

Truth – Being honest  
Respect – Being Fair  
Unity – Being Friendly  
Sincerity – Being Genuine  
Tolerance – Being accepting

# Brading CE (Controlled) Primary School



We are a Team that Trust each other to unlock potential.  
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## News from Brading CE Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs B Gilbert

**Our Christian Values: TRUST - TRUTH, RESPECT, UNITY, SINCERITY, TOLERANCE –**

**This week our focus has been on RESPECT**

1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, I cannot believe we are now in May already. Time really is flying by so fast! The children have had a fantastic wee with Workshops, Fun Clubs and exciting lessons planned around their class hooks for this term.

Attendance update – We have included our new Attendance Values which we have been working on along with our green, yellow and red Attendance Zones for you. This has been worked on with the support of the Education Welfare Services and the Governing Board have ratified it. If you have any questions please come and see Mrs Willshire or myself.

Over a two-day workshop with James and Jess from Songs of Place the year 3,4 and 5's looked into song writing. On Tuesday after a good vocal warm-up from James the children decided on a creepy theme from long ago (based on the Isle of Wight) and came up with some great sentences/words which were turned into lines for a song. Then with the help of James they were able to write a tune and sing their verse. They did really well. On Wednesday Jess came in and the children got to play some musical instruments as well as drumming to a complicated beat on the tables! Again, the children chose a scary ghost story from Knighton to write about and start planning their tunes. Jess will be back in a few weeks and the children are looking forward to continuing their music. All of this week has been part of our musical focus for the year.

We have lots of exciting things happening up until July. We will providing you all with more information over the coming weeks but here is a list of what we have planned.

**8<sup>th</sup> May** – St Lucia class to lead Collective Worship – All St Lucia parents/carers invited to come along

**11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATS (8am for Breakfast Club)

**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Safety Week (we will be focusing on Road safety, Sun safety, Water safety and Internet safety)

**19<sup>th</sup> May** – Welcome Meetings for our new Reception Starters

**21<sup>st</sup> May** – Collective Worship – Annual visit from Steve Gillham

**1<sup>st</sup> June** – First day back at school

**8<sup>th</sup> June** – Sea Safe Y5&6

**12<sup>th</sup> June** – Pyjamarama Day

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – Class and School Leaver Photographs

**26<sup>th</sup> June** – New Zealand class to lead Collective Worship – All New Zealand parents/carers invited to come along

**29<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July** = Y6 Leavers Trips

**6 – 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Week

**7<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole Island Transition day (Y6 to Secondary Schools)

**8<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole School Sports Day

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Leavers service at St Marys Church AM

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – Leavers Afternoon (Party and awards)

**13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Move up for all classes – where children will be spending time in their new classes with their new teachers

**YEAR 6 SATS** – With SATS only 2 weeks away our year 6 children have been doing amazing with all of their revision in preparation for this. If you feel your child would benefit from Mr Bakers SATS BOOSTER Club after school on Tuesdays please let him know. I have listed the schedule below for SATS Week:

**Monday** – SPAG and Spelling

**Tuesday** – Reading

**Wednesday** – Maths Paper 1 & 2

**Thursday** – Maths Paper 3

Children are welcomed to come into school from 8am this week for SATS revision and breakfast club. All children must be in school by 8.20am ready for an 8.30am SATS start.

Reminder – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> is a Bank Holiday so we will see everyone back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> may. Have a great long weekend.  
Mrs Gilbert

P.S – Please don't forget Mrs Willshire and myself are available from 8.30am everyday if you need to discuss anything. All teaching staff are not available in the mornings but will be available after school only

**Collective worship this week – we have been continuing to focus on Respect**

Peter

# School Reminders

## Safeguarding Reminders

**Safety End of the day Pick up** - We have reminded all of the children that they should stay with their adult when they leave. Once you have picked up your child from school please make sure that they stay with you. Year 5 & 6 children who leave school without an adult, please remember you are representing the school and to be safe at all times. All roads are dangerous and I don't want any accidents happening, especially as the evenings are still quite dark. In addition, can I please remind you about parking sensibly. There are residents who also live along this road and we all should be considerate of this. – If your child is not attending their fun club, you will need to let the office know and sign them out. Children attending clubs in Years 5&6 still need to be collected by an adult after. Don't forget that we need to keep the entrance of school clear in case the emergency services need to attend. This includes the yellow zigzag zone is strictly no parking.

