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## THE SQUIRREL

Issue 30 Thursday 4th May 2023



I have just finished a meeting with Monica from the Springhill English Hub who has been in to do a welfare check on our Little Wandle phonic scheme and she has reported back to me that she is really pleased with the progress the team have made in such a short time and has recommended our next steps to fully embed the approach. Thank you to the team who have taken on the Little Wandle way and made it work for Lanesend. Monica did mention that the more repetitive reading is done at home really does help with fluency and confidence. Your support in enabling our children to be readers is vital to their learning journey. Once children recognise themselves as a reader there is no stopping them, but it is also heart-breaking when they say that they cannot read. A little practise every day goes a long way!

We have also had our school photographers in school today who have completed all the class photographs for this year. They looked lovely from where I was sat. We decided to go with outside ones rather than a white background this year and we were lucky the rain held off! They are also going to do a whole school photograph for the end of the year and this booked in for 29th June.

Talking of the rain holding off, we have everything crossed that the forecast rain is going to go around the Isle of Wight and not across it! We have just sent out an email with information for tomorrow with the plan of the festival and running order. We are really looking forward to celebrating with you all. As I said on the email, if the rain does not do as it is told then we will go to our Plan B and I will update you in the morning.

This week in school, the Year 3s were the first to visit the Quay Arts Centre for a very creative and different art exhibition by the local Isle of Wight artist Paul Woods called 'Messing with Heads'. I think the children and staff really enjoyed a different approach to art. Next week on Tuesday 16th May, Year 1 will be visiting.

As there is another long weekend, we return to school on Tuesday 9th May and straight into Year 6 SATs week. During the SATs week we put on a special breakfast for all the children at 8am. We then finish the week with a special trip to Skates, in Newport. I fell over many times last year! I am hoping that I may have improved this year. The children have worked incredibly hard since September knowing that SATs would be happening this year. I would just like to thank the Year 6 team for supporting all the children and working hard to fill the gaps in learning from the pandemic. I know the children will be brilliant and they must not worry because this is just a point in time to review their learning. It really does not have a lasting impact and I certainly do not ask at interview how the candidates did in their SATs. I do however, ask in interviews about their skills, resilience, motivation, enthusiasm, strengths and weaknesses.

Year 2 have also begun their SATs, or quizzes as they are also known. Again, children have approached them with engagement and enthusiasm and have not been phased by them at all and that is just the way we like it. The Year 2 children have made such great steps in their learning and their behaviour for learning this year and we are all so very proud of them. They are just wonderful!

The Fire Service are popping in for Year 2 next week. It is always lovely to have one of our emergency services in to come and talk to our children. We are hoping the Lifeboat will come and talk to our Reception children too.

I just want to say a big thank you to the community who have been shocked and saddened by the vandalism to the school and our trampolines this week. Our trampolines are so important to so many of our children in sensory regulation and wellbeing and happiness and for them not to have this resource is really upsetting. Mr Andre shared this on Twitter last night and he has had offers from people to help pay for a replacement. This really touched my heart. I will try and get replacement trampolines in as soon as possible.

We have had some quotes in for coaches up to London for the Design Centre trip and at the moment they are way beyond our budget. We are going to see if we can get some cheaper quotes, but if not we will have to reconsider a different trip that is doable without the cost of coaches.

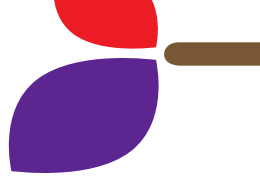
I think that is it for this week. I do hope you can join us for tomorrow afternoon and I wish you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

*Caroline Sice, Headteacher*





# FOR YOU



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Attendance Last Week:

94.6%

**We are closed Monday 8th May due to the May Bank Holiday. Thank you.**

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 5th May—Festival in the Field—Coronation Celebration**

**Monday 8th May—School Closed—Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 9th May—SATs—Year 6**

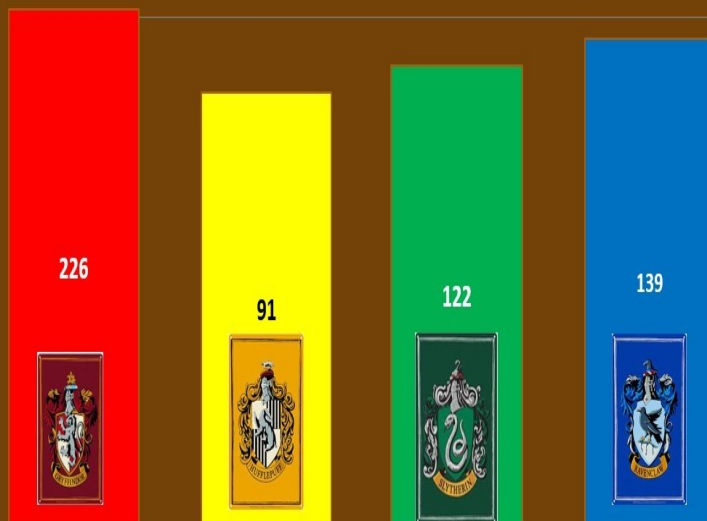
**Friday 12th May—Year 6 SATS treat– Skates**

