

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

What a great day we have had in school with our coronation lunch and the children dressed in their best red, white and blue outfits, alongside lots of fun coronation based activities. Thank you for all the chocolate tombola contributions. We are now looking forward to celebrating with you on Friday 26th May with our picnic lunch and summer fayre for the coronation!

Classes leading worship

A big well done to our year 1 children who led today's collective worship. It was wonderful and I can't wait to see what the other classes come up with as the weeks go on.

KS2 SATS

Next week our year 6 children will be undertaking their mandatory SATS exams. They have been working so hard in the lead up to the week and I am so proud of them and know they will be amazing. The children do not need to be in school any earlier as we are aiming to start the tests for 9:15am giving them time to have a delicious breakfast with us before the papers – I know the list of breakfast items is getting longer! We don't want any child to be undertaking the SATS if they are unwell, but it is also a national procedure which we need to follow, so please ring school ASAP if you feel your child is unable to attend. Can I also thank all the staff and governors involved in getting ready for the 4 days.

Industrial action

Thank you to everyone that has been so supportive over the industrial action. We will keep you updated about any future events.

Opening hours consultation

Thank you to those who completed the opening hours Google form, this has now closed. Once the Governors have made their decision we will notify you of the changes.

Trips

Lots of organisation is going on for our upcoming trips, we have a few classes going off to Osborne House, Galapagos are going to the Steam Railway and of course the annual year 6 leavers trips taking place in July. It's really important that you return the permission slip for your child to be able to attend, as without it they may not be able to go. Also, if we do not receive sufficient funds to cover the cost from the contributions the trips will not go ahead, so if you do have anything outstanding can this please be paid on SchoolMoney. As a school, we understand the cost of living is still rising and that's why we always reduce the cost of trips as much as we can. If you would prefer to pay in instalments, especially for the year 6 trips, please see Mrs Willshire.

Enjoy the long weekend! I hope you all have a fantastic time celebrating the coronation of King Charles.

See you on Tuesday morning.

Mrs Gilbert.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 8th May

King's Coronation Bank Holiday

Tues 9th – Fri 12th May

KS2 SATS week

Fri 12th May

Year 3 leading Collective Worship

W/C 15th May

Year 2 SATS week

Weds 17th May

Maths day

Fri 19th May

Year 4 leading Collective Worship

Fri 26th May

Blue Mufti Day for tins (EYFS & KS1) and cakes (KS2)

Coronation Picnic and Summer Fayre – 12pm onwards

Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June

May half term

Fri 9th June

Year 5 leading Collective Worship

Fri 16th June

Year 6 leading Collective Worship

Fri 23rd June

Year 2 leading Collective Worship

Fri 30th June

Reception leading Collective Worship

W/C 5th July

Sports week

W/C 12th July

Arts week

Thurs 20th – Fri 21st July

Development days

Bible Reflection

1 John 4:7

Beloved Let us love one another, for love is of God

Lunch Menu – week commencing Tuesday 8th May 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main		Sausage & Mash	Roast Turkey	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers & Chips
Alternative option		Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato	Quorn Nuggets Tomato Pasta Jacket Potato
Dessert		Strawberry Jelly & Fruit	Chocolate Sponge	Lemon Slice with Fruit	Crispy Crackle Bar

Attendance – 24/04/23 – 28/04/23

Class	Attendance
St Lucia	87.6%
Maldives	96%
Cuba	97.1%
New Zealand	90.9%
Malta	96.2%
★ Galapagos ★	97.6%
Iceland	95%
Jamaica	95%
Hawaii	75.6%

THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Iceland

This week in Iceland class, we have started our new English journey using 'The Real Story of the Three Little Pigs' to write a persuasive text. In maths, we have started adding and multiplying fractions and in history we have looked at how Brading has changed over time, using maps.

Malta

This week in Malta class we have been busy looking further into our Victorian venture as part of our topic. We have looked at the history of Osborne house and collected some facts which will contribute towards our fact books that we are creating in our English lessons.

Antigua

This week in Antigua we have been talking a lot about the King's coronation. We have had lots of fun with different activities, we had a lovely picnic snack on the field which the children loved. Also the children enjoyed playing musical instruments and singing a King's coronation song.

Maldives

This week the children have been starting to count in 2s and 10s. These are the first steps towards division and multiplication and the children have been learning how to do this in a variety of ways. In English we have been writing silly sentences using 'ing' verbs in preparation for our writing outcome next week of writing a short story.

The children managed to sort physical and human geographical features of the Isle of Wight and the fictional island of Struay and in science we have been sorting fish from amphibians. We have been practising our presentation for our class collective worship and hope you enjoyed it!

