

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Fayre

The children have been busy getting their stalls ready for the fayre next Friday, they have put a lot of thought and effort into their stalls and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible. Remember we do require children to be signed out before they attend the fayre, if another adult is collecting your child please let class teachers know.

Thank you for all the chocolate tombola donations today for the fayre. Next Friday is another mufti day for cake donations please – remember we are allowing home baked cakes this year but please provide us with a list of allergens.

Year 4 swimming

A huge well done to our year 4 children who completed their swimming programme this week, their progress has been amazing. Thank you to Waterside Pool for their support and thank you to the staff who accompanied the children weekly.

Christmas around the world

It has been lovely to hear the children practicing for our Christmas Around the World production, remember tickets are available to purchase now from the office for 50p per ticket. There is no limit to the amount of people who can come along and enjoy the show but we do need to know numbers beforehand to set up seats so we won't be selling any on the day.

Children in Need

Just to let you know that the total amount raised for Children in Need was **£742.80!!!** This is out of this world and we have never raised this much before, thank you all so much. It will make such a difference to the lives of children across Britain. What's even more amazing is that Pudsey Bear has heard about our fabulous efforts and will be visiting us next year!

Christingle service

This is for KS2 children and will take place at St Mary's church on Friday 16th December at 1pm. All are welcome to attend. It will be our first service in the church for 3 years which is lovely as well. Children can leave afterwards if they have been signed out by an adult. Children who are not signed out the service will finish school at normal time. EYFS & KS1 children will remain in school taking part in Christmas activities.

Fun clubs

Next week concludes our fun clubs for this term, and we are starting to think about clubs for the new term. If you or your children have any suggestions on what we can offer we would love to hear them, please email or pop into the office.

Keeping safe before and after school

Can I do a huge plea – I am extremely concerned about the way some parents/carers are parking and driving outside of the school. We all have a duty of care to keep the children safe, please think about this and how you would feel if one of the children got hurt. At the same time can I please ask adults to ensure young children are holding their hands down the path and on the pavements as I really don't want any accidents. We must keep each other safe.

Have a great weekend – only 23 days until Christmas!

Mrs Gilbert.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 5th December

Malta trip to Yaverland Beach

Fri 9th December

Mufti day for cakes

Christmas Fayre

Weds 14th December

EYFS Christmas production – 9am

KS1 Christmas production – 10am

Yr 3/4 Christmas production –
11am

Yr 5/6 Christmas production –
1pm

Thurs 15th December

Christmas Jumper Day for Save
the Children

Christmas party day

Christmas dinner

Fri 16th December

KS2 Christingle Service at St
Marys Church – 1pm

Mon 19th - Fri 30th December

Christmas Holidays

Mon 2nd January 2023

Bank Holiday Monday

Mon 13th – Fri 17th February 2023

February half term

Mon 3rd – Fri 14th April 2023

Easter Holidays

Mon 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday Monday

Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June 2023

May half term

Thurs 20th – Fri 21st July 2023

Development days

Bible Reflection

Psalms 23

'God is our Shepherd and
will take great care of you'

Lunch Menu – week commencing 5th December 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Pesto Pasta Bake	Chicken Korma	Roast Pork	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers
Alternative option	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta	Veggie Nuggets Jacket Potato Tomato Pasta
Dessert	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Flapjack	Jelly with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Slice	Crispy Crackle Bar



REMINDER

Christmas dinner is now available to pre-order on SchoolMoney. Please make sure you place your child's order otherwise they will miss out! School sandwiches, pasta or jacket potatoes will not be available to order on this day, you will have to provide your child with a home packed lunch if they do not want the Christmas dinner.

Coats, Hats and Scarves

Now that the temperature has dropped, can you please ensure children have a warm, waterproof coat in school every day. Children can wear hats and gloves and break and lunch times, but scarves may only be worn to and from school for health and safety reasons.

