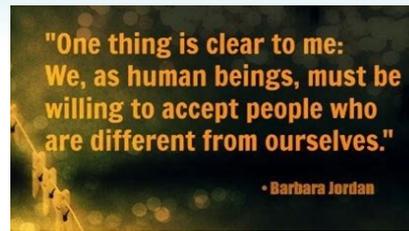


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## THE SQUIRREL



**Whole School  
Attendance**  
**98.4%**  
TARGET: 97.7%

I can't quite believe we are at the end of our first half term already, and it's been a great half term the children are fully in the swing of learning and enjoying all of the activities we have planned for them across this half term. One of them being The Gruffalo trip with Year 1 on Friday, it was a real pleasure taking the children to the theatre in Basingstoke. They were so beautifully behaved and engaged in the magic of the theatre—it was just lovely. And we topped it off with a tub of ice cream too! Thank you to the teams that supported this trip and made it possible—it went very smoothly. I am hoping that our trip to Wicked on Wednesday will go just as smoothly. Drop off time is 10.45am at the Red Jet, we have sent a text out to say which group your child is in so that you can register them with that adult, please do not come early as the Red Jet are asking that we limit the time before the ferry. All the arrangements have been organised, except for the weather and I'm hoping for a dry day so that we can have lunch in the park on the way to the theatre. It has been a week of theatre visits for me, not only have I been to The Gruffalo and Wicked, but I saw Kinky Boots in London on Saturday and just feel the theatre is such a magical and wonderful experience— I am always intrigued by the creativity and talents on stage. We hope to harness some of this creativity and talent both in our own performance of The Wizard of Oz and our Junior Rock performance 'You Don't Need a Badge to be Brave' which is underway. Its all very exciting!

Last week in school the 'buzz' from Paul Sturges carried on right through the week and we are going to continue celebrating and embracing our differences by accepting everyone for who they are. Once we do this and we treat everyone with kindness, the world will definitely be a brighter place. The Hero Week was a great success with only 7 people late. I think Friday was our worst day for lateness, but we can all be HEROs every day, we don't need a HERO week to be a Hero! So lets start every day ready to start our learning with a positive attitude and a smile to share. I did visit Portswood Primary School in Southampton for a review on Wednesday and I was really impressed with how the children began each day with a really positive attitude to learning and it is something I want to see if we can do better here in the mornings too. We had Ian from Doodle Maths come and work with the staff on Wednesday and we are having a weekly focus on Doodle Maths both in school and at home to get the children logged on and improving their own scores and rising to new challenges. If you haven't got a Doodle Maths log in, please ask your children's class teacher and they will help you—if not please ask Mr Andre who is our Doodle Maths champion. We had super visits from two authors. Year 3 went on a visit to the library to complete some exciting science activities. Four of our girls represented us at the Vestas technology day, and four lucky children went to the robots and rockets workshop Newchurch.

This week in school we have our pupil progress meetings, there's still time to sign up if you have not done so already. If you cannot make your child's day then speak to the child's class teacher and they will arrange a time convenient for you both. It really is a lovely time to talk about what's going well and what the next steps of learning are. There's always a buzz around the school for pupil progress meetings, as the teachers too also like spending time with you all and sharing good news. Year 5 and 6 families are invited for lunch this week. We have an author visit tomorrow afternoon, Eamonn Reilly, to inspire our future writers. Wicked on Wednesday, but also on Wednesday we have Mary and Ollie in to do a dance and singing workshop with the children in school as well as Wicked and Wizard of Oz activities throughout the day. Wednesday evening at Cowes Enterprise College, there is a physics festival that all families are welcome to attend and our Year 5s will be visiting on Thursday afternoon, and our Year 6's will experience an Earth Sciences day at Northwood House too. I am going swimming with Year 4 on Friday afternoon so I do have to cancel my coffee afternoon for families on Friday afternoon. I will reschedule for **Wednesday 31st October**, which is not only Halloween but admissions deadline for secondary school for our year 6 children too—so don't forget to get your forms to the local authority before this day.