**Wraparound Care Booking** – Remember that there is a new way to book Wraparound. Ideally, we will need a **week's notice** of any bookings for Wraparound. To make sure the booking is secure for wraparound, we will require you to send us an email and make payment on School Money. Do not assume your child has a place until you receive an acknowledgement from the school office. Any bookings made on school money without contacting the office will be invalid. Without an email sent to the office and a confirmation email back from the school office we cannot book any Wraparound.

## Other Reminders

**Absences/Illness** - Please make sure if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, medical appointments or any other reasons, you need to provide the office with a phone call, email or pop into the office (also any supporting letter you may have) on the day of the absence to inform them. Remember to please keep your child off of school for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting before bringing your child back into school. If we do not hear from you by 9.15am we will ring you. This is part of our duty of care and our safeguarding to ensure everyone is kept safe. We have changed our answer phone so you are unable to leave a message, you will need to ring the office from 8.45am daily and talk directly to us and let us know the reason your child is unable to attend school.

**Headlice** – We have started to see a rise with Headlice in school. It is important to check your child's hair for head lice. The best technique is to use a head lice comb when the hair is wet, leaving in conditioner and combing the hair in sections. When the hair is wet, head lice cannot move so they are easier to comb out. Please note that they do not jump or fly, you can only catch head lice from head to head contact. Treat appropriately: the wet combing technique eradicates the lice and eggs. This should be done every 3 to 4 days over a 2-week period to break the life cycle. If you require further information please have a look at the following website: <https://www.chc.org/how-to-treat-head-lice-and-nits-successfully/> Children who become clear of head lice can be re-infected at school. You can help to tackle this by following good prevention, by being vigilant to spot any new infections or re-infections and by seeking prompt treatment if you find any head lice.

**Facebook** – Please pop onto Facebook and follow our new page. We will be posting what your children have been getting up to here at school and wonderful photos for you to enjoy.

**Getting Warmer** - Now that the temperature has started to rise can you please ensure children still bring a warm, waterproof coat into school every day, it's not quite warm enough to be wearing only a jumper and we still have the wind and rain making an appearance every now and again. Please make sure all items are named to prevent them from getting lost!

## Weekly Focus

**Lunch boxes/Bags** – Please remember that the children can only use hard plastic lunches boxes in school. Please do not send your child in with a material one. Also, we cannot have rucksacks in the classrooms. Please send your child in with a drawstring bag or a book bag that can fit in their trays.

# Dates for Your Diary

## May

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Yr. 6 SATS exams
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> - Safety Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Meeting for our new Reception Starters
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – End of Term

## June

- 1<sup>st</sup> – First day back at school
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Sea Safe Y5&6
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Pyjamarama Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Class and School Leaver Photographs
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## July

- 6-9<sup>th</sup> – Sports Week
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Whole Island Transition Day (Y6 to their Secondary Schools)
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Visit to St Mary's Church for Y6 Leaver Service AM
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leavers Afternoon
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – Move up for all classes
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Last day at school
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Summer Holidays

## Sept

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Back to School

## Foodbank Vouchers

Mrs Willshire is able to issue Foodbank Vouchers to anyone who may be struggling. Please email Mrs Willshire to request one if required.

[Jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:Jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

## Attendance

**Whole School Target: 95%**  
**Current weekly % = 86.76%**

Class	% Last Week
Antigua	95.4%
St Lucia	100%
Cuba	95.6%
Hawaii	87.3%
New Zealand	90.8%
Galapagos	97.5%
Jamaica	82.9%



### Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing.

As set down by the Department for Education, penalty notices can be issued for unauthorised absence. With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

#### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

##### For example:

3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

#### 5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. INSET training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

#### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

#### 1 First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

**£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.**

**Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.**

#### 2 Second Offence

**Within 3 years**

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

#### 3 Third Offence

**And Any Further Offence (Within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

# Our Brading Attendance Values

## TRUST

Being honest straight away about the reasons why children are not in school.  
Telling us straight away how you are feeling.  
We will be honest and tell you what is going to happen.

## RESPECT

Be fair and we will listen as to why your child is not in school and provide help.

## UNITY

We need everyone to be friendly and, as a school, we will do our best to help.

## SINCERITY

We will be genuine in our correspondence with you and look together at all the impacts of how not attending affects everyone in all aspects.

## TOLERANCE

We should accept that we all need to work together to improve attendance at school even if it is challenging.