Please make sure all items are named to prevent them from getting lost, including water bottles! Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Jamaica

In maths, we were dividing and multiplying fractions with whole numbers such as $\frac{2}{3} \times 5 = \frac{10}{3}$. In English we were (and still are) doing PowerPoint presentations on European countries such as Andorra and Austria. In music, we were composing songs on the glockenspiel about the Icelandic Christmas Tale (Year 6 are soon doing a play on it, so don't forget to buy tickets for it). In P.E, we were playing Bench ball with a slight alteration. In science, we were focusing on harmful effects of illegal substances on the human body.

Iceland

This week, Iceland class has been writing information texts on the Amazon River and we have finished our maths journey on multiplication. In science we have been learning about how the Earth's rotation means we have day and night. Finally, we have started practising our performance for the Christmas show!

Maldives

This week in year 1 we have been learning how to write instructions to make reindeer food, we will use these ourselves when we make the reindeer food for the fayre. The children have been enjoying making their Christmas decorations for the church Christmas tree and we had a visit from a very cheeky elf. The children will be putting their instruction writing to good use as he wants to learn to zipline...



Malta

This week in Malta class we have spent our English lessons forming didactic cinquain poems. We have used nouns, verbs, adjectives and synonyms to produce a piece of work based on our topic "The great big water cycle adventure". We have also spent our science lessons looking at the human body and have recognised the importance of muscles for movement.

New Zealand

He's back!!! The elf has returned. On Thursday morning he had wrapped up the smartboard ready for the children. This is going to help the children do a diary entry.

In maths we have been looking at column addition. In science, we experimented with glitter germs and in Geography we looked at physical and human features.



Galapagos

Santa visited Galapagos this week! We have to write him a persuasive letter to explain why we should stay on the nice list. We have also had Mrs Riches in again this week to teach us music. We had so much fun!! We have also completed our swimming lessons for this year. Certificates to follow!



THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Antigua & St Lucia

Christmas has come to St Lucia this week and Santa's workshop is in the classroom for the children to use. They have been writing labels and wrapping presents and even posting letters to Santa! We are also working on our nativity and the children are doing really well so far!

In Early Years this week, we have started to explore Christmas. We have been learning Christmas songs, learning about the Christmas story, making snowmen and we have been busy in our new role-play area which is Santa's workshop!



Cuba

This week in Cuba class we looked at why it's important to be kind to each other. We made kindness cards to share with our friends. We will be finishing the week with beginning our exploration into Christmas and will be becoming Santa's helpers.



Hawaii

This week in Hawaii Class, the children have been using 2D and 3D shapes to explore their properties and make different pictures. They also used dinosaurs and animals to create an underwater world in the water tray.



Christmas Tree Festival

Here is our beautiful tree on display at St Marys Church for their Christmas Tree festival. An AMAZING well done to all the children for their hard work and effort in making their decorations so that our tree looks extra special. Mrs Cooney did a fabulous job of decorating the tree – thank you! The Christmas Tree Festival is running all weekend at the church so if you would like to take a closer look please do go along.



Please support your Local Primary School and Children

Brading CE Primary School

Christmas Fayre

**Raffle
Prizes**

Botanic
Gardens
Family Pass

Waterside
Pool Family
Swim

£10 Sprogs Togs
Voucher

£10 Garlic Farm
Voucher

2x Tapnell
Farm Family
Passes

IOW Steam
Railway Family
Ticket

Shanklin
Theatre Panto
Tickets

Busy Bee
Gift
Voucher

Amazon
World
Family
Ticket

Meal Voucher
for The Horse
and Groom

RAFFLE

CHRISTMAS

REINDEER

CHOCOLATE

FLAGS

FOOD

TOMBOLA

SWEETS IN
THE JAR

BISCUIT
DECORATING

PIN THE
NOSE ON
RUDOLPH

CAKES

Friday 9th December 2022

1pm onwards

Free Entry

Open to the public

Refreshments available

All proceeds to the Friends of Brading School Fund



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD – WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Tickets now on sale!

