

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**

24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a fabulous week we have had in school, it has been so lovely to see everyone focused, especially the year 6 children who are getting ready for SATS week.

**Attendance Week** – Last week we carried out another attendance week. Thank you for supporting us with this. It has been amazing to see everyone's enthusiasm and how it has helped to raise the whole school attendance. We are always looking at ways to further increase our attendance figures. If you have any ideas please come in and see Mrs Willshire.

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.

**11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATS

**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

**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

**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.

**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!

Have a fabulous weekend and see you all on Monday.

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  
Luke 6:31: "And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them"

# 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.

## 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 % = 86.60%**

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'.

# Attendance Traffic Light System



90% and below

90 - 95%

96 - 100%

**Concern**  
Drastic affect on academic achievement.

**Cause for Concern**  
We work with our EWS Officer who will conduct home visits when attendance becomes a concern

**Excellent attendance!**  
Keep up the good work.

## MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT!

96 – 100% attendance equates to 4- 7 days off each year  
90-95 % attendance equates to 9-20 days off each year (50-100 lessons lost)  
90% and below equates to 20-30 school days off each year (100-150 lessons lost)

We want our children at Brading CE Primary to enjoy coming to school.

Research proves that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success.

Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.

Ensuring children attend school is crucial for the welfare of children and safeguarding their wellbeing.

## EVERYDAY MINUTE COUNTS



5 minutes per day

3 school days lost per year



15 minutes per day

10 school days lost per year



25 minutes per day

19 school days lost per year

If you have any safeguarding concerns within the school or the community please see the below poster. These are our school Designated Safeguarding Leaders. They are always here to help.



# Safeguarding

is everyone's responsibility



If you have concerns regarding a child in our school or community please report immediately to a DSL or DDSL.

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Beverley Gilbert

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Jo Willshire



Miss Clare Matson



Mrs Alison Attwell

Contact information:

Isle of Wight MASH – 01983 823436

LADO – 01983 823723 (only call if urgent otherwise use online form)

Safeguarding Governor – Dave Piggott & Pat Redfern



### 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.



Finished



# SCHOOL LUNCH

## WHAT'S COOKING?

### **SCHOOL MENU WEEK COMMENCING 27<sup>th</sup> April 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
Cheese & Tomato Pizza Veggie Meat Feast Pizza	All day Breakfast Beany Vegetable Burger	Roast Pork Veggie Cottage Pie	Lasagne Veggie Lasagne	Fish Fingers Quorn Nuggets
Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges	Strawberry jelly	Banana Cake	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Flapjack

Please note that there is a change of meat this week from Chicken to Pork.

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

This week in Antigua it has been another busy one. We have continued our topic of springtime growing. We have planted peas outside. Had art activities drawing flowers and some springtime growing tuff trays. On Wednesday we had Earth day, we went to the hall and did a recycling activity where the children separated cardboard and plastic. We looked at pictures of the Earth and had a recycling story, Peppa's recycling. We painted stones blue and green to make the Earth. On Thursday we celebrated St George's day, we had a story, George and the dragon, decorated biscuits and had a tuff tray with St George's flag in it. We also listened to the national anthem and the children all stood up whilst listening. We have had lots of fun outside as well, enjoying the beautiful weather.



## CUBA

This week in Cuba Class we have been exploring more of our Spring theme. We have enjoyed colourful flowers in the water tray, planting our seeds and retelling our Jack and the Beanstalk story.



## ST LUCIA

This week in St Lucia we have been looking at the theme 'growing'. We planted some cress seeds and some beans, we went on a nature walk to find different things to make a pattern with and we did some leaf and tree rubbings with crayons. We have had such a fun week!



# THIS WEEK AT BRADING

## NEW ZEALAND

This week the children have been writing all about The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch with a focus on description. In maths, we have enjoyed statistics and the children really enjoyed pictograms! In PE, we are learning how to play tennis. We had a quiz all about our country and learned about the town and the countryside as we compared towns and countryside. The year one children are now also working hard for their phonics screen which will take place early next term. Well done everybody.



## GALAPAGOS

This week we have had another busy week! We started the week by continuing to explore our UK topic. This week we learnt about the rivers we can find across the UK and the seas they are connected to, the children enjoyed using the atlases to do this.

Science learnt all about water transportation, specifically how water travels from the roots to the other parts of the plant. We then set up a new investigation by putting white flowers into food colouring and observing the petals to see if they change colour. Finally, in PE we have been playing tennis! The children have been really enjoying this and their accuracy and control is improving every lesson. Have a lovely weekend!

## JAMAICA

This week in Jamaica class, we have been planning and writing a diary entry which will include alliteration, personification and semi colons. We have completed a peer read, and have modelled our work to each other. In topic, we have explored the country of El Salvador and identified the key trading routes that the country exports goods to. We designed posters, and plotted where different goods come from onto a world map.

## HAWAII

This week in Hawaii Class, the children practised their badminton skills. They warmed up by practising how they held the racket. Next, we practised hitting the shuttlecock in pairs. Finally, we played a game where children had to retrieve the shuttlecock and make it back to the circle before the runner does. The children all had a really good lesson!



# 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

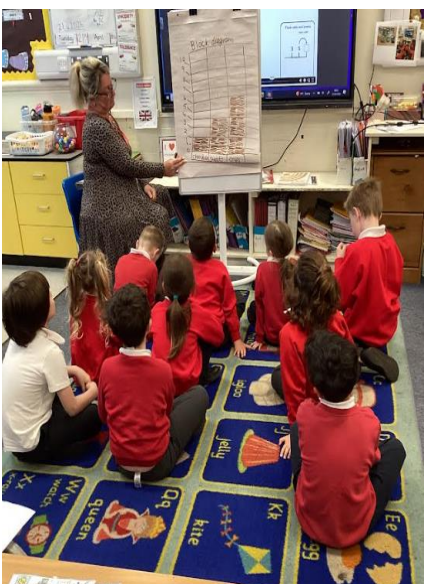
Jamaica class will be doing the trading game- the children will each make up part of a country and will have to use the skills and knowledge on trading built up over the half term to work out how to strategically trade with other countries.

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





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.



3

### 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.



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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>



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# 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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**£60m**  
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**£0**  
extra cost to anyone



# The Isle of Wight Salvation Army

Working together to fight against hygiene poverty



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>

# BE WILDFIRE AWARE

AND HELP PROTECT THE COUNTRYSIDE



**PACK A PICNIC**  
NOT A BBQ



**DON'T**  
START CAMPFIRES



**EXTINGUISH**  
**CIGARETTES**  
FULLY



**DON'T**  
DROP LITTER



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OR VISIT  
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& Isle of Wight  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE



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