



Dear Dover Park Family,

As we approach Christmas, the school have lots to celebrate and lots to look forward to in the coming week. The children continue to be amazing—working hard and challenging themselves in each and every class. As always, below you'll find an overview of the week's events and what to expect this week.

### A Wonderful Christingle Celebration

What a truly special Christingle Service we enjoyed together! It was so lovely to see All Saints Church completely filled with our whole school community — children, staff, families and friends all together.

The singing was simply beautiful, filling the church with festive joy. Our bell ringers were brilliant, adding a magical touch, and the Reception class were amazing — we are so proud of how confidently they took part. Thank you to everyone who helped make this service such a memorable occasion. It really showed the warmth and togetherness of our school family.

A big thank you to Paul at Ryde Co op and the owners of the Vegetable Cart who have supported us for the third year running by donating oranges and sweets for our amazing Christingles. We are extremely grateful for their generosity and support. The KS1 children were very excited to create their Christingles ready for our service.



### Pyjamas, Popcorn and Plenty of Smiles

Our PJs and Popcorn Night was a roaring success! The children had a fantastic afternoon, enjoying cosy clothes, tasty treats and lots of laughter. Best of all, we raised over £400 — an amazing achievement. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

# LEARNING

## A Trip to Remember - Matilda at Lift Ryde Academy

On Monday, I had the pleasure of visiting Lift Ryde Academy with our Year 6 pupils to watch their production of Matilda. What a treat! The talent on display was incredible and it was wonderful to see such high-quality performing arts in our local secondary school.

Our pupils were inspired by the performers and came away buzzing with excitement — who knows, perhaps we were watching some future stars of the stage! A huge thank you to Lift Ryde Academy for such a warm welcome and an inspiring experience.



## Christmas Party Lunch - Thursday

This Thursday, the children will enjoy a special Christmas party lunch in school. A lovely festive treat for everyone as we celebrate together — expect smiles, chatter and plenty of Christmas cheer!

## Christmas Party Day - Friday

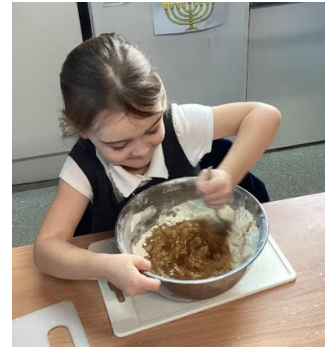
Friday will be our much-anticipated Christmas Party Day! Each class will enjoy educational games, festive fun and a Christmas dinner with friends.

Children are warmly invited to wear Christmas jumpers or festive costumes — no school uniform required. The brighter, sparkly and sillier, the better!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. What a joyful end to the term it is shaping up to be. Wishing you all a very festive week ahead!

# LEARNING

Reception class made gingerbread biscuits this week. They will be decorating them with their adults during a Christmas Crafts afternoon.



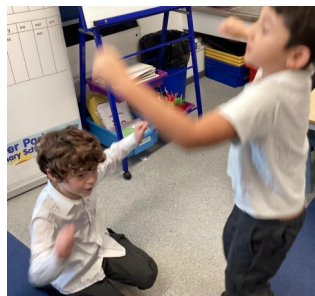
This week Year 1 had their Art workshop. The children's adults were invited to work on their final art piece with them. They had to use the tearing technique with natural materials to create their hedgehog. We all had a lovely afternoon.



Year 2 enjoyed going back in history and entering the world of the Great Fire of London with a mixture of music and drama activities. They wound their way through the narrow streets of 17th century London, baked bread in the ovens of



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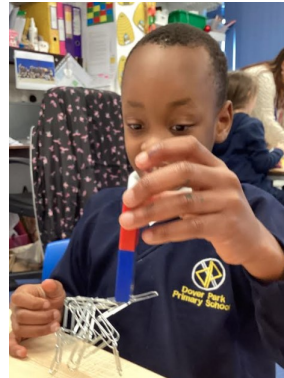


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# LEARNING

Year 3 have been enjoying our investigations around forces and magnets this half term. We used our investigative skills today to predict how many paper clips we could attach to a magnet as a chain, before they would no longer attach. We then evaluated the outcome.



In Year 4 science we have been looking at the digestive system and used a model to show how food is digested in our body.



Year 5, 'Victorian prisoners' were made to pay for their (imaginary!) crimes with some truly pointless and gruelling hard labour — pulling apart the threads of rope (known as *picking oakum*), lugging heavy "cannonballs" of books, and enduring some very tiring leg work on the "treadwheel."

Of course, I took absolutely **no enjoyment** in watching this unfold... *honestly!*



# LEARNING

Year 6 are not entering the final stages of making their cars in DT. The main frame has been made and they are now designing and adding the bodywork with the aim of making the cars both sporty and aerodynamic.



Well done to Phoebe who has won lots of certificates for her gymnastics.