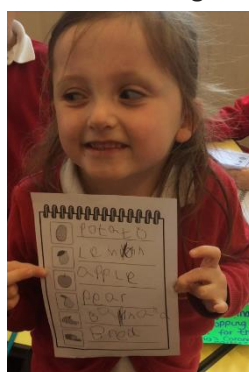
New Zealand

Year two have been looking at capacity and temperature within maths. In English, we have learned the features of a narrative where we will write about Violet Beauregarde turning into a giant blueberry. In history, it was a trip back in time to the 1970s and the children got to groove with ABBA. In music, the children played Twinkle Twinkle Little Star on the ocarina. Again, we have been working hard preparing for our SATs.



St Lucia

This week in St Lucia we have been celebrating King Charles' Coronation. We have been creating Union Jack bunting using our hand prints, making some beautiful crowns, writing shopping lists for the party, making castles in the construction area and even having a tea party fit for a King in the mud kitchen!



THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Galapagos

Last week we had our hook day preparing for the King's coronation. We created a carriage and as part of DT we made crowns that could light up!



Jamaica

In maths we learnt how to multiply and divide fractions and whole numbers. In English, we were using commas for omission, possession and contradictions. In guided reading we learnt how to answer random questions on different texts each day. We were using SATS Bootcamp to practice for the upcoming SATS next week.

Cuba

Cuba class have been learning about the King's coronation. We decorated our own cloaks for the King to wear and looked at the Union Jack and tried to recreate our own collage ones.



Hawaii

This week the children have been learning about important people in History. They have created a timetable of important monarchs in British History. They also studied nurses who have made an impact such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We explored Amelia Earhart's amazing journey and wrote a newspaper report about her. Finally we looked at Neil Armstrong's accomplishment of walking on the moon and will be starting to create a diary about his journey there.

Gardening Club

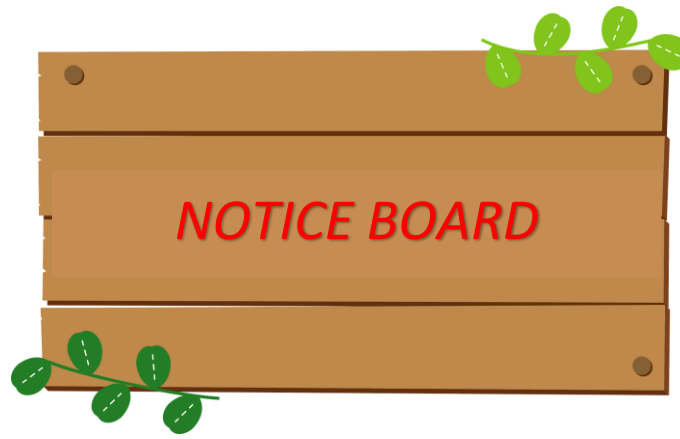
This week in gardening club we have been busy weeding our flower beds ready to re-pot some new plants. We have also mowed the grass and tidied our school garden.



Cookery Club

Here are the cheesecakes made by cooking club. They learned how to melt, mix, fold and whisk! We also talked about the seasonality of fruit.





Parents and Carers,

We are currently running a survey that will help us better understand your views of the SEND system on the Isle of Wight. We are inviting parents and carers of children and young people with SEND to share their views on what is working well and what can be improved. Your views will help us design and test new approaches that will benefit children and young people with SEND, their families and their schools.

The Isle of Wight is committed to improving outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). To do this, they need to regularly seek and understand the experience of parents and carers and what they feel needs to change to achieve this ambition.

This survey is anonymous and should not take more than 10 minutes to complete. If you have more than one child or young person with SEND, there is an option to complete the survey more than once.

You do not have to complete it, but we would highly encourage you to do so. The more responses we receive, the more helpful the findings will be for improving local SEND services further.

The survey will be open until **9am on Monday 22nd May** and we encourage you to share the link with other parents and carers of children with SEND in your area so that we can hear the views of as many people as possible.

