



"Room to Grow"

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# The News

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(Aided) Primary School**

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## DIARY

### Tuesday 5th December

PTA meeting 1.30pm

### Wednesday 6th December

Parent voice meeting 8.30am

Sportshall athletics Y5/6

Year 4 Open Afternoon 2.15pm–  
topic work showcase.

### Thursday 7th December

Year 6 SATS meeting 8.30am

### Friday 8th December

Year 1 Class Worship 8.45am

Christmas Fayre from 2.45pm

### Tuesday 12th December

Year 6's production of Macbeth  
at 1.45pm

Y3/4 Football match at home  
against Bembridge 3.30pm KO

### Wednesday 13th December

Y5/6 Football match against  
Gurnard 3.30pm KO

### Thursday 14th December

Y3/4 Football match against  
Godshill 3.30pm KO

Lights of Love 6pm

### Friday 15th December

Year 6 Age UK coffee and cake  
1.30pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you for all the donations to our Reverse advent calendars. Each class has a box which they will begin to fill with items as we move through December. The Food Bank will be back into school at the end of term to collect the completed boxes.

Congratulations to all the winners of the 'Be Bright Be Seen', backpack competition. All of the entries were wonderful and made the job of selecting winners very difficult. A full list of winners with a photo is in this newsletter.

The children's baubles have been safely delivered to Newport Minster and will be on display from today. Please pop into the Minster if you are in Newport and take a look.

As you are aware we have had a nasty bug in school this week. Please encourage your children to wash their hands properly and follow the advice sent out on Wednesday. Remember to inform the school by 9am of your child's absence each day and confirm this via email or a written note on their return. Please also make sure your child has a warm coat in school and appropriate outdoor PE clothing (sports jumper, tracksuit trousers, trainers, extra t-shirt for weekly PE lessons).

The school tea towels have arrived, they are fantastic and will make super Christmas presents. If you placed an order please collect your tea towels from the front office. We have ordered extra so if you would like one please contact the front office or they will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre.

The Christmas Fayre is taking place next Friday (8<sup>th</sup>) from 2.45pm. Any donations of cakes or offers of help will be much appreciated by the school and the PTA.

Thank you all for your continued support around this very busy time of the year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Maria Herbert

### Monday 18th December

Year 5's production of 'Bills  
Blue Frock' 1.45pm

### Tuesday 19th December

Christmas dinner and  
Christmas outfit day  
Y6 Presentation 1.45pm

### Wednesday 20th December

9.30am Nativity service at St.  
George's Church YR, 1, 3, 5 & 6

### Wednesday 20th December

1.30pm Nativity Service at St.  
George's Church YR, 2, 4 & 6

### Thursday 21st December

Christmas party food & last day  
of term

### Thursday 4th January

Back to school

### PTA

Thank you to everybody who wore mufti today and brought in a tombola prize. The PTA would appreciate donations of wrapping paper and old Christmas cards for the gift workshop at the fayre. Please can any cake donations be bought into school on the 8th December. Many thanks.

Nativity Services at Arreton St. George's Church

The Christmas Nativity Services will take place on Wednesday 20th December. This year there will be two services to ensure we can comfortably accommodate as many parents/carers as possible. The services will include the following classes:-

- 9:30am– Reception and Years 1, 3, 5 and 6
- 1:30pm– Reception and Years 2, 4 and 6

Tickets will be issued for each nativity service and will be available to collect from the school office from Monday. Parents of children in Reception and Year 6 will have a choice of which performance to attend.

Initially we will limit numbers to two tickets per family. However, should there be space available at a later date, we will happily release further tickets and notify you by text.

N.B. Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are only taking part in one service.

Clubs

Clubs have now finished except for Thursday's football and computer clubs which finish on 7th December and Isle Rock that finishes on 13th December.

Gruffalo Class Request

Gruffalo class would like any clean boxes, tubes and containers for their junk modelling box. Thank you.

Be Safe Be Seen

Congratulations to the winners: Ebonnie, Emily S, Marc, Maisie, Samuel, Jazmyn, Poppy, Oscar, Jake, Nicholas, Maisy, Lola and Kaidan.