We are a **TEAM** that **TRUST** each other

## Green attendance

### Above 95%

96 – 100% attendance equates to  
4 – 7 days absent each year

#### Children

Children arriving at school on time.  
Coming into school every day.



#### Parents / carers

Arriving at school on time.  
Provide accurate and up to date details.  
Providing school with more than one emergency contact number.  
Updating school if their details change.  
Ensuring children attend daily.  
Complete all absence forms.  
Contact by email / phone a reason for absence before 8.15am daily.  
Keep school updated in regards to medical appointments and provide evidence where possible.  
Book medical appointments around school hours.  
In regards to absence of more than 3 days or 10 days in a term, parents are expected to provide a signed letter explaining absence.  
If asking for leave of absence, 2 weeks notice is required.



#### School

Keep you up to date on any changes in regards to attendance.  
Provide leave of absence forms and reply with reasons for the decision.  
Once register closed, school will contact parents daily if we have not heard from you.  
Reminders in the newsletter.

## Yellow attendance

### 90%-95%

Attendance equates to 8 – 20 days absent each year and 50 – 100 lost lessons

#### Children

Children will have to catch up on the lessons they missed  
15 minutes – 10 school days lost per year  
5 minutes per day loses 3 school days per year

#### Parents / carers

Arriving at school on time.  
Provide accurate and up to date details.  
Providing school with more than one emergency contact number.  
Updating school if their details change.  
Ensuring children attend daily.  
Complete all absence forms.  
Contact by email / phone a reason for absence before 8.15am daily.  
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If asking for leave of absence, 2 weeks notice is required.

#### School

Hold termly meetings with any parent where there are concerns about attendance.  
Meetings will be with the EWS service.  
We will check and look for patterns and codes and speak to parents to find ways to improve their child's attendance.  
If a child has missed 10 days a term, we will inform the Local Authority.

## Red attendance

### Below 90%

Attendance equates to more than 20 days absent each school year and over 100 lessons lost

#### Children

There will be serious gaps in my learning.

#### Parents / carers

15 minutes a day loses 19 school days per year.  
Arriving consistently late to school without prior arrangement.  
Not letting us know at school why they are absent.  
Not informing us.

#### School

If required, and if attendance does not improve, appropriate legal action will be considered after a referral to Education and Inclusion Department.



Every  
Minute  
Counts



## Our Attendance Values



### Wraparound care prices:

FREE Breakfast Club (from 7.45am)

Wraparound until 4pm - £6

Wraparound until 5pm - £8

Wraparound until 6pm - £12 (this needs to be agreed by Mrs Gilbert with prior notice)

Wrap Around number – 07864599219

All to be booked via Schoolmoney and email sent to admin with 24 notice

### Class emails:

[antigua.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:antigua.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[cuba.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:cuba.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[stlucia.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:stlucia.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[newzealand.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:newzealand.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[galapagos.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:galapagos.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[jamaica.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:jamaica.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[hawaii.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:hawaii.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

### PE Days:

Cuba - Friday

St Lucia - Wednesday

New Zealand - Wednesday

Galapagos – Thursday/Friday

Jamaica – Tuesday/Thursday

Hawaii – Tuesday

Children are to come in their PE kits on these days.

### Coats, Hats and Scarves

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Thank you

### Fun Clubs:

Mon – Sports Activities at the Bay for Yr. 5&6

Tues – Yr. 6 SATS BOOSTER Club

Tues – KS1 Geography Club

Tues – KS1 Netball Club

Tuesday – KS2 Cooking Club

Please contact the office to book.

### Makaton

As part of our ongoing learning here at Brading Primary School we focus on a Makaton symbol every week.

Here is our next Makaton sign.





# SCHOOL LUNCH

## WHAT'S COOKING?

### SCHOOL MENU WEEK COMMENCING 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

We also offer Vegetarian options, tomato pasta as well as jacket potatoes, baguettes and sandwiches with a selection of fillings each day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bank Holiday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza BBQ Veggie Wraps	Roast Chicken Roast BBQ Quorn	IOW Pork Sausages Macaroni Cheese	Fish Fingers Quorn Nuggets
	Oatie Cookie	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Vanilla Slice	Berry Blondie

Chartwells have advised us that due to the Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> they will be serving Pizza and BBQ Veggie Wraps as the main meal instead of Beef Bolognese and Veggie Bolognese.

