

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe we're finishing for the half term next week! **Remember that we finish on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October for 2 weeks.** We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### Navy visit

This week we had members of the Royal Navy in to work with our year 6 children. They did some Navy-style exercises up on the Astro followed by a talk with the children afterwards, giving them an insight into life in the Navy. They had a great time and came away very inspired!

### Harvest Festival

I am so excited for our Harvest Festival on Thursday next week; the children have been working very hard to make it a fantastic event for you all. Please remember that we are taking donations for the Food Bank and anything you can give to this worthy cause is very much appreciated. Can I also remind everyone that no photos are to be taken during the collective worship as we have children who cannot be photographed. I am sure as parents/carers we all want to make sure that everyone is kept safe.

### Fun clubs

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the staff who have run the fun clubs for this half term, the current clubs will be ending next week and we have some exciting new ones planned for after the half term. More information will follow next week for you to sign up.

### Absences and appointments

We do need you to contact school if your child is off sick. You can either call us or send an email to [admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk). This needs to be followed up with a reason for absence in writing, which must detail specifically why your child was off school. As directed by the Education and Inclusion service, we are not able to authorise the absence if you just put 'unwell' as the reason for absence.

We realise that some medical and dentist appointments can only be made for during school hours but wherever possible can you please arrange these for after school or during school holidays. If these appointments do take place in school hours, then we do require a copy of the appointment letter.

### Parent governor vacancy

Attached to the newsletter is a vacancy for a parent governor. Governors play a key part in school, working as a team to provide support for the school and the children. If you would like to get involved, please do apply.

As always, my door is always open if you would like to discuss any matters relating to your child.

Have a lovely weekend and remember my door is always open.

Mrs Gilbert

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 4 swimming lesson at The Heights Leisure Centre

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

KS2 Harvest Festival – 8:45am  
EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival – 9:45am

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 5 Golf

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

October half term

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Open day for Reception 2024 starters

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

2<sup>nd</sup> date for flu vaccinations in school  
Reception – Year 6

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

Christmas holidays

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

February half term

### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Easter holidays

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Bank holiday Monday

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

May half term

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Development days

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Summer holidays

## Bible Reflection

Exodus 23:1616 "Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field. "Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.

## Lunch Menu – week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

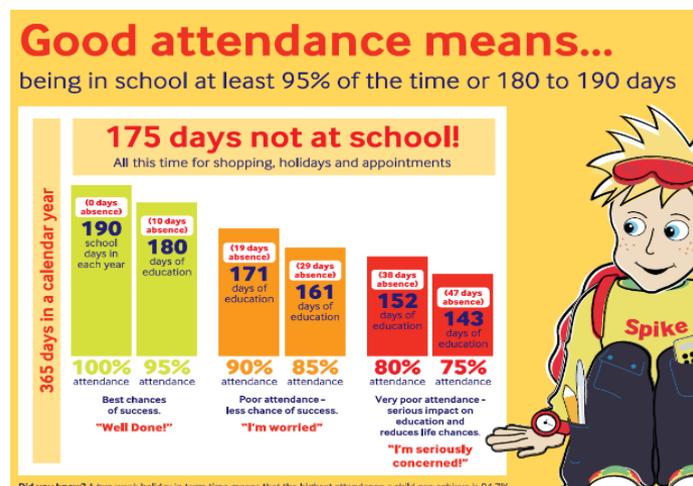
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Macaroni Cheese	Roast Gammon	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers & Chips
Alternative option	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Quorn Nuggets Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato
Dessert	Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit	Orange Jelly	Chocolate & Banana Marble Cake	Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Shortbread

After the half term there will be a new menu. All meals will be available to pre-order through SchoolMoney over the half term.

### Attendance – 02/10/23 – 06/10/23

Class	Attendance
St Lucia	90%
Maldives	83.5%
Cuba	70%
New Zealand	92.4%
Malta	91.3%
Galapagos	91.4%
Iceland	89.6%
★ Jamaica ★	95.7%

**Attendance:** Just to let you know that every week the Class with the best attendance will have extra playtime once a week. For those children with 100% attendance each half term will receive a certificate and a prize.