Please find the survey here: <https://forms.office.com/e/uvdb3SqT2y>

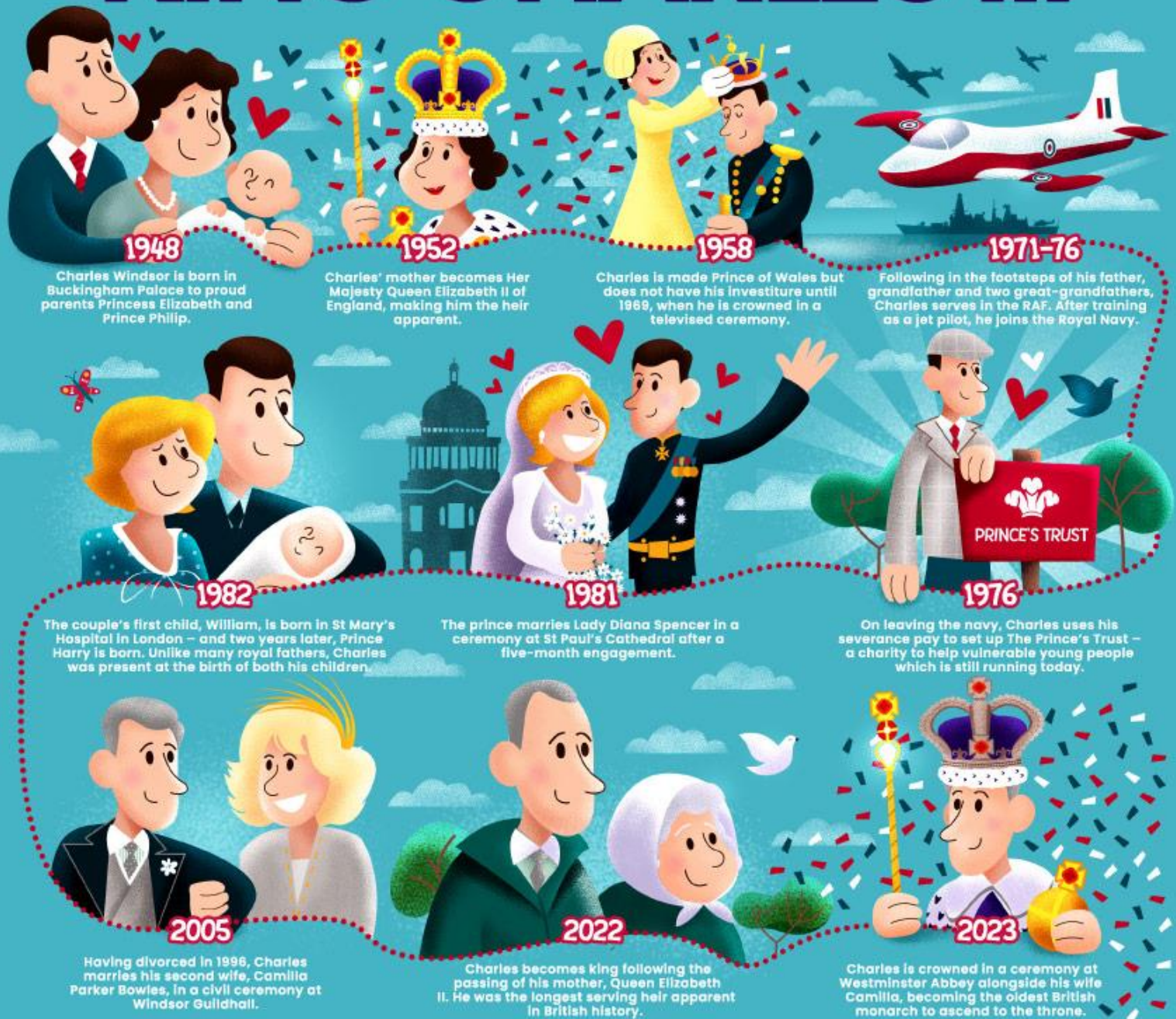
THIS MONTH AT **“youth trust”**

MAY 2023

MAY 3	ANXIETY INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS
MAY 10	SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH LOW MOOD
MAY 17	RECOGNISING AND REDUCING ANGER FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE
MAY 24	UNDERSTANDING SELF-HARM INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS/CARERS (ONLINE)

BOOK VIA EVENTBRITE: [BIT.LY/IWYTEVENTBRITE](https://bit.ly/iwyteventbrite)
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☎ 01983 529569 ✉ [INFO@IOWYOUTHTRUST.CO.UK](mailto:info@iowyouthtrust.co.uk)

The life of KING CHARLES III



Did you know?...

Charles was the monarch in waiting for 70 years, overtaking Edward VII who had been heir apparent for 59 years.



The new king has a degree from the University of Cambridge and A Levels in History and French.

Charles is a committed environmentalist who has supported campaigns to address climate change. In 2007, he won Harvard University's Global Environmental Citizen Award.



Charles is also passionate about architecture. His charity – the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment – has helped design, construct and refurbish important buildings around the world. This won His Majesty the Driehaus Architecture Prize from the University of Notre Dame.



At 73, Charles becomes the oldest British king to be crowned. The previous oldest was William IV, Queen Victoria's uncle, who was 64 at his coronation way back in 1830.



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10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

Meet Our Expert

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