# THIS WEEK AT BRADING

## ANTIGUA

In Antigua this week we have started our new topic of mini beasts. The children have enjoyed looking at our bug hotel outside where some honey bees have moved in. Our book of the week has been the very hungry caterpillar, we decorated biscuits with red and green icing to look like caterpillars. We made our own caterpillars by folding paper, and cocoons with kitchen roll tubes. We have enjoyed recreating the hungry caterpillar story and talking about how much the caterpillar ate! We have had a lot of fun outside with a new builder's yard area and our new bigger garden area. We enjoyed hunting for bugs and loved our new mud kitchen. We had a very special treat too, as we were given some tiny caterpillars to watch grow.



## CUBA

This week in Cuba class we have been enjoying the topic of Mini Beasts! From finding them in soil to digging them out of ice, we have really enjoyed exploring these interesting creatures! The children have also been experimenting with musical instruments and enjoying themselves outside with the new balls and hoops.



## ST LUCIA

This week was a super exciting week in St Lucia... we have had our new caterpillar pets arrive. We have spent lots of time investigating them this week and can't wait to see them change into a butterfly. We have been reading the story of the hungry caterpillar and have learnt all about the lifecycle of a butterfly to help us look after our own caterpillars.



# THIS WEEK AT BRADING

## NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand class has been learning all about money during maths. The children have worked hard to recognise money and count both in pence and pounds. In English, the children had to give instructions and get their peers to follow what they said. We have also been sorting books into fiction and non-fiction. In PE, we continue to learn about the rules of tennis and the year one children continue to work on their real and pseudo words.

## GALAPAGOS

This week has been another busy week in Galapagos. In science we explore leaves, their parts and their functions and even went on our own nature walk. In Topic we explored the counties of the UK. In DT we wrote recipes for our food technology lessons next week where we will be baking traditional dishes from the four countries in the UK. Finally, in maths we have been exploring subtracting fractions. Have a lovely bank holiday!

## JAMAICA

This week in Jamaica class, year 5 have been busy exploring fair trade as part of our trade and economics topic. We looked at the importance of fair trade, and linked it to El Salvador which we explored in last week's lesson. In year 6, we have been busy revising for our SATs. We have talked through a reading paper, and worked as a class to unpick the questions. We then linked this to our guided reading skills.

## HAWAII

This week in Hawaii class we have been investigating leaves. We went for a walk in our school area and found all different kinds of leaves. The children could name the stalk, midrib, veins and apex. They thought of ways to describe the leaves such as smooth or spiky.



# Class HOOKS for this Term

## ANTIGUA

Spring time, growing time - Spring in our community walk.

We will be exploring signs of spring in our school community and will be making signs of spring nature pictures to show where we found spring. Minibeasts - making bug hotels - the children will have to collect lots of natural materials to make their own bug hotels and then keep observing to see what's living in them. Dinosaurs - what's in the egg? A large egg has appeared in our classroom but the children will have to work out how to crack it open to find out what's inside.

## CUBA

Springtime/ growing- we will be looking for signs of spring on a walk and planting seeds in our class pots. Mini beasts/ lifecycles - We will be exploring a mystery egg in a tuff tray and hatching caterpillars, watching them turn into butterflies. Discovering dinosaurs- we will be exploring sensory trays with dinosaurs and hatching our very own dinosaur.

## ST LUCIA

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## NEW ZEALAND

In Summer 1, New Zealand class is exploring 'Coast to Coast.' We will be learning about the countries and seas in the United Kingdom. For our hook, we are visiting the RNLI at Bembridge.

## GALAPAGOS

Our hook for our topic the UK is to explore and identify London landmarks and then create our own London skyline artwork with silhouettes of the London landmarks.

## JAMAICA

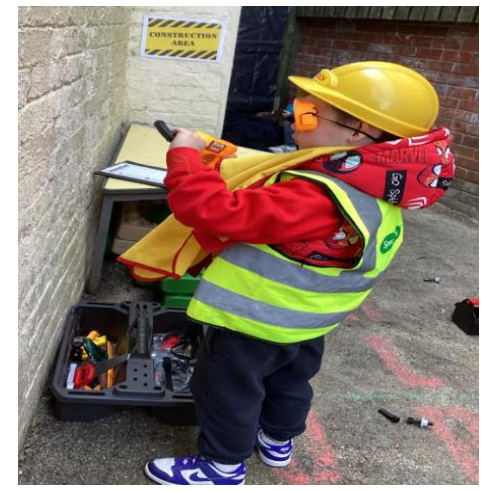
Jamaica class will be doing the trading game- the children will each make up part of a country and will have to use the skills and knowledge on trading built up over the half term to work out how to strategically trade with other countries.

