



Dear Dover Park Family,

I would like to begin by wishing our whole school community a very merry Christmas. Thank you all—children, staff, families and friends—for being such a supportive, kind, and caring community. Your continued encouragement and involvement make our school a special place to be.

School Choir Spreading Christmas Cheer

On Thursday, our amazing school choir didn't let a bit of rain dampen their spirits as they headed out to spread some Christmas cheer in the rain.

Armed with brollies, warm coats and their voices, they sang beautifully at Victoria House Care Home, Annefield Grange Care Home, and at Aspire's community event. The children represented our school superbly, bringing smiles to many faces and sharing the true spirit of Christmas. We are very proud of them.



Christmas Parties and Festive Dinners

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas party dinner on Thursday, followed by their Christmas party day and dinner on Friday. It was lovely to see everyone celebrating together, laughing and making happy memories with friends. Our school values of 'enjoy' and 'belong' were evident in abundance!

We even had a visit from the big man himself! Father Christmas visited every class and presented them with stories of the North Pole and gifts to be enjoyed during wet playtimes. Thanks to children and staff for their efforts with Christmas jumpers and costumes (Even if some got a little bit carried away!)



Fire Drill - A Festive Test

On Friday, we also held a fire drill in school. It's important that we practise drills in a variety of situations to make sure everyone knows what to do. Having a drill while children were dressed in their Christmas outfits and classes were busy with different activities was a great test. I'm pleased to report that the whole school was out of the building and safely registered within 4 minutes—excellent work from everyone!

The whole school then headed to the school hall for our annual sing-a-long of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Uniform Reminder for the New Year

As we head into the new year, a gentle reminder about school uniform. Children may wear black shoes or plain black trainers to school. We have also noticed over the past half term that hair bands have appeared in lots of lovely colours! However, please remember that hair bands should be navy blue in line with our uniform policy. Thank you, as always, for your support in helping our children look smart and ready to learn. Should you need a reminder, our uniform policy can be found on our website by clicking the following link:

<https://www.doverpark.co.uk/school-uniform>

Thank you once again for all your support this term. I wish you and your families a restful and fun-filled, magical Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year for more Dover Park adventures!



MERRY Christmas



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Diary Dates

5th January— Children return to school

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



Isle of Wight SENDIASS Online Workshops

- 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

**6
JAN**
13:00

Considering an EHC Plan?

Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

**7
JAN**
12:00

Responding to a draft EHCP

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

**8
JAN**
17:30

Appeals to SEND Tribunal

A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

**14
JAN**
11:00

Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support

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

**19
JAN**
12:00

Alternative Provision

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

**23
JAN**
10:00

Responding to a draft EHCP

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

www.iowsendiass.org.uk/workshops



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



Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.



Isle of Wight
Council



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 23rd December
and
Tuesday 30th December
At
Newport Family Hub
between
10am until 11.30am

Newport Family Hub - PO30 2AX
01983 529 208

[Welcome To Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#) : [Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

Please note the last Health Visitor drop-in clinic is the **Friday 19th December 2025** Health Visitor drop-ins return the **Monday 5th 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**



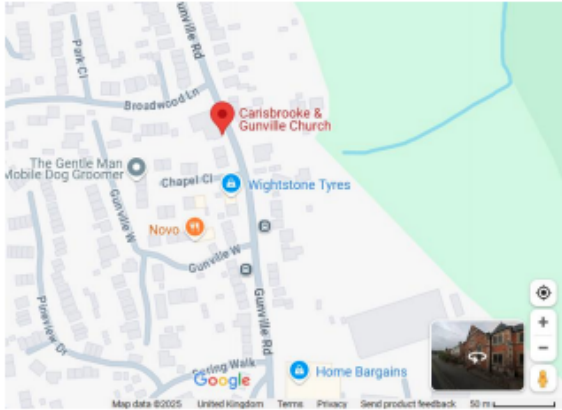
Barnardo's Registered Charity Nos. 216256 and SC007665 24423mhd3





Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions

Where: Gunville Methodist Church Hall



When:

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

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.

**Isle of Wight
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Team**

**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 th January 9:30am	8 th January 9:30am	15 th January 9:30am	20 th January 9:30am	22 nd January 9:30am	27 th January 9:30am	29 th January 9:30am	n/a
3 rd February 9:30am	5 th February 9:30am	10 th February 9:30am	12 th February 9:30am	24 th February 9:30am	26 th February 9:30am	27 th February 9:30am	n/a
3 rd March 9:30am	5 th March 9:30am	10 th March 9:30am	12 th March 9:30am	17 th March 9:30am	19 th March 9:30am	24 th March 9:30am	n/a

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.

Isle of Wight
Neurodiversity
Team



Superbowl

QUIDS IN



£1 PER GAME

PRE-BOOKED ONLY

OFFER VALLID FOR JANUARY
2026
TUESDAY _ WEDNESDAY

BOWLING AND LASER QUEST





**PLEASE
DON'T PARK**

**ON DOUBLE
YELLOW LINES**