## Update from DfE

### **CLAIMING 30 HOURS CHILDCARE IN THE SPRING TERM 2024:**

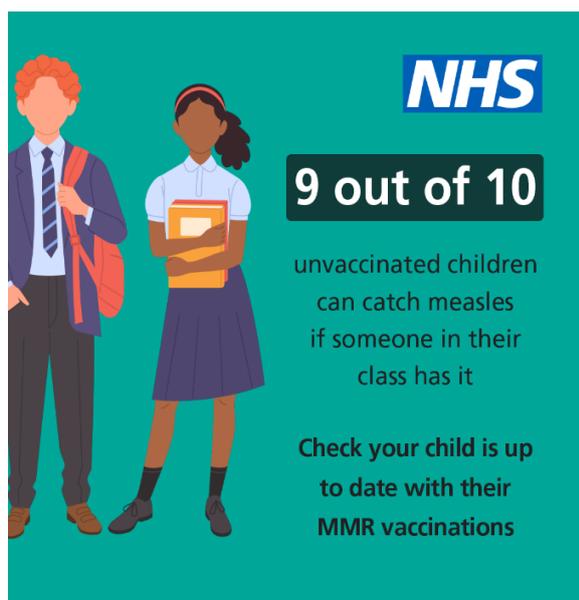
All parents who are working, have a 3 or 4-year-old and want to claim funded extended hours (30 hours free funding), MUST make sure they have applied to HMRC no later than **31 December 2023**. All parents with a code, make sure your details are up to date. You must do this every three months. [www.gov.uk/childcareaccount](http://www.gov.uk/childcareaccount).

## Update from NHS:

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We are asking you to share key messages from the NHS about measles / MMR and how to get vaccinated.

The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information to share, as well as example social media posts which can be found here: [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in an early years setting can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please share these resources with colleagues, parents, and where suitable, community organisations to increase awareness and encourage parents to get their children vaccinated.



### **Sickness and Diarrhoea**

We have had a number of cases of sickness and / or diarrhoea lately, can we please remind you that children must stay off school for **48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea**. This is to prevent the spread of infection.

# THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

## Cuba

This week in Cuba Class we have been learning all about autumn. We have had lots of fun exploring, weighing and transporting acorns. We read the book "Little Acorns" and made the noises of the actions in the book. Finally, we practiced our fine motor skills by finger painting some lovely autumnal coloured leaves onto branches.



## Antigua

This week in Antigua class our topic has been "How many colours in the rainbow?". We've explored so many lovely colour activities including mixing colours, car painting, coloured bubbly water to pour, colour and rainbow sensory trays and so much more! We've learnt lots about colours and have started to recognise colours within the environment.



## Maldives

In maths, we have started our new domain of addition and subtraction. The children have started to look at parts and whole using the cherry model. We have been exploring different ways to make the same number. In English, we have written a letter to Mummy Pig and our sounding out is getting better by the day. In phonics, we have been segmenting and blending longer words. In geography, we have looked at capital cities within the UK. We have also been getting ready for the Harvest Festival and we hope you will be impressed with our performance.



## Malta

This week in Malta class we have finished our persuasive letter to our Stone Age character. The children have spent the week persuading someone from the Stone Age to come and live in the present day. In science, the children finished the topic by exploring the life cycle of a flowering plant. On Monday, the children labelled a diagram of a plant and successfully identified the different ways to keep plants healthy.

## Galapagos

Year 4 have had an amazing week this week. We have been working hard on preparing our museum for our Ancient Greece exhibit and we had a whole day of art where we made papier mache jugs, clay pots and coin and Parthenon printing!



## Jamaica

This week, we have been writing reports about Shackleton's expedition. In Science, we have been investigating which environment makes bread go mouldy the quickest. Turns out that microbes like it wet and light! We had the Navy in on Thursday to show us what they do.

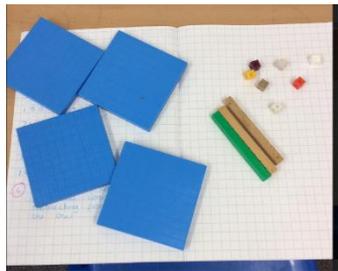
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## Iceland

This week, we have been writing reports about jellyfish based on Kensuke's Kingdom. We have designed and made Roman soldiers' shields. We enjoyed our trip out to golf and we learnt how to name body parts in French.

## Hawaii

This week Hawaii Class have been learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. We have created the beanstalk leaves, built the giant's castle out of sand and created patterns using the threading boards. We have also been working hard using different concrete resources to help us in maths.



## Gardening Club

In gardening club this half term, we have been harvesting the fruit and clearing out the beds ready for the winter.



## New Zealand

This week in our Year 2 class, our pupils have been actively engaged in a range of exciting activities. We began by dedicating time to practising our harvest performance. The children enthusiastically prepared for this special event, honing their performing skills to put on a memorable show.

In maths, our pupils delved into the concept of relative facts. They embraced the challenge of understanding how numbers relate to each other, and through engaging activities and discussions, they developed a deeper comprehension of mathematical relationships.

In computing, our young learners explored the world of coding. They eagerly dived into the basics of programming, using algorithms to solve problems and create simple digital projects. This hands-on experience nurtured their problem-solving skills and creativity.