We will be switching our hook to the end of the topic this half term due to SATs

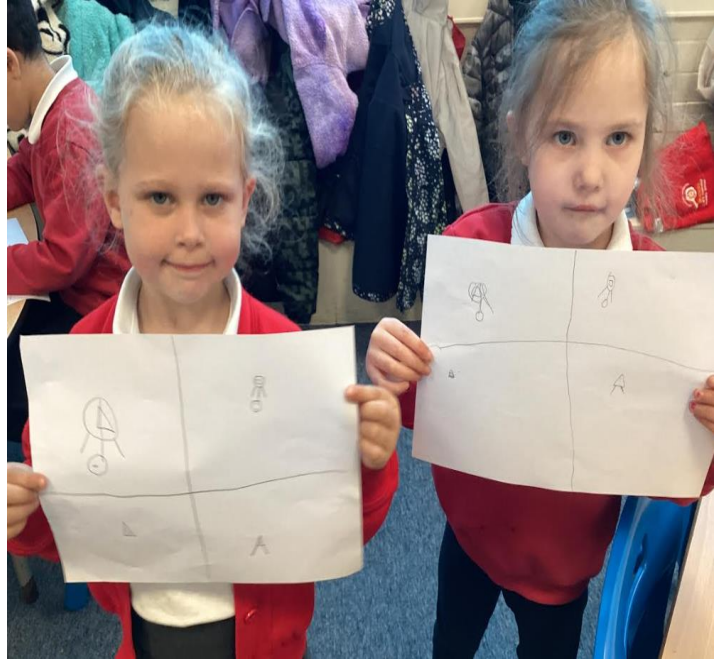
## HAWAII

Hawaii Class researched famous landmarks in London and what they are used for and then created a bird's eye view of London using lego, k'nex and drawing. Some of the landmarks we made were the London Eye, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the O2.

# This week in photos



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# Some photos from our singing Workshop this week!



Smart devices promise to make our lives easier. In many cases - they do, however these new technologies present risks too. Whether you're using a digital assistant to record your shopping list or you're controlling your lights through a smart system, many smart functions can be 'hacked' and controlled by someone outside your home. This guide will help you identify some of the ways you can stay alert and protect yourself.

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### KNOW THE RISKS

The success of any smart device relies on it communicating with other devices using the Internet. It's an unavoidable part of using smart devices, but it does expose you to numerous risks. Attackers could use the Internet connection to steal your data for identity fraud or to make unauthorised purchases through your devices. There is even potential for more sinister exploitation, such as child grooming or cyber-bullying.

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### WHAT IS THE INTERNET OF THINGS?

This is the term given to all the devices connected to the Internet in your home. It includes a new digital doorbell connected to your smartphone, your kettle that boils when you tell it to on your tablet or your heating that comes on when you swipe on your smart watch. The Internet of Things (IoT) is designed to make life easier, but it also opens up your home network to potential cyber-attacks. It doesn't mean you can't enjoy the benefits, but it does mean being aware of the potential negatives.

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### KEEP YOUR SOFTWARE UP TO DATE

Manufacturers constantly update and improve software used in smart devices. Some will automatically alert you to an update, but not all do. To be on the safe side, it's a good idea to set reminders in your calendar. Check the manufacturer's website for any updates and run them if necessary.



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### CHECK ENCRYPTION SETTINGS

Whenever data is sent over the Internet, it is 'encrypted'. This makes it harder to read if it's intercepted. You should look to use a strong encryption setting, such as WPA2, rather than WPA or WEP. You can check your router manual on how to do this.

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### RENAME THE 'GATEWAY' TO YOUR HOME

Your Internet router is the virtual gateway to your home network. It needs protecting. To do this, you should change the default name (the SSID) and password. You can usually find steps to do this in the instruction manual. Don't use your family name. Choose something more obscure. Make the password complicated too, using upper and lower-case letters, numbers and symbols. Do this for your router and any other smart devices connected to the Internet.



# 12 Top Tips To Get Smart About The DEVICES In Your Home



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### USE A SEPARATE NETWORK FOR GUESTS

If your router has a feature that allows you to set up a separate network for guests, you should use it. That way, when guests use your Wi-Fi, they won't have access to your devices.