On Thursday this week we have our full governing body meeting and I have been asked by our Chair to let you know that we have three vacancies that we would like to fill (there is an email coming out to you too regarding the vacancy). If you or a family member or a friend would like to be considered for one of the vacancies, I would love to hear from you. The governors ensure that the school is improving and progressing all the time and that we are good value for money as well as helping to support the future developments of the school, which are exciting! We always have a new idea to plan for. It would be great to have you part of the team that supports our school and future proofs-it for tomorrow, so come and say YES and join the governing body. It's really interesting and we need you!

Talking about needing you, Angela our super-mum, who has taken on Challenge Lanesend in raising £500 for our reading books has been reading in many weird and wonderful places. It would be lovely if we could show her support and donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/challenge-lanesendreading-books>

And help her get to her target of £500! You can see Angela on our Facebook, Dojo and our YouTube channel.

The family survey will be out this week, this is based on the Ofsted questions, but we are also going to ask what we need to keep, stop and start so we can feed this into our school's improvement plan.

Don't forget when we come back on the 1st November is National Authors day and we will be celebrating by dressing up in characters from your children's class books. This will be a great half term project to get the costumes ready for when we return. I hope the weather is great for Wicked but also for half term too so that we can all get out and enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

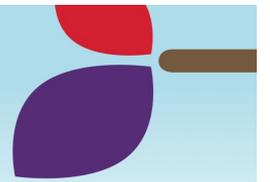
We have noticed a lot of children turning up at school from 7.30am onwards without adult supervision. Please can children either be supervised or booked into Breakfast Club so they are safe and supervised, or alternatively be here for 8.25am when the gate opens.

*Have a great week*

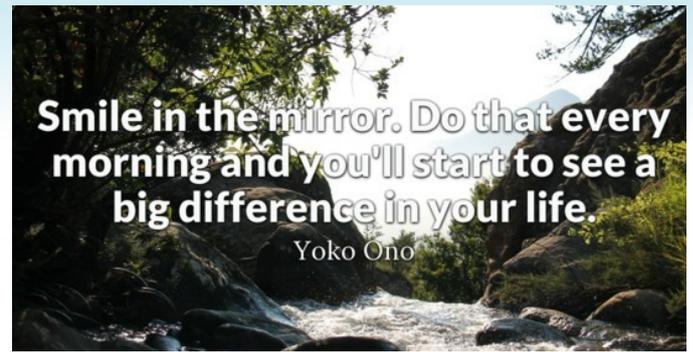
*Caroline Sice*



# FOR YOU



**Development Days 2018-19:**  
 Monday 3rd June 2019  
 Tuesday 4th June 2019  
 Wednesday 5th June 2019  
 Thursday 6th June 2019  
 Friday 7th June 2019



A festival for children and young people! Come and join the fun at Northwood House, Cowes, this weekend (20 and 21 October!)

Come and meet award-winning authors and illustrators! Do some junk modelling and and some fun science and take part in the last We're Going on a Bear Hunt Bear hunt of the year! There will also be puppet shows, storytelling, events for older teen, a mud kitchen, stalls, an exhibition of original illustrations, a Kids' Café and other attractions. More details and advance tickets are available from <https://isleofwightliteraryfestival.com/>

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

Half Term Tennis Coaching for Kids at Northwood House Park



Monday 22nd, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, with LTA coach Connor at Northwood House Park, Cowes.

## 🌀 OCTOBER HALF TERM 🌀

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd

10am-3pm

Lanesend Primary School

Years 1-6

Yr R if football competent

£10 per day

Please bring shin pads, boots, trainers, rain jacket, lunch, snacks, drinks

PLEASE BOOK:

Tom Driscoll: 07572045615

**HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO COMPETE IN EIGHT EVENTS?**

**INDIVIDUAL SPORTSHALL OCTATHLON CHALLENGE**

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS SCHOOL YEARS 3, 4, 5 AND 6

**SATURDAYS 1.10PM TO 4.30PM \* (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

- 17 NOVEMBER 2018
- 8 DECEMBER 2018
- 19 JANUARY 2019
- 16 FEBRUARY 2019

LEISURE MEDINA NEWPORT, PO30 2DX

FOR AN ENTRY FORM EMAIL [ISLEOFWIGHTAC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ISLEOFWIGHTAC@GMAIL.COM)  
 COST: £3 PER WEEK (FOR FOUR WEEKS)  
 ALL EVENTS WEEKLY WILL COUNT TOWARDS THE AWARDS

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## SPORTS CORNER

A belated well done to our team who recently came 1st, 2nd and 7th out of 15 teams in a triathlon competition held at Lanesend! Superb team work and resilience!



