

Dear families

I am sorry for the absence of the newsletter last week, but I am sure you will understand that Jess and I were both rather busy supporting Year 6 on their London trip. On the subject of this, I firstly have to say a very big well done to the children who attended the trip. It was a jam-packed few days full of exciting activities from Legoland to the London Eye, Lion King to the Science Museum and so much more in between. The children were an absolute delight to spend time with and a real credit to the school. They were polite, well behaved and made the most of every opportunity. It was also so kind to receive such positive words and thanks from families when we arrived home. I must extend my thanks to Jess and Mrs Illman who were both simply incredible on the trip and went over and above to support me and the children. I must also thank all the staff who held the fort in school and especially Meg, who continued to cover safeguarding, behaviour and all the pastoral support in my absence. Jess and I are meeting with Diamond Adventures who organise the year 6 residential to talk about next year and make plans for our current year 5 children. It may look slightly different but I am always looking for opportunities to improve what we offer.

I am also very excited and proud to share with you all that our lovely Mrs Illman has officially completed her HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) qualification. She has been working hard on this all this year and we received confirmation that she had passed her assessment earlier this week. This is a thoroughly deserved recognition of all her hard work and dedication to her role and we are very lucky to have her as part of our team. Well done Mrs Illman.

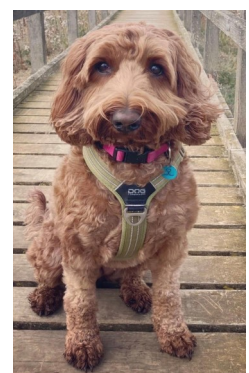
I must also share that we are thrilled that Alan, one of our Governors, who has volunteered as a reader for several years now, has been made an official member of the School Readers programme. Alan applied to be part of this and had to complete a range of online training in order to be a registered member of the programme. We would really love to have more members registered to our school, so if you are interested, please take a look at <https://www.schoolreaders.org/> or pop in and speak to me.

I am really pleased to share with you that we are currently fully staffed for September and I am hoping to share details of the teaching team with you next week. Children will be made aware of their new classes, teachers and support staff before our transition day on Tuesday 8th July. Looking ahead, we also still have upcoming trips to Nettlecombe Farm, Ventnor Beach and the Donkey Sanctuary, as well as our Year 6 end of year performance and Drama Clubs performance to come in the next five weeks.

We will be sending out two parent surveys over the next week and I would really appreciate you taking the time to complete these. The first is in relation to the proposed changes to Breakfast Club and Chill Club. I really want to know the impact this will have on families and if there is likely to be greater interest than we thought before I make any changes. The second is a follow up to our parent survey sent in November, just about your views on the school as a whole; things we are doing well and any next steps for us. I really appreciate your support in completing these.

It has been so lovely to see the sun shining this week and thank you so much for providing hats, water bottles and sun cream to keep the children safe in the sun. I hope everyone attending the festival this weekend has a lovely time. Enjoy the music and atmosphere, stay safe and we will see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Miss Hopkinson



## DIARY DATES

24th June	Early Years information session for new reception class families
25th June	Class photos—all children in uniform please
25th June	Simon Murray author visit—Nightingale and Puffin Class
26th June	New reception intake 1-2.30pm—invited to attend independently
30th June	New reception intake home visits
1st July	Cricket coaching—all children in PE kit please
1st July	New reception intake 1-2.30pm—invited to attend independently
3rd July	Mental Health Team year 6 transition workshop
5th July	Ryde Mardis Gras—come and wave to our carnival club!
7th July	RNLI water safety assembly
8th July	New reception intake home visits
8th July	Moving up day—children to spend time in their new classes
10th July	Sports Day—families welcome at 1pm (no dogs please)
15th July	Nightingale class beach trip
16th July	Kookaburra class Nettlecombe Farm trip
17th July	Back up Sports Day—in case of bad weather on 10th
21st July	Robins leavers trip
21st July	Raven Class play rehearsal—please remember costumes
22nd July	Raven Class end of year play—families invited (pm—time to be confirmed)
22nd July	Reception / KS1 End of Year Party
24th July	KS2 End of Year Disco
25th July	Last day at school
28th/29th July	Development Days—school closed
<b>30 July</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>
17th September	Mary Poppins at Southampton Mayflower—year 3 to 6
9th October	Year 5 London day trip

## Robins

Robins have enjoyed the new water butt feature for their mud kitchen and making sea themed jelly art with Megan.

