

Arreton St George's C.E. (Aided) Primary School

School Lane Arreton
Isle of Wight PO30 3AD
Telephone: (01983) 528429
Email: admin@arretoncepri.iow.sch.uk
Website: www.arretoncepri.iow.sch.uk



Head Teacher: Mrs Nicky Coates

Thursday, 18 December 2025

Dear families,

Thank you to all our families for your patience and understanding following the late decision to halt the planned closure in June this year. We have been truly overwhelmed by the support shown by both the families who were here last year and those who have since joined us and become valued members of our school community. It is wonderful to see our school growing once again, and we are delighted that our message of community and inclusivity is being shared more widely.

As we move on to our next chapter, I wanted to say an immense thank you to our staff who have been the most resilient, hard-working and dedicated team any school could wish for. They have managed and overcome all of the challenges sent our way; they are the absolute cornerstone of our success and I could not be prouder of our team.

We are looking forward to 2026 and all of the amazing plans we have in store for the children. The new year offers us a valuable opportunity for a fresh start and for us all to reinforce a few key routines. Punctuality is essential in ensuring a calm and structured start to the school day, allowing learning to begin smoothly and without disruption—something many of our children rely on to thrive.

- School opens for learning at 8:15am.
- The gates will open at 8:10am and close promptly at 8:20am.
- Red Squirrel families (and siblings) are welcome to park at the community centre and walk their children to class.
- KS2 pupils should be dropped off at the White Lion car park, where a member of staff will be available to greet them. Those walking from the village should come in via the playground gate.
- Only children with a pre-agreed arrangement with the Headteacher should be dropped off using the staff carpark.
- Children arriving after 8:20am will be recorded as late.

At present, a small number of pupils are arriving at or after 8:30am. This missed learning time quickly accumulates; just 10 minutes late each day equates to almost 32 hours, or around a week of lost learning over the course of a school year, which can have a negative impact on progress.

A reminder that pupils should wear grey skirts, trousers, shorts, or pinafore dresses, along with a white polo shirt and a school-logo jumper or cardigan. Shoes should be black and suitable for outdoor active play. Socks should be dark grey or white. Long hair should be tied back. Jewellery is limited to a single pair of stud earrings and a watch (not a smartwatch). Painted or false nails are not permitted. If you are experiencing any difficulties with uniform items, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We have a selection of pre-loved items and we are always happy to support where we can. The full uniform policy is available on our website <https://www.arretoncepri.iow.sch.uk/info.php?tab=5>

Arreton St George's C.E. (Aided) Primary School

School Lane Arreton
Isle of Wight PO30 3AD
Telephone: (01983) 528429
Email: admin@arretoncepri.iow.sch.uk
Website: www.arretoncepri.iow.sch.uk



Head Teacher: Mrs Nicky Coates

As we draw the Autumn term to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very happy, peaceful, and restful Christmas. We hope the festive period brings you time to relax, enjoy special moments together, and create lasting memories with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities that 2026 will bring. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, partnership, and trust - it truly means the world to us. We wish you a joyful Christmas and our very best wishes for a happy, healthy, and successful New Year.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Nicky Coates', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Nicky Coates
Headteacher