50p per ticket – purchase at the office

SHOW TIMES:

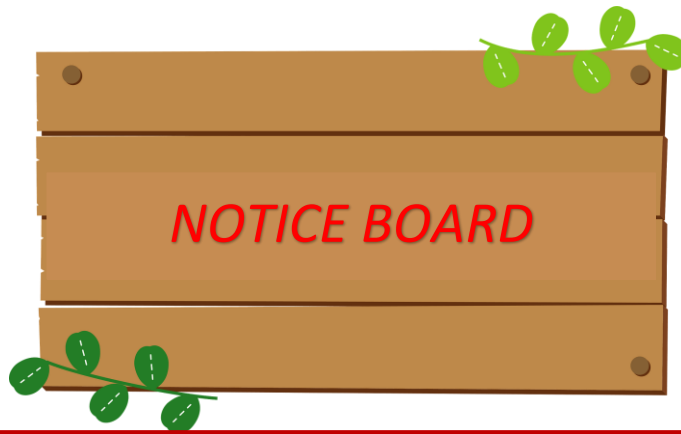
EYFS – 9am

Year 1 / 2 – 10am

Year 3 / 4 – 11am

Year 5 / 6 – 1pm





We are pleased to offer a stay and play session for all those children who have applied to join our Early Years after Christmas, this will be on Monday 12th December from 1:15 until 2:15. If you haven't yet applied but would like to join us, then please ask at the office for an Early Years Application pack or give Mrs Stubbs a call on 01983 407217.

Two year old spaces in particular are filling up very quickly, so if you are considering sending your child to Brading Early Years then we would encourage you to apply as soon as possible. If your child will be turning 3 years old prior to 31st December, they will automatically be eligible for 15 hours of free early years education from January 2023. In addition, if eligible (e.g. you, and any partner, earn on average at least £152 a week), you could also be entitled to an additional 15 hours of funding. Two year old funding is also available from 1st January, 1st April or 1st September following your child's 2nd birthday for families receiving certain benefits (e.g. Income support or Jobseeker's Allowance). To check your family's eligibility for early years funding please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

CLAIMING 30 HOURS CHILDCARE IN THE SPRING TERM 2023: All parents who want to claim funded extended hours (30 hours free funding), MUST make sure they have applied to HMRC no later than 31 December 2022. All parents with an existing code, please make sure your details are up to date. You must do this every three months at www.gov.uk/childcareaccount.

If you are considering amending the hours for any existing Early Years pupils please talk to Miss Savage at drop off or pick up or give Mrs Stubbs a call on 01983 407217.

Consultation Notice – Reduction to Published Admission Number (PAN)

Friday 15 November 2022 – Friday 6 January 2023 (midnight)

In accordance with 1.45 of the Schools Admissions Code the Local Authority is consulting on the Admissions Arrangements for 2024 - 2025 because an amendment is proposed. The amendment is:

To reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at the following schools with effect from September 2024.

- Barton Primary School, from 45 to 30
- Broadlea Primary School, from 45 to 30
- Carisbrooke CE Primary School, from 60 to 45
- Godshill Primary School, from 27 to 20.

This means that the number of places available for children in Reception in September 2024 and all subsequent Reception cohorts will be reduced to the number stated for each school.

The change to the Published Admission Number for the above schools is the only proposed change to the admission arrangements, all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

A full version of the proposed changes to the admission arrangements is available online at: [School Admissions - Service Details \(iow.gov.uk\)](http://School Admissions - Service Details (iow.gov.uk))

Comments on the proposed admissions arrangements should be sent by email to school.admissions@iow.gov.uk

or by post to:

Miss R Adams, Senior Business Support Officer (Admissions and Transport), Floor 4, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1UD

by midnight on Friday 6 January 2023.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SOCIAL MEDIA & MENTAL HEALTH

An estimated one-third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming, what they're posting and the interactions they're having. On social media, it can be easy to go down 'rabbit holes' that aren't beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing such 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted – sometimes to tragic effect. We might be daunted by the scale of the tech giants and their content which so enthralls young people, but we can still help children to be aware of their mental wellness: recognising when something isn't OK – and knowing what to do about content that upsets them.