## Diary Dates

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



# 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)



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ISLE OF WIGHT 1277



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for more information & routes



Scan for our Padlet's  
and information



# Additional Information and Services

We have created a number of Online Notice Boards, known as Padlet's, full of information and guidance on a range of topics, including:

Best Start in Life

Early Language

Oral health

Infant Feeding  
Support

Nutrition and  
Healthy Eating

Neurodiverse  
Information, Resources  
and Services

Toileting

School  
Readiness

Health Visitor  
Drop-in Clinics



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# Pop in and Play session

with Breastfeeding support

Children of all ages welcome



Pop in to play and meet other parents with some fun activities and an opportunity to speak to our lovely Barnardo's team

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
and  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December  
At  
Newport Family Hub  
between  
**10am until 11.30am**

Newport Family Hub - PO30 2AX  
01983 529 208

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Please note the last Health Visitor drop-in clinic is the **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025** Health Visitor drop-ins return the **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2026**

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 123 5224**



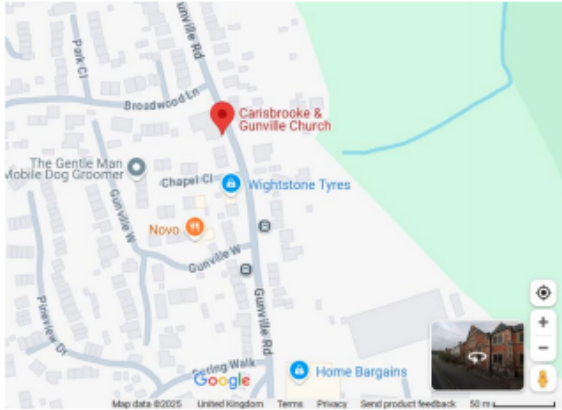
Barnardo's Registered Charity Nos. 216256 and SC007665 24423mhd3





**Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions**

**Where:** Gunville Methodist Church Hall



**When:**

<b>11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (10am - 12 noon)</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (10am - 12 noon)</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (10am - 11am)</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (10am - 12 noon)</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (10am - 12 noon)</b>

Come along to meet with other parents / caregivers for an informal meet up and chat about your neurodiversity journey. Refreshments provided. No need to book, just turn up.  
Free onsite parking.

**Webinars**

We host a range of webinars, that all parents and caregivers are welcome to join:

- Accepting Adolescence
- Break-Through 'Behaviour'
- Child to Parent Violence
- Feel without Fear
- Navigating Neurodivergence
- Reestablishing Routines
- Seasonal Sensory Awareness
- Sleep

**Parent Peer Support Groups**

We host regular parent peer support groups and drop in sessions. (Details available upon request).



**Isle of Wight  
Neurodiversity  
Team**

**Let's Walk Together on This Journey**

- Celebrate neurodiversity.
- Understand strengths and differences.
- Support each child's growth every step of the way on the Isle of Wight.



If you have difficulty understanding this document, please contact us on 01983 821000 and we will do our best to help you.

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**Parent Information  
Leaflet**

**2025/2026**

Delivered by the Isle of Wight  
Neurodiversity Team

## Neurodiversity Team – Embracing Strengths, Supporting Journeys (0–19 years, Isle of Wight)

We value each child's unique neurotype and collaborate to provide respectful, practical support for families, schools, and professionals across the Isle of Wight.

### Our Team

We bring together a network of specialists including:

- Family Support Workers
- Neurodiversity Practitioners
- Sleep Practitioners

Each professional contributes to a holistic, strengths-based approach co-created with families and settings.

### What Is Neurodiversity?

**Innate differences** (e.g., autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, Tourette's, sensory needs): natural variations in brain function.

**Acquired differences:** brain changes arising from life experiences like trauma or health conditions.

### Our Vision & Mission

- A **needs-led, island-wide response**, with clear pathways for support.
- A **system-wide approach**, involving health, education, local services, and community partners.
- Promoting **timely, meaningful strategies** at home and in educational settings.
- **Empowerment through awareness** of evidence-based, affirming support.

### How We Support You

**Signposting & Universal Guidance** No diagnosis needed—access support, resources, and community links.

**30-Minute 1:1 Consultations** Confidential support sessions to explore needs and co-develop tailored strategies.

**Neurodiversity Profiling Tool** A collaborative visual assessment across nine developmental areas to spotlight strengths and areas for support.

**Training & Workshops** For families, schools, and organisations—building neuro-knowledge and inclusive practices.

### Inclusion & Impact

- **Strength-Based & Neuro-Affirming** We celebrate and validate neurodivergent ways of being.
- **Collaborative Co-Production** Families, schools, professionals, and young people partner in decisions and support planning.
- **Evidence-Informed, Practical Strategies** Tools that work in real life—home, school, and community.

### Accessing Support

- Contact us directly to discuss needs or book consultations.
- Referrals welcome from families, schools, health professionals, or community organisations.



## 2025/26 Webinar Schedule (Spring Term)

Navigating Neurodivergence	Breakthrough Behaviour	Feel without Fear	Re-establishing Routines	CPVA (Child to Parent Violence and Aggression)	Sleep	Accepting Adolescence	Seasonal Sensory Awareness
6 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am	8 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am	15 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am	20 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 9:30am	27 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am	29 <sup>th</sup> January 9:30am	n/a
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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.

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