## ATTENDANCE

Week Ending 12th October 2018

YR Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	100.00%
YR The Faraway Tree	95.5%
YR A Bear Called Paddington	98.1%
Y1 Peter Pan	100%
Y1 Swallows and Amazons	93.3%
Y1 The Gruffalo	99.0%
Y2 Charlotte's Web	100.0%
Y2 The Secret Garden	99.3%
Y3 Where the Wild Things Are	97.5%
Y3 Around the World in Eighty Days	99.6%
Y4 Wind in the Willows	100.0%
Y4 The Little Prince	99.2%
Y4 Stig of the Dump	96.9%
Y5 Mary Poppins	99.3%
Y5 Treasure Island	97.5%
Y6 The Railway Children	99.2%
Y6 The Wizard of Oz	99.2%
Y6 The Jungle Book	99.2%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>98.4%</b>



Missed sessions so far for year 2018-19 due to family holidays: 82

### Autumn Term Topic "Exploring the Classics"

October

Mon 15th Year 5&6 Families invited to lunch all week  
**Mon 15th Individual Pupil Photographs (Atlas Images)**  
**Boxed lunch in classrooms**

Mon 15th Pupil Council Meeting

Mon 15th Pupil Progress Meetings all week:  
Mon 15th Miss Hopkinson, Mrs Price, Mr Andre & Miss Barton  
Tue 16th Ms Coppen, Miss Westbrook, Mrs Dyer, Mrs Gilbert, Miss Jones

Wed 17th Miss Poulton/Mrs Fifield  
Thu 18th Miss McQueen, Mrs Wyld, Mrs Brailsford, Mrs Hinkley

Fri 19th Miss Wren, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Gangonells, Mr Read/  
Miss Troy

Wed 17th Wicked! @ The Mayflower  
Thu 18th Noel Turner Physics Festival  
Thu 18th Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 2.00pm  
Fri 19th Year 4 Swimming Week 4  
Fri 19th BREAK UP 2.45pm



### Autumn 2 Term Topic "Exploring the Classics"

**Mon 29th October SCHOOL OPEN**

Mon 29th Reception Families invited to lunch all week  
Wed 31st Applications to Secondary School Deadline

November

Thu 1st Outdoor Classroom Day  
Thu 1st National Authors Day—Dress Up Day  
Thu 1st Celebration Assembly Years 1, 3 & 5 @ 2.00pm  
Fri 2nd Year 4 Swimming Week 5

Mon 5th Year 1 Families invited to lunch all week  
Thu 8th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am  
Thu 8th Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 2.00pm  
Fri 9th Armistice Day  
Fri 9th Year 4 Swimming Week 6

Mon 12th Year 2 Families invited to lunch all week  
Wed 14th Fire Drill 10.30am  
Wed 14th AEN Coffee Afternoon 2.00pm  
Thu 15th 'In The Net' play @ 9.30am  
Thu 15th Celebration Assembly Years 1, 3 & 5 @ 2.00pm  
Fri 16th Year 4 Swimming Week 7

Mon 19th Year 3 Families invited to lunch all week  
Thu 22nd Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am  
Thu 22nd Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 2.00pm  
Fri 23rd Year 4 Swimming Week 8

Mon 26th Year 4 Families invited to lunch all week  
Thu 29th Open Day 2—9.30am-4.00pm  
Thu 29th Celebration Assembly Years 1, 3 & 5 @ 2.00pm  
Fri 30th Year 4 Swimming Week 9

December

Mon 3rd Christmas Week 1  
Mon 3rd Year 5 Families invited to lunch all week  
Mon 3rd RE Day—Christmas  
Wed 5th Cardboard Challenge Day  
Thu 6th Christmas Tree/Decoration Day  
Thu 6th Pupil Council with Mr Cooper 8.40am  
Thu 6th Celebration Assembly Years 2, 4 & 6 @ 2.00pm  
Fri 7th Carol Service—TBC  
Fri 7th Year 4 Swimming Week 10—LAST ONE

