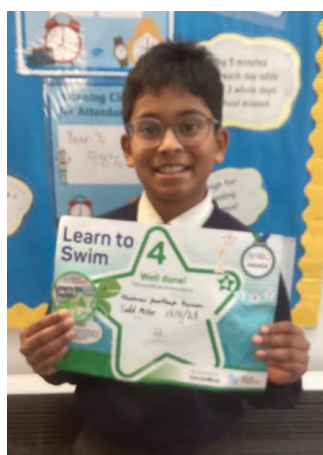
Year 2— Maisie

Year 3— Olivia B

Year 4— Jack

Year 5— Tommy T

Year 6— Tommy W



Lots of children were celebrated in our assembly this week. Etta has gained a new level in gymnastics, Sophia has got her rookie lifeguard certificate and Vaishnav and Alfie have achieved certificates in swimming. Well done all!



## Diary Dates

- 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
- 18th December—Christmas Party Lunch Day
- 19th December—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumpers
- 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



Family Assist  
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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



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**<sup>Ryde</sup>  
Isle of Wight.com



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# SANTA SLEIGH



- December 2025
- Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Cowes
  - Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Freshwater & Totland
  - Thur 4<sup>th</sup> Sandown
  - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Lake & Shanklin
  - Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Newport carnival
  - Sun 7<sup>th</sup> St Helens & Nettlestone
  - Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Bembridge
  - Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Binstead
  - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Ryde
  - Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Wootton
  - Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Newport
  - Mon 15<sup>th</sup> East Cowes (new date)



**ROUND TABLE**  
ISLE OF WIGHT 1277



Facebook.com/iwroundtable  
for more information & routes

- 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
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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Team



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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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