We also tried on different hats which linked to our sound of the week 'H - hats on heads' and discussed who may wear these.

Later in the week, we had our own mini festival with music outside and with Lydia, we created festival wristbands for VIR (Very Important Robins)!

We hope you have a fabulous time if you're festival bound!



## Nightingale Class

What a sunny week for Nightingale class this week. They have enjoyed keeping cool in the shade and playing with the water tray and mud kitchen, making delicious treats.

The children enjoyed listening to the story "The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch." They thought about some ingenious ways to stop the seagulls eating Mr Grinling's sandwiches.

We welcomed a visitor where the children got to learn about reducing, reusing and recycling. They created letters for their name using recycled materials.

In Maths, the children have recapped and extended their knowledge of patterns and recognising the part that is repeating.

They enjoyed music and also learning about world music day creating their own mini festival on Friday! They talked about ways they could be good friends too and help one another.



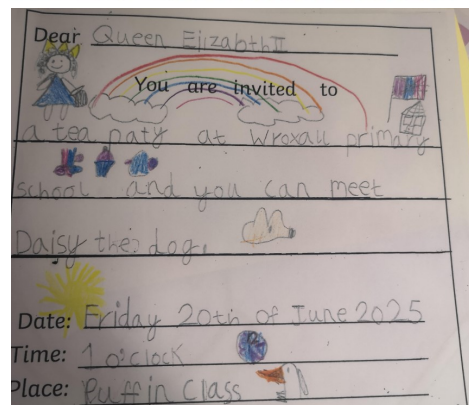


## Puffin Class

It has been another super week in Puffin Class. The children started the week designing "Missing" posters with descriptions of the lost objects. They then received a letter from the Queen! They learned about what information needs to be included in an invitation. They then wrote their own, inviting the Queen to visit our school.

In Maths we have been learning how to tell the time to the hour and half past. Year 2 pupils also learnt about quarter to and past. We have just moved on to a new topic of tally charts and pictograms.

In History we finished off our topic on Famous Queens and compared all 3 that we have learnt about. Although it is a couple of weeks ago now, the children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Osborne House and meeting the very stern housekeeper Mrs Smith. They carried out their chores brilliantly as servants to the Queen. We also enjoyed a tour of the house and a walk around the beautiful gardens. Their behaviour was impeccable and many of the guides and staff commented on how well behaved they were and what interesting questions they asked. Well done Puffins!



## Hummingbird Class

This week the children have shown really strong reading in their reading lessons. As I said previously, we are focusing on a complicated text and their perseverance has been commendable.

In Maths we have been exploring mass and capacity. The children have been converting grams to kg and ml to l. They have also been adding and subtracting these to further consolidate their knowledge. We are moving on to money so we have been enjoying some practical lessons using coins too.

The children have been working hard on creating dialogue in English to enhance their writing skills. This has been a little tricky, however they have stuck with it and been creating some lovely conversations. We have also been creating the beginning of our prequel and the children have been coming up with some brilliant ideas, stories and characters. We can't wait to see them finished.

Last week the children had been working incredibly hard to create some beautiful final pieces for Art, we are so proud of their work and have put them on display. These will be able to come home to you soon. We have started our new DT and Geography topics this week, linking to Food and Farming. I was impressed with the children's prior knowledge and look forward to seeing where the rest of the topics go.

If you are going to the IOW Festival this weekend, have a brilliant time and stay safe, remember to drink lots of water. Enjoy the lovely sunny weather we are expecting to have.

## Kookaburra Class

Another amazing week with everyone working incredibly hard – even with the excitement growing around our frogs!

In Maths, we've started our new topic on Position and Direction, where the children will be exploring coordinates, translations, and reflections. They're already showing great enthusiasm and curiosity as they begin to tackle these new concepts.