# Star Value of the Week

Our school values are **perseverance, honesty and friendship**. Every week we celebrate a child from each class who have gone the extra mile to show one of our values.

<p><b><u>Gruffalo</u></b></p> <p>Darcey - For perseverance and excellent effort with her writing.</p>	<p><b><u>Paddington</u></b></p> <p>Jake– For perseverance with his writing and trying hard to remember his finger spaces and full stops.</p>
<p><b><u>Elmer</u></b></p> <p>Charlotte– For persevering even when she was feeling poorly.</p>	<p><b><u>Aslan</u></b></p> <p>Dakota– For perseverance in poetry.</p>
<p><b><u>Gandalf</u></b></p> <p>Alex– Honesty.</p>	<p><b><u>Potter</u></b></p> <p>Harry- For persevering with his learning .</p>
<p><b><u>Hylas</u></b></p> <p>Ella Rita - For perseverance and effort in class Advent assembly .</p>	

# Star Work of the Week

Every week we celebrate a child from each class that has produced an exceptional piece of work. Please come into the school foyer to view the star pieces of work on display.

<p><b><u>Gruffalo</u></b></p> <p>Maisie– For writing a fantastic letter to Father Christmas.</p>	<p><b><u>Paddington</u></b></p> <p>Mason - For a really neat and careful letter to Father Christmas.</p>
<p><b><u>Elmer</u></b></p> <p>Olivia– For her information leaflet on Kenya.</p>	<p><b><u>Aslan</u></b></p> <p>Erin– For an outstanding homework presentation.</p>
<p><b><u>Gandalf</u></b></p> <p>Olivia– For her number facts.</p>	<p><b><u>Potter</u></b></p> <p>Sienna– For beginning to edit her work by correcting her spellings.</p>
<p><b><u>Hylas</u></b></p> <p>Khai - For his efforts in Spanish.</p>	

This year we are a drop off point for the IOW Christmas Toy Appeal.

NEW unwrapped gifts only please, for ages 0-16 years. Suggested value: £10+

Please DON'T FORGET the TEENAGERS – They need gifts too! Gifts ideas for teens: Gadgets, Creative & Science Toys, Jewellery, Cosmetic Sets and Gift Sets. Thank you.

The IOW Christmas Toy Appeal volunteers will then wrap the gifts and distribute them amongst those less fortunate this Christmas.

Here are just a few of the causes your donations could help: The Children's Society, Spurgeons, St Mary's Hospital, Foodbank, Homestart, Beaulieu House, YMCA Young Carer's Scheme and The Women's Refuge.

**THE OFFICIAL IOW Christmas TOY APPEAL**

Please join us in our appeal to brighten up Christmas for less fortunate children on the Isle of Wight

**Gift Guidance:**  
New gifts only please  
For ages 0-16  
Suggested value £10 + batteries if required

Simply buy an extra gift and donate via one of our drop off points.  
**Open until 14th December**

For more information on the appeal and drop off points visit:  
[facebook.com/christmastoyappeal](https://facebook.com/christmastoyappeal)  
[www.christmastoyappeal.org](http://www.christmastoyappeal.org)

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### Attendance

Our whole school attendance target for the school year is 96.5%. The attendance for each class so far is:

- Gruffalo– 93.7%
- Paddington– 97.1%
- Elmer—96%
- Aslan– 97.1%
- Gandalf– 97.7%
- Potter—96.7%
- Hylas– 94.8%

The drop in attendance this week is due to the sickness bug, thank you to everyone who is following the correct procedure.

### U11 Football

The U11 friendly football match against Brighstone on 5th December has been rescheduled to Monday 8th January due to the Brighstone team having other more pressing last minute commitments. Apologies for any inconvenience. Another letter with the updated details will follow soon.

### Year 6

A kind reminder for Year 6 pupils and parents. Year 6 pupils need to be reading every evening to themselves or to an adult for about 20-30mins. They need to keep a record of this in their planners which they are to take home every evening. Thank you for all your support. Reading is so important and will make a huge difference to spelling, grammar and comprehension with a little input every night.