**Tuesday 16th May— Year 1 Quay Arts Trip**



## This week

Gryffindor took the lead this week in our House Point totals!  
Well done Team Gryffindor!



**A huge well done to Blake Buggy who has accumulated lots of fantastic awards for his Bike Trails over the past months! What an amazing talent you have Blake. Well done Blake!**

# Lanesend Conversation Starters...

Use these prompts with your children at home to start a conversation about their week in school...

**Reception— Talk to me about... How to write a recount, numbers 11-20, Ballet, Kings Coronation.**

**Words to use...first, next, after that, finally, crowned, the colour purple in royalty, family.**

**Tips for the week... Practicing spotting numbers in the environment and counting during every day tasks e.g. counting steps, washing items, food etc.**

**We have been reading... Farmer Duck and What The Ladybird Heard Next.**

**Year 1— Talk to me about....the Coronation. Ask me about the crown, sceptres and orb. What did I include on my Coronation flag?**

**Words to use...ceremony, tradition, Westminster Abbey, anoint, crown, sceptre and orb.**

**Tips for the week...help me practise my phonics by playing 'read and roll'.**

**We have been reading.....The King's Pants and Big Dreams Little People- King Charles III.**

**Year 2— Talk to me about ... shapes**

**Words to use...2D, 3D, side, vertices, edges, straight, curved,**

**Tips for the week...Remember to count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s**

**We have been reading... The far away tree, The worst witch.**

**Year 3— TALK TO ME ABOUT... our trip to the Quay Arts**

**WORDS TO USE... unique, heads, continuous drawing, modern, abstract, surreal.**

**TIPS FOR THE WEEK... infographics are a good tool to present information and data**

**WE ARE READING... The Legend of Sally Jones and The Twits**

**Year 4— Talk to me about: the song we have been learning, the tenths and hundredths columns and expanded noun phrases.**

**Tip of the week: when dividing by 10, 100 or 1000, digits move to the right. When multiplying by these numbers, they move to the left.**



**We have been reading: The Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow**

**Year 5— Talk to me about... what I know about Ancient Greece.**

**Words to use... chronology, trade, civilisation, polis (city state), BCE and CE.**

**Tips for the week... a dash can be used to 'set off' a word or phrase after an independent clause – this creates a pause or break in a sentence.**

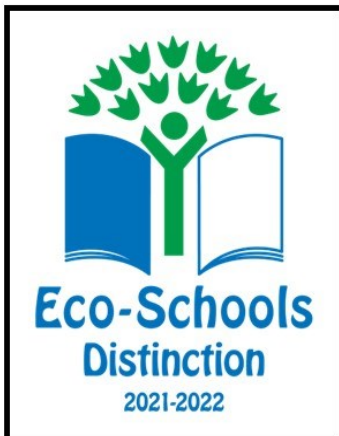
**We have been reading... 'Who Let The Gods Out' by Maz Evans.**

**Year 6— We have been learning how to approach a test situation and the final few skills they have needed to nail. We are very proud of their approach to the test. Most of them can't wait to prove how smart they are.**

**They are also enjoying finding out about The Causes of the Second World War and the impact this had on so many lives.**







This is fascinating, I know I have thrown leather shoes away but will not in the future.

# DID YOU KNOW?

## How long until it breaks down (part 1)



**BANANA PEEL**  
1 month



**PAPER AND CARDBOARD**  
2-5 months



**WOOL SOCKS**  
1-5 years



**MILK CARTON**  
5 years



**LEATHER SHOES**  
25-40 years



**ALUMINUM CAN**  
80-100 years



**STYROFOAM CUP**  
Forever





At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# 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 spending too much time 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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# Coronation Festival in the Field



**FRIDAY 5TH MAY 1PM~4PM**

**Join us to celebrate the Kings Coronation!**

## Performances

**Live Music**

1.30pm—Year R — 'I Just Can't Wait to be King'

1.35pm—Year 1 — 'To the Sound of Trumpets'

1.40pm—Year 2 — 'I Wanna be Like You'