## St Lucia

This week in St Lucia we have had a great time learning all about the story The Three Little Pigs! The children are very good at retelling the story now and love being the Big Bad Wolf! We had lots of fun making houses out of different materials and blowing them down, making a story map and making pigs!





### School Fund-raising Christmas cards



Your child is being sent home with a School Fund-raising Christmas card form. Please join us in raising funds for school trips so we can keep your trip contributions to a minimum.

#### Important dates

The date on the form says 31st October but we've agreed an extension due to our longer half term holiday.

Order form in by Tuesday 7th November. Once your order form is handed in, your SchoolMoney payment option will become live.

Pay online using school money by midnight Thursday 9th November. Only orders where payment has been made on time will be sent to the printers.

If you decide to add more details to your child's design over half term, please follow the instructions on the form for best results.

#### From the Isle of Wight NHS Trust

We are offering the following Children's COVID Vaccination Clinics for Years 5-11 and Years 12-15 and Years 16-17 in the **Children's Outpatients Department, North Hospital, St Mary's** (NOT the Hospital Vaccine Hub). Accessible parking is available in the North Car Park.

Appointments must be booked in advance using the National Booking Service, we are unable to offer walk-ins.

For information about eligibility and how to book your Child's vaccination, please use the online link below, you will need your child's NHS number:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

All vaccines offered will be the Pfizer XBB.1.5 vaccines.

#### Children's Clinics (more to follow)

Friday 27 Oct 2023, 08:00 – 11:00

Friday 24 Nov 2023, 14:00 – 17:00

For any other information regarding Children's vaccination clinics, please email the Hospital Vaccine Hub Team: [iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net](mailto:iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net).



# Family Hub

## Newport open day

Wednesday 25 October 10am to 3pm to launch the Newport Family Hub.

This event is open to members of the public and is a great opportunity for those who would like to find out about the services Family Hubs offer.

To **book and secure your place** please visit [familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk](http://familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk) and click on the article link **Newport Family Hub open day**.



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- 10am to 11am Arts and crafts**
  - Rock painting, colouring competition, Lego and toys
- 10.30am to 12pm Face painting**
- 11.15am to 12pm Randini magic show**
- 12.15pm Ribbon cutting**
- 1pm to 2pm Arts and crafts**
  - Rock painting, colouring competition, Lego and toys
- 1pm to 2.30pm Face painting**
- 2.15pm to 3pm Randini magic show**

For further information and to secure your place please scan the QR code opposite



<https://familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk/85/iow/directory/site.page?id=peYebdxQE>

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Contact Lewis (Mr Mitchell)  
[sandownsoccer@yahoo.com](mailto:sandownsoccer@yahoo.com)  
07594 389531

**SANDOWN SOCCER**

Children are welcome to come for one day or for ALL the days!

Attend at least 4 out of the 5 days during the week and win a medal for all of your hard work!

To book a place text your child's name, school year, dates and your name to 07594 389531

Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

**SANDOWN SOCCER**  
at The Bay CE Secondary

**FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11**

**Week 1: 23rd Oct - 27th Oct**  
**Week 2: 30th Oct - 3rd Nov**

Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

**10AM - 3PM**

- ★ FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
- ★ Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!
- ★ Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
- ★ Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned **WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!**

# Scarecrow Festival

21<sup>st</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November

Come and join us this October half term at West Wight Alpacas

Come and explore our farm and find our bright and colourful scarecrows

Why not enter our competition for the best dressed scarecrow. Design your own scarecrow and enter them into the hall of fame and be in for the chance to **win an annual family pass for 2024.**

Visitors will be able to vote for their favourite scarecrow. Which one will be your favourite?

Normal farm entry fees apply.

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Children and Young People Services

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT DAY

Please feel free to Drop In between  
9.30am-3.30pm  
Saturday 4th November  
Holyrood Hall, 70 High Street,  
Newport, PO30 1BA

Come along to meet and learn more about:

- Barnardo's
- IOW Family Centres & Early Help
- Mental Health Support Teams
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team
- Children's Therapies (Occupational Therapy, Physio, Speech and Language Therapy)
- SLT Schools Team
- The Early Years SEN team
- Youth Trust

9.30am-12.30pm:  
Up to Reception  
Year

12.30pm-3.30pm:  
Year One and  
Above

Refreshments will be provided

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FREE EVENT

KEEP WARM AND WELL

# WINTER IS COMING

GET FREE HELP FROM THE FOOTPRINT TRUST WITH ENERGY & WATER BILLS

With many partner organisations providing help with jobs, benefits, energy saving grants, heating upgrade grants etc

Wednesday 8th Nov 2pm-7:30pm  
NCCC, 64 High Street, Newport

For immediate help call: 01983 822282

Reflection of the week...

in a world  
where you can  
be anything.  
BE KIND.