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### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If you ever feel something is wrong or your network is being exploited, visit the manufacturer's website or ring their technical support department. It's better to be safe than sorry.



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### BUILD A WALL

You could also purchase a dedicated 'firewall' device. This is something that plugs into your network and stops cyber threats reaching your router. Some routers do have a firewall element included, but they are no replacement for the real thing. A firewall device thoroughly analyses information coming in and out of your network and helps stop malicious attacks. A security device is strongly recommended to anyone who works from home or deals with sensitive information.



## Meet our expert

Emma was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than a decade. Since leaving education, she has been working in a cyber security firm delivering cyber awareness training to businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old and has vast experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and use apps.



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### SAY GOODBYE TO SIRI AND ALEXA

It's a good idea to change the activation words on your smart devices so they are unique to you and your family. This makes it that much harder for people to break into your smart devices.



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### DEACTIVATE ANY UNNECESSARY FEATURES

Though it's a fun idea, you probably don't need to control your kettle from outside the house. In fact, there are often many unnecessary features included on smart devices. Where possible, you should look to disable these. Doing so reduces the ability for people to hack your devices. When someone sees you've actively taken steps to increase security, they're less inclined to try to compromise them.



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### SECURE YOUR SMARTPHONE

If you do use apps on your smartphone to control devices in your home, make sure your smartphone is secure. At the very least makes sure the pin function is enabled, as well as any biometric authentication you have. Where possible, it's also a good idea to download some anti-virus software for your smartphone too.



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### REGULARLY AUDIT YOUR DEVICES AND CONSOLES

Every now and then you should check through all of your smart devices (including games consoles) connected to the Internet. Turn them off at the mains and disconnect them from the Internet. In fact, it's good practice to disconnect any device that aren't in use. It's a small thing but really does help. Even when you think a device might be in sleep mode, if it's connected to the Internet it could still be listening or streaming data.



# School Readiness Workshop



Starting primary school is an exciting time for your child and your family. The 'School Readiness Workshop' can help your whole family prepare and be ready for school life.



## Dates:

Ryde Family Hub – Thursday 23rd April 9.30am to 11.30am

Newport Family Hub – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 12.30pm to 2.30pm



To book a free place on the workshop, please scan the qr code or book via the Eventbrite link.

<https://iowfamilycentres.eventbrite.co.uk>

# Drop-in Sessions

For parents of Early years children with emerging



## SEND

Please scan the QR code for more information and to book

Come and join us for a friendly and informal drop in session, designed to provide support, advice, and a chance to connect with other parents and carers.

21<sup>st</sup> April 2026- Newport Family Centre

21<sup>st</sup> May 2026- Sandown Family Centre

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026- Ryde Family Centre

21<sup>st</sup> July 2026- Newport Family Centre

*9.30am - 10.30am or  
10.30am - 11.30am*




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# The Isle of Wight Salvation Army

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Providing people with essential hygiene and household cleaning items.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and as a result experiencing hygiene poverty please speak with a professional. Your GP, children's school, social worker etc and request a hygiene bank referral.

If you do not have a professional contact please contact the Isle of Wight Salvation Army hygiene bank on the details below .

## Contact Us

📞 01983 526312

✉️ [IsleofWight@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:IsleofWight@salvationarmy.org.uk)

📍 72 Pyle Street, Newport,  
Isle of Wight, PO30 1UJ

Please contact Mrs Willshire via email: [jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk) if you require this service.

# Occupational therapy

## Parent advice sessions

The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks - e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- Preschool / school readiness



### Session Dates for 2026

(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 Jan, 19 Feb, 19 March, 16 April, 21 May and 18 June.

Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on **01983 534520** or via email to **[iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net](mailto:iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net)**

Sessions will take place at the Childrens Therapies Department,  
St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight

Scan for our Padlet's  
and information

# Additional Information and Services



We have created a number of Online Notice Boards, known as Padlet's, full of information and guidance on a range of topics, including:

**Best Start in Life**

**Early Language**

**Oral health**

**Infant Feeding  
Support**

**Nutrition and  
Healthy Eating**

**Neurodiverse  
Information, Resources  
and Services**

**Toileting**

**School  
Readiness**

**Health Visitor  
Drop-in Clinics**



## Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions

Where: Gunville Methodist Church Hall

When:



11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (10am - 12 noon)

6<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (10am - 12 noon)

15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (10am - 11am)

5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (10am - 12 noon)

7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (10am - 12 noon)

Come along to meet with other parents / caregivers for an informal meet up and chat about your neurodiversity journey. Refreshments provided. No need to book, just turn up.