2.15pm—Year 3 — 'Kingston Town'

2.20pm—Year 4 — 'First Time in Forever'

2.25pm—Year 5 — 'Viva La Vida'

2.30pm—Year 6 — 'Rule The World'

3pm—Drone

3.45pm—Festival Finale

Music by Chris Quinton and Band

Families welcome to bring blankets  
and picnics

**Face**

**Painting**

**Cream  
Tea**

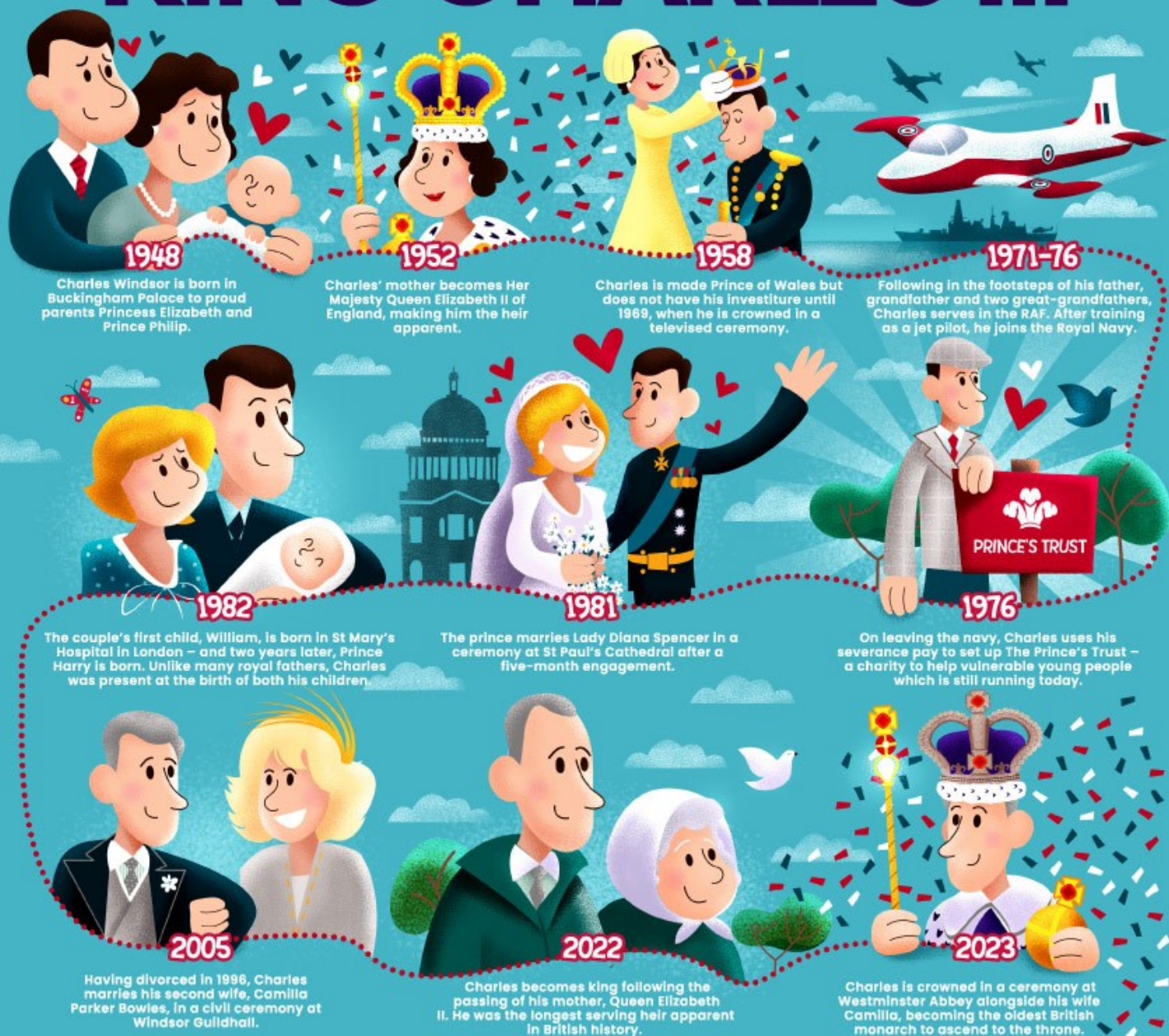
**Crafts &  
Games**

**Bouncy  
Castles**

**Sweets**



# The life of KING CHARLES III



## Did you know?...

## GOD SAVE THE KING

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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# SKILL OF THE MONTH



## Speaking

*The oral transmission of information or ideas*



### Books to read and share with your child

Look out for these story books which all include Speaking as a theme in your local library. Read, share and enjoy with your child.