1. UNDERSTAND THE ALGORITHM

Algorithms rank content by user interest: someone who regularly interacts with sports news, say, will see the latest results at the top of their feed. Likewise, if a user browses content that can cause harm, that's what will be recommended to them in future. Someone who's had a bad day and looks for posts which reflect their mood will find similar content being suggested to them more and more.

2. AVOID THE MAIN FEEDS

Avoiding the default feeds on social media platforms limits the amount of recommended content that's shown. Users can opt to only scroll through the accounts they follow, use restricted modes, or highlight posts that they don't want to see more of. Explore the platform safety settings to see how you can take control of what your child's phone shows them when they open the app.

3. DISCUSS WHAT THEY'VE SEEN

Chatting about what your child's seen online keeps you aware of the content they're interacting with. Don't assume that platforms are screening out inappropriate material, or even that your child would recognise content as being harmful. Discuss who they follow, what posts they like and what comes up in their feeds: if alarm bells ring, it could be time for a more in-depth talk or to seek support.

4. LEARN HOW TO HIDE CONTENT

If your child stumbles across unsuitable content on social media, there's the option to hide that post as well as indicating you'd prefer any similar material not to be suggested in future. On some platforms, you might also be able to block posts that contain specific words, which is an excellent way to start taking control of what your child sees online.

5. SET DAILY LIMITS

Phones and most apps can tell you how much they're being used. Spending too long online can mean a child misses out on other activities that are important to all-round wellbeing. You could set some family rules – for everyone to follow – around device use, such as screen time limits and tech-free spaces: involving your child in creating this agreement makes them more likely to stick to it.

6. MONITOR THEIR ACTIVITY

Keeping a discreet eye on how your child is using social media can help ensure they're not entering potentially dangerous situations. As they grow up, of course, children need space to exercise their independence – but you can still occasionally ask to see what they're looking at. Be transparent about your own social media use and try not to sound judgemental about your child's.

7. TURN OFF PUSH NOTIFICATIONS

Even for adults, it's tempting to check an email or message as soon as the alert sound pings. Push notifications encourage people to open their apps and spend time on their device, so turning them off will help your child to practise mindful use of tech. Most of us have other things that we need to focus on as a priority – and those notifications will still be there later, when we have more time.

8. USE DEVICES TOGETHER

Giving children internet-enabled devices and complete freedom to explore platforms on their own can result in exposure to hugely damaging content. You could consider making a particular area at home a designated space to use phones, tablets and so on – making it much easier to monitor what content your child is viewing and (if necessary) steer them away from any potentially harmful paths.

9. ENCOURAGE OTHER ACTIVITIES

Mental health professionals often highlight the importance of exercise, quality time with loved ones, a balanced diet and restful sleep for our mental wellbeing. Spending hours on social media can cause us to sacrifice other activities that our brains need to feel well – so encouraging your child to put down their phone and enjoy something that doesn't involve a screen can be immensely beneficial.

10. TALK ABOUT PEER PRESSURE

Most platforms default children's accounts to private, so only people they've accepted as friends can see their posts. This reduces the risk of bullying or unkind comments, but – just like offline life – the digital world can still make children feel as if they need to act or look a certain way to fit in. Talk to your child about peer pressure, and listen to any concerns so you can provide the support they need.

Meet Our Expert

Shazia Sarwar-Azim is executive headteacher at a specialist primary school and, as an emotional therapy coach, works with school leaders to focus on the SEND, mental health and wellbeing agenda. A passionate advocate for vulnerable learners, Shazia is a Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching and the author of *The Rainbow Within*, a book which supports children with SEMH needs.



Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-53204605>
<https://iprousocial.com/insights/social-media-algorithms/>

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 #WakeUpWednesday

New Carnival Presents

RYDE Merry and Bright

Friday 16th December

Join us... 5-8pm

Celebrations in the Town

* **Lantern Parade** (5.30pm
Start from top of Dover Street, to
Star St, High St, Cross St, and
ending in Vernon Square)

* **Illuminations** (The Neon
Garden in St Thomas Rest, the
Land and the Sea in Vernon
Square)

* **Music & Entertainment**

* **Food Stalls**

Join in-
Lantern Making Workshops:

Family Workshop- Sat 26th Nov
11-2pm Ryde Methodist Church

Lantern Leaders Course-
Weds 23rd Nov 5-7.30pm The Coaching
House, Union Rd, Ryde

To book contact:
Gemma@thenewcarnivalcompany.com
01983 716095



The Wight Brainy Bunch Christmas Market at Ryde Fire Station

Saturday 3rd December 10am - 4:30pm

Magical Grotto • Kids Craft Corner
Inflatable Snow Globe

Turning on of Ryde Fire's Christmas Lights at 4:30pm

Live Entertainment

Seasonal Stalls

Festive Refreshments



CAROL SINGING

The Wight
Brainy
Bunch

Brading Methodist Church & St Mary's Church invite everyone to join the Community Nativity Celebration 4pm, Sunday 11 December



Starting outside Brading Station,
journey around Brading as we follow
the real story of Christmas

Why not *dress as a shepherd or angel* if you wish
Bring a torch, but no candles please

Concludes with refreshments
at St Mary's Church Hall

All children to be accompanied by an adult

Sandown Methodist Church

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FREE!

Children's Clothes Exchange



**Monday 5 December
10am - 12noon**

Bring clothes to exchange if possible
but not essential

Enjoy refreshments & time to chat

ALL WELCOME

First Monday each month, term time

AONB Winter Welcome Walks 2022-23



Do you want to know more about Roman life on the Isle of Wight? Perhaps you'd like to find out from local experts about the Pluto line; or delve into Shakespeare-inspired wanderings; or join moonlit meanders through the Island's countryside? Would you like to join a group walk from the school gates after dropping off the children; or to get the whole family out and about, exploring the Island's landscapes and connecting with nature through crafts, games, stories and play? Our team of walk leaders have worked hard to try and offer something for everyone, so have a browse through our diverse range of Winter Walks and book your place soon!

Chris & Frankie Walking

- 08.12.22 Full Moon Walk
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/460415454017>
- 21.12.22 Solstice Stomp
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/460512012827>
- 05.01.23 Twelfth Night by Day
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/460523467087>
- 11.01.23 West Wight School Gates Walk
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/460528020707>



Sue Bailey Storyteller

- 27.12.22 Blow Away the Cobwebs Christmas walk
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/460571440577>
- 29.01.23 Seascapes, slopes, chinks and a chimney!
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/460579304097>
- 12.02.23 Mythical beast story walk
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460712492467>
- 15.01.23 Thorness Bay Low Tide walk with Nigel Hayward
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460720526497>



Kelly – Brading Roman Villa Education

- 07.12.22 Brading Landscape Walk
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460740777067>
- 26.01.23 The Archaeology of Brading Marshes
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460740777067>
- 09.02.23 Roman Bowcombe
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460813665077>
- 18.01.23 East Wight School Gates Walk
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460830385087>



Kathy Grogan Learning Wild

- 26.11.22 Autumn Earth Walk
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460903784627>
- 10.12.22 Getting Crafty for Christmas
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460952339857>
- 22.01.23 Playful Coastal Creations
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/461048146417>
- 15.02.23 West Wight Wild Play
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/461073261537>