Free onsite parking.

### Webinars

We host a range of webinars, that all parents and caregivers are welcome to join:

- Accepting Adolescence
- Break-Through 'Behaviour'
- Child to Parent Violence
- Feel without Fear
- Navigating Neurodivergence
- Reestablishing Routines
- Seasonal Sensory Awareness
- Sleep

### Parent Peer Support Groups

We host regular parent peer support groups and drop in sessions. (Details available upon request).



## Isle of Wight Neurodiversity Team

### Let's Walk Together on This Journey

- Celebrate neurodiversity.
- Understand strengths and differences.
- Support each child's growth every step of the way on the Isle of Wight.



If you have difficulty understanding this document, please contact us on 01983 821000 and we will do our best to help you.

## Isle of Wight Neurodiversity Team

### Parent Information Leaflet

2025/2026

Delivered by the Isle of Wight  
Neurodiversity Team

## Neurodiversity Team – Embracing Strengths, Supporting Journeys (0–19 years, Isle of Wight)

We value each child's unique neurotype and collaborate to provide respectful, practical support for families, schools, and professionals across the Isle of Wight.

### Our Team

We bring together a network of specialists including:

- Family Support Workers
- Neurodiversity Practitioners
- Sleep Practitioners

Each professional contributes to a holistic, strengths-based approach co-created with families and settings.

### What Is Neurodiversity?

**Innate differences** (e.g., autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, Tourette's, sensory needs): natural variations in brain function.

**Acquired differences:** brain changes arising from life experiences like trauma or health conditions.

### Our Vision & Mission

- A **needs-led, island-wide response**, with clear pathways for support.
- A **system-wide approach**, involving health, education, local services, and community partners.
- Promoting **timely, meaningful strategies** at home and in educational settings.
- **Empowerment through awareness** of evidence-based, affirming support.

### How We Support You

**Signposting & Universal Guidance** No diagnosis needed—access support, resources, and community links.

**30-Minute 1:1 Consultations** Confidential support sessions to explore needs and co-develop tailored strategies.

**Neurodiversity Profiling Tool** A collaborative visual assessment across nine developmental areas to spotlight strengths and areas for support.

**Training & Workshops** For families, schools, and organisations—building neuro-knowledge and inclusive practices.

### Inclusion & Impact

- **Strength-Based & Neuro-Affirming** We celebrate and validate neurodivergent ways of being.
- **Collaborative Co-Production** Families, schools, professionals, and young people partner in decisions and support planning.
- **Evidence-Informed, Practical Strategies** Tools that work in real life—home, school, and community.

### Accessing Support

- Contact us directly to discuss needs or book consultations.
- Referrals welcome from families, schools, health professionals, or community organisations.



## Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions

11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (9am – 11am) Cowes Family Centre

16<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (9am – 11am) Carisbrook & Gunville Church

16<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (9am – 11am) Ventnor Family Centre

16<sup>th</sup> October 2026 (9am – 11am) Sandown Family Centre

18<sup>th</sup> November 2026 (9am – 11am) Carisbrook & Gunville Church

13<sup>th</sup> January 2027 (9am – 11am) Carisbrook & Gunville Church

10<sup>th</sup> February 2027 (9am – 11am) Carisbrook & Gunville Church



Drop in for a chat, a cuppa and shared experiences

No booking needed



**Cowes Family Centre –**  
Love Lane, Cowes PO31 7ET  
**Carisbrook & Gunville Church**  
Gunville Road, Newport  
PO30 5LS  
**Ventnor Family Centre**  
Albert Street, Ventnor PO38 1EZ  
**Sandown Family Centre**  
The Fairway, Sandown PO36 9EQ

Isle of Wight  
**Neurodiversity**  
Team

# Parenting Puzzle

**Are you a parent or carer of a child aged 3-5 years?**  
Our free 4-week Parenting Puzzle course can help you:

- Understand your child's emotional needs
- Build stronger communication and connection
  - Manage behaviour positively
- Feel more confident in your parenting

Day: Wednesdays

Date: 22/04/2026 to 13/05/2026

Times: 9.30am to 11.30am

Location: Newport Family Hub

**For more information,  
please see our website**



To book a free space, please use the link below:

<https://parentingpuzzle-22april-13may.eventbrite.co.uk>

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