In English, we've launched our new learning journey with a moving story about a young homeless boy who discovers a very dear friend. The children are particularly excited to write a recount from the perspective of this friend – a street cat. It's been wonderful to see their empathy and creativity come to life throughout this term, especially within their informal letters where they have used emotive language that has brought a tear to my eyes.

## Raven Class

It's been a hot and busy week in Raven class. We're working especially hard with writing as we have to submit Year 6 writing levels next week. Our work is based around the book 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine - a short but very funny story about a very self-important feline! So far, I've read some very entertaining prequels to Anne's original book.

In maths we've revised reflecting and translating shapes in four quadrants. There are lots of skills involved, including reading and writing co-ordinates, so a lot of concentration was needed. At the same time, we've been keeping our arithmetic skills sharp by working on four or five mixed problems a day.

Our Year 6 play is fast approaching. We're trying to get a rehearsal in on most days, and have had our first visit to the hall. A huge well done to the children who have learned their parts. We'll be rehearsing without scripts from next week, so your help with securing lines and song words would be hugely appreciated. Next week we'll also ask Ravens to bring home a note about the costumes they will need, so there should be plenty of time to gather clothes. There's nothing too complicated on the list this year.

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU		WEEK 3				
		W/C: 05/05/2025, 02/06/2025, 23/06/2025, 14/07/2025, 01/09/2025, 22/09/2025, 13/10/2025				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	OPTION 2	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	OPTION 4	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette	Cheese Baguette	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Apple Crumble	Vanilla Ice Cream	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse
BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY With a choice of toppings		AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water		Chartwells Schools		
Vegetarian		Vegan	Oily Fish	Wholegrain	Fruity!	Nutritionist's Choice



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Healthier Together

House Points		
	This week	Total this year
RED	304	3264
YELLOW	267	2849
GREEN	402	4066
BLUE	313	3507

Attendance w/c 16 June 2025 —target 96%

Nightingale (R)	93%
Puffin (1/2)	97%
Hummingbird (3/4)	95%
Kookaburra (4/5)	96%
Raven (5/6)	95%
<b>Whole School—</b>	<b>96%</b>



We have reached our attendance target this week—well done!

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**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

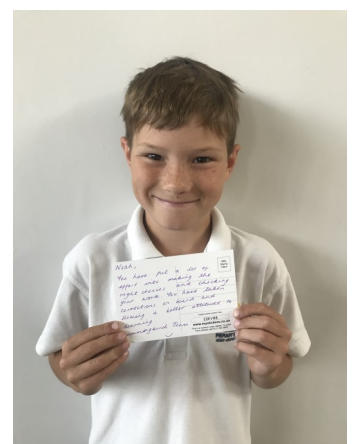
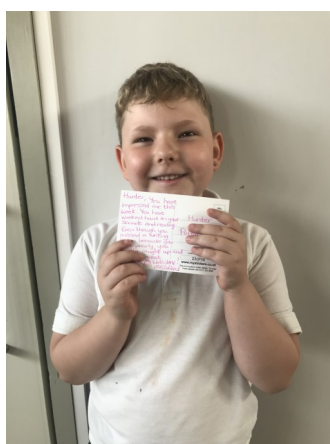
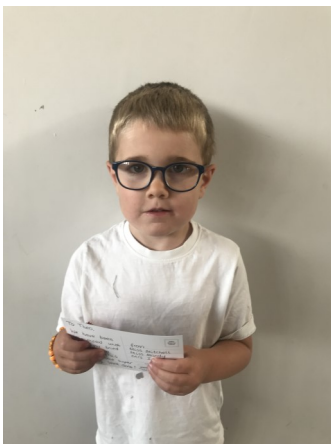
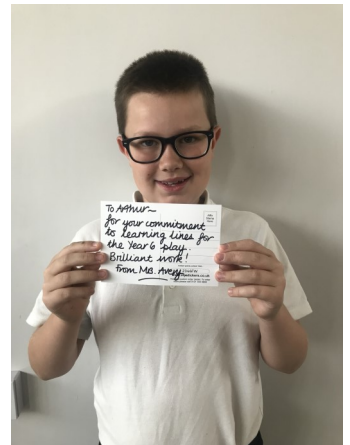
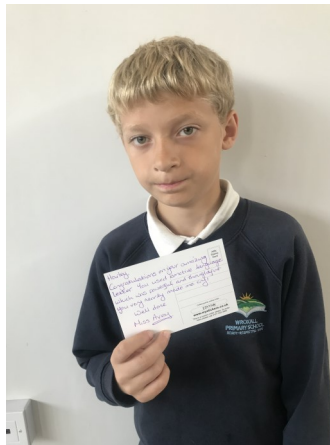
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## Above and Beyond!