Mon 10th Christmas Week 2  
Mon 10th Year 6 Families invited to lunch all week  
**Mon 10th CHRISTMAS FAYRE 5.00pm**

Mon 17th Christmas Performances dress rehearsal—school only  
Tue 18th Performance Years 4 & 5—EVENING  
Wed 19th Performance Years 4 & 5—MORNING  
Thu 20th Christmas Lunch  
Thu 20th Year R Nativity after school  
Fri 21st Christmas Jumper Day  
**Fri 21st DEN WILL CLOSE AT 5.00PM**  
**Fri 21st BREAK UP 2.45pm**

PLEASE NOTE!

**The Squirrel's Den will be closing at 5pm** on the last day of term, Friday 21st December. We are giving lots of notice in case you need to make alternative arrangements. Thank you for your support.

#### Understanding Autism

Learn about autism—this free course introduces the autism spectrum and how it is experienced by different individuals and families

<http://www.open.edu/openlearn/science-maths-technology/understanding-autism/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab>

Enrolling on the course will give you the opportunity to earn an Open University digital badge

#### Gentle Reminders! (if you have not already done so...)

**Year 5 Reply to the survey monkey (or email us) with a YES or a NO to Watersports**

#### HIRE, HIRE HOORAY!

Both our **school hall** and our lovely **field** are available to **hire**.

Please pop in or call and speak to Carrie if you are interested!

# Challenge Angela!

One of our amazing Mums, Angela, has decided to raise funds for the school by rising to challenges SET BY THE CHILDREN!

Her first challenge is for the children to come up with interesting and innovative places and ways for Angela to read to them. Please encourage your children to think of ideas and pop them in the suggestions box at the front desk —some of the ideas so far have been amazing!

Here's the link to the Go Fund Me page:

[Click here to support Challenge Lanesend/Reading Books organised by Angela Freebrey](#)

However this isn't just about raising money for reading books, it's part of a year long effort to help the school, and we'll be challenging everyone to come up with fundraising ideas or challenges that they can do themselves.

There'll also be some bigger challenges that Angela will organise with the hope that some others will do them too!

Angela says: "I've seen some of the ideas for reading and am really looking forward to my challenges!"

We thank Angela so much. If you would like to get involved with any fundraising for school please do let us know.



**SPONSORS FOR J ROCK 2019**

We are once again entering the Junior Rock Challenge at Southampton Guildhall on the 7th March 2019. This year, our performance is based on The Wizard of Oz, with a twist!

We need to make stage scenery, costumes, provide team t-shirts and pay for the travel costs to attend the event.

We are therefore approaching local businesses for sponsorship to help with these costs. All sponsors will be acknowledged on our website, in our newsletter and on the team t-shirts.

**Do you know any business who can help? Please contact Chloe Johnson on 293233 or email [chloe.johnson@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:chloe.johnson@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk)**

Thank you!

**FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX PICK & MIX SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!**

**Chocolate spread and sweet treats!**

We have noticed lots of Chocolate pancakes and chocolate spread coming into school. We have children and adults in school with severe nut allergies and these products DO CONTAIN nuts including hazelnuts. Please see our guide below and help us keep everyone safe and well in school.

**Chocolate spreads which are nut free:**

- ✓ Jim Jams MILK CHOCOLATE SPREAD—can be purchased from Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Asda etc
- ✓ Cadburys Milk Chocolate spread

Please DO NOT USE Nutella, duo spreads, Nutoka etc. Please also do not use chocolate filled pancakes in lunchboxes as these contain hazelnuts too!

**My Child won't try new foods—top tips to help your child have a balanced diet!**

- Involve them in cooking at home—perhaps you could try to make a smoothie, chop veg for dinner or try one new thing every week
- Give them choices for various food groups e.g. allowing them a choice for which piece of fruit they take to school for break time
- Reward systems for trying new things

Check out the Change4Life tips for a healthy lunchbox including some yummy family recipes!

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

**DISCO**

**Friday 9th November**

KS1: 4:30pm-5:30pm

KS2: 6pm-7:15pm

*£2 per child*

*Snacks provided*

**Sign up here:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/novdisco>

*Please complete our online survey and pay by Wednesday 7th November*