- Too Shy for Show and Tell by Beth Bracken
- Too Loud Lily by Sofia Laguna
- Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- The Crayon Box that Talked by Shane Derolf
- Decibella and her 6-inch Voice by Julia Cook
- Little Beauty by Anthony Browne
- Penguin by Polly Dunbar
- One Word From Sophia by Jim Averbeck
- The Clever Stick by John Lechner



Skill of the month...

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone/speaking-getting-started>


**Meaningful May 2023**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

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### OUR FUN SESSION WILL BE:

**WHEN:** Every Wednesday. 5pm to 6pm

**WHERE:** The Bay CE Primary School, Sandown

**COST:** £4 for the 1 hour session

**To Book:** Text your child's name, school, year group and parent name to **07594 389531**



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## JUNIOR NETBALL

**SKILLS FITNESS FRIENDS Fun**

Isle of Wight Netball Clubs are welcoming new junior members!

Clubs offer training and competitive matches in the Junior Isle of Wight league on Sundays at Seaclose Park, Newport.

**GET IN TOUCH!**

**Solent Netball Club**  
Contact **Chris Grimes** 07969504734, [cmg1504@gmail.com](mailto:cmg1504@gmail.com)

<b>Tuesday</b> Ryde Academy	<b>BEE Netball</b> Years 1-6 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Years 7-10 6pm - 7pm
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**Shorwell Netball Club**  
Contact **Ann Selby** 07785750265, [easelby47@gmail.com](mailto:easelby47@gmail.com)

<b>Monday</b> Ryde School (winter) Seaclose Park (summer)	Years 3-7 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Years 7-10 6.30pm - 7.30pm
<b>Additional Sessions</b> Years 3-10	<b>Wednesday</b> Seaclose Park 5.30pm - 6.30pm	<b>Saturday</b> Ryde Academy 10.30am - 11.30am



# Classorama

## Naturezones' Creative Programme for Schools

For the entire class or individual pupils

### Recycalogical

Sat 27th and Sun 28th May  
&  
Spring Competition

Create a piece of art work with a 2D or 3D element inspired by British nature using recycled materials. To be displayed during Recycalogical  
Materials used could be old furniture, plastic, old clothes etc.

Entries must be delivered to Naturezones  
On 23rd & 25th May between 10.30 and 4pm

### Summer Competition

Using your knowledge from science lessons create something to inform our visitors about Native British plants.

Entries should be submitted by

5th July

### Christmas Tree Festival

Imaginatively decorate a Christmas tree

To be displayed in the Naturezones Pavilion

On the 16th & 17th December

Deliver on Tuesday 12th or Thursday 14th Dec

#### More Info:

Details of the Spring and Summer competition can be found on our website.

[www.naturezones.org.uk](http://www.naturezones.org.uk)

Naturezones is based at  
Birchmore Lane, Blackwater.  
PO30 3BP

Postal entries: c/o Padmore  
Lodge, Beatrice Avenue, East  
Cowes, PO32 6LP

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# Recycalogical

27th—28th May 11 am—3pm

Naturezones—Blackwater

## COMPETITION

View the winners of the  
recycling materials competition  
Created by Island children



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We have some great ideas



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Be a Transport Greenie—Catch the bus (no3),  
car-share, cycle, park and stride/walk from Shide or Merstone  
(small carpark)



[www.naturezones.org.uk](http://www.naturezones.org.uk)

# NATUREZONES SPRING COMPETITION

Naturezones Wildlife Education Trust (NWET) is a ten acre wildlife field study centre and a Living Natural History Museum in Blackwater. It is a "not for profit" organisation dedicated to educating visitors in the importance of sustaining and creating wildlife habitats as part of the Island's ecology; increasing Biodiversity and nurturing the environment.

### Your mission:

Create a piece of artwork with a 2D or 3D element  
inspired by British nature.

You may wish to submit a photograph of art  
created using recycled materials.



What aspect of nature  
will inspire you?

3 prizes, one each  
for the most  
informative piece of  
writing the greatest  
increase in effort  
shown, and for the  
most learnt while  
completing the  
mission

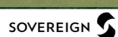


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Send your entries to:

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Head Office, Padmore Lodge, Beatrice Avenue, East Cowes PO32 6LP.

Please nominate a pupil for each of our 'effort shown' and 'most learnt' prizes. Ensure all entries  
have a pupil identifier (i.e. their name or initials), year group I & the school clearly written.  
Closing date: Thursday 25th May 2023.



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