**Congratulations to the following children who have gone above and beyond with their effort, achievement or behavior in school this week and have received a postcard home—we are very proud of you**

- Nightingale: Theo for improving his writing and concentrating brilliantly in phonics
- Puffin: Dotty for fantastic writing  
Hunter for determination and care
- Hummingbird: Bethany for challenging herself in English  
Noah for taking on board corrections and a better attitude to learning
- Kookaburra: Ronnie and Harley
- Raven: Arthur and Ella for amazing line learning and commitment to the play
- Sports Stars: Raven and Kookaburra Class for embracing the kickball rounders competition with sportsmanship and respect, even though it was a last minute change to the timetable.

Hot chocolate with Miss Hopkinson: Rosie C, Henry W, Fenn N, Kimi B, Joel S



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- **Raffle Prizes: All participating schools will receive a runner up prize to use as a raffle prize in future school events or fundraising.**

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## LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Excluding Bank Holidays and  
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**5.30-6.30**

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# Let's Dance!

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**HIPHOP : CLASSICAL : TAP  
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DANCE TASTER SESSIONS & DANCE  
WORKSHOPS : LEARN STYLES &  
CHOREOGRAPHY, CREATE YOUR OWN

**Group 1: ages 7to 12  
5.15-6.15pm**

**Group 2: 12 & over  
6.15-7.15pm**

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

**<sup>f8</sup>  
FOR 4  
SESSIONS**

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### Working Together to Improve School Attendance

AT Wroxall Primary School we monitor pupil attendance closely and following the Isle of Wight Council Education and Inclusion Officer (EWO) guidance.

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. For some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others. This is why schools, and local councils in some cases, are committed to working together with families to solve problems and support your child's school attendance.

The Department for Education has amended the framework for the issuing of penalty notices in relation to unauthorised absence. Whilst it is expected that schools support families, if the support is not engaged with, schools will be able to apply for penalty notices to be issued to families for unauthorised absence. **This may be due to students arriving significantly late to school, schools not being informed of the reasons for a student's being absent, or schools not agreeing with the reason for the absence.** In the event of unauthorised holidays in term time, the support element would not be offered.

In addition, the cost of Truancy Penalty Notices is rising to £160 per parent, per child (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days for a first incidence). If a second penalty notice is issued within a rolling three-year period the notice will be at the £160 rate. No penalty notice will be issued for a third time. In that event the absence would be considered for prosecution.

At Wroxall we promote the value and importance of regular school attendance and would remind you of the following:

- Holidays during term-time cannot be authorised and fixed penalty notices will be issued by the Local Authority
- If a child has a tummy bug causing sickness and/or diarrhea they should be kept off school for 48 hours to avoid spreading the illness
- If a child has a rash they should be seen by a doctor and kept off school for the recommended period of time
- We will need to see a doctor's letter for absences longer than 4 days
- If you're unsure whether to send your child to school because they are 'off colour' please do send them in. Rest assured if your child is ill at school, you will be contacted.
- If you make the decision to keep your child at home due to feeling unwell and then they perk up later, please do send them in
- Doctor, hospital and dentist appointments should whenever possible be made outside school hours or in holidays. We appreciate this isn't always possible. If you need to collect your child from school for a medical appointment, we will need a letter or appointment card to authorize the absence.
- Please remember to notify the school of your child's absence by 9am on every day of absence. When an absent child is unaccounted for, this becomes a safeguarding concern.

We hope this clarifies matters. We really do appreciate your co-operation in helping to support good attendance and therefore good educational attainment at Wroxall.