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Dear Families

Despite the rainy weather, we've had another wonderful week of learning at Lanesend.

It's lovely to see how all the children have settled in so well. From the youngest children in Butterflies and Ladybird class to our oldest children who will be looking ahead at their choices for their next school. I am so proud of all the children when I visit classrooms. It's so wonderful to see how focused children are with their learning and their books show such care and pride. The dedication and commitment of Team Lanesend is fabulous and we are so lucky to have such supportive families too. Thank you!

Get Involved!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) meeting on Thursday. There were many of you who expressed interest in joining so please do see later in the newsletter for more exciting news about how you can be involved. Thank you too to those parents/carers who have shown interest in becoming a governor. The closing date is today so it's not too late!

Lunches:

Family Lunches are back! Please see later in the newsletter for details. You will be able to taste our new lunches for yourself.

Views on Relish lunches were largely positive with the improved quality of food being noted. The daily 'baguette' and jacket potato option is missed by several children and there were some options, such as burgers, that were missed. There are some of you who are still finding the booking system a barrier to

booking a lunch so please do get in touch so we can help or contact Relish directly. We will share the views you have shared with Relish to look at how we can make lunches even better. As this was an anonymous survey, if you would like direct feedback, please do get in touch.

Trips and Swimming:

This year, swimming will be for Years 1, 2 and 3 and will begin after Christmas. You will receive further details nearer the time about dates for each year group. Swimming continues to be a really important part of the curriculum we offer and but we also need to make sure that there is sufficient time to give all curriculum subjects the time they need. This is why we are reducing the number of year groups going swimming to three and have focused on the younger years where the most rapid progress is made. In line with the updated Charging and Remissions Policy which you can find on the website, we will be asking for voluntary contributions to pay for the swimming lessons. The cost of the lessons is a significant reduction on the cost of lessons which you could book directly. Whilst we have made provision in the budget for a contribution towards swimming, the budget does not allow for three year groups to be covered. We very much hope that families will continue to make the voluntary contributions otherwise we will have no choice but to review the amount of swimming we offer. We hope that our families are in support of this so that we can maintain our swimming offer.

Dance Live:

It's back! A letter is being sent today to Years 4, 5 and 6. We have reduced the numbers of children's places to 60. This means that, if we were fortunate enough to be offered a place in the finals, we would all be able to fit on a coach and go! We are no longer offering this to Year 3 as this was very challenging for younger children with the commitment they need to make and the very late night.

Share Your Views:

Thank you for responding to the questionnaire we sent out to explore views on our 'shoes off' policy and lunches. The right decision will take time to reach and our next stage is to ask the children for their views.

We really value your feedback and views. It's lovely to receive emails which share positive feedback but we also really appreciate emails where you are sharing your concerns as this gives us the opportunity to improve what we are doing and to resolve things that have gone wrong. Did you know? Ofsted's Parent View can be used at any time to share your views on our wonderful school. You can register and share your feedback on Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View. Thank you!

Three important dates for your diary:

- Thursday 3rd October is Census Day. This is a crucial day for funding for schools as the number of children in school as well as the number of children who choose a school dinner, impacts on how much funding we receive next year. The menu for this day will be Fish and Chips (as this is the children's favourite school lunch!): It is the perfect opportunity for every child to try a school meal so please do book if you can.
- Thursday 10th October, we have our first Open Evening, 6 –7pm for our new intake for 2025/26. Please do come along if you have a child who will be due to start and share with families and friends.

• **Wednesday 16th October** is our first Parents' Evening. This will run from 1:40 – 7:00pm in 10 minute slots. Bookings for this will be available shortly.

Do take a look at the rest of the newsletter! There are some important features such as our newly launched PTFA and Family Lunches.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Best wishes

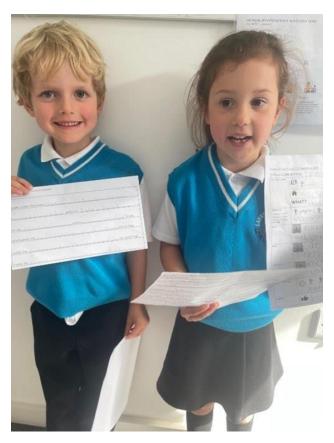
Mrs Sutton

Celebrations in School





 $1\hbox{-} Our\ wonderful\ KS1\ children\ in\ their\ Celebration\ Assembly\ today.\ Well\ done\ all.$



2 - Dotty and Jake with their fantastic Talk for Writing. Mrs. Napier awarded them Golden Tokens for the pride shown.



3 - Matilda has been loving her learning all week. What a superstar; we love it when she shares her good ideas.

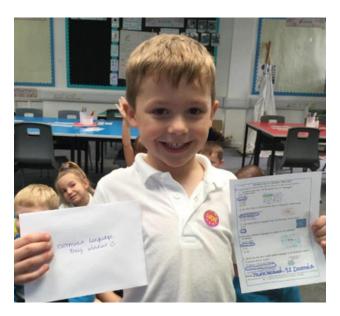


4 - Elena got a golden token for exceptional manners, confident celebrating of linguistic skills during European Day of Languages and excellent letter writing practice in Discovery Time.





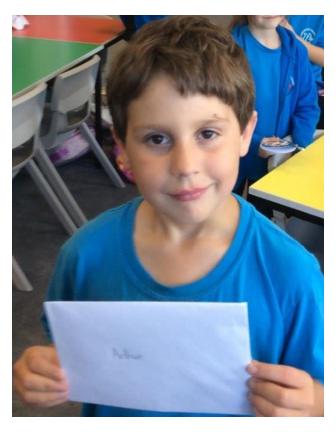
5 - Alby won our European Languages Day Quiz



6 - Jaxon won our European Languages Day Quiz



7 - Lois won our European Languages Day Quiz



8 - Arthur won our European Languages Day Quiz



9 - Harrison won our European Languages Day Quiz



10 - Sofia won our European Languages Day Quiz



11 - Our wonderful boys and girl's football team at their match against Queengate Primary School on Thursday. Well done Team Lanesend!

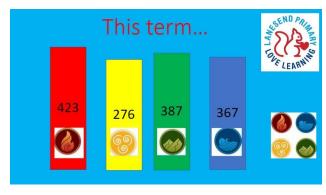
House Points!



Earth lead the way in our House Points this week. Fire still pipped the lead for the term though but it is close at the top! Who will win next week's total?

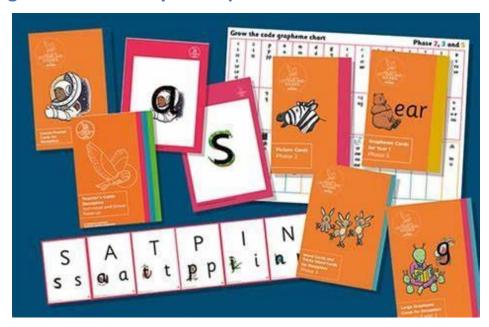


12 - This week's House Points



13 - This term's totals

Wandling on a Wednesday - Reception Families



We would love to invite our current Reception families into school to join Mrs Domoney for some sessions about our phonics scheme 'Little Wandle'. These are open sessions with no need to book, just pop along!

Wandling on a Wednesday – open session, all are welcome in school starting Wednesday 2nd October with Mrs Domoney 3.15pm-4pm





Open Evening for New Intake 2025!



We are holding our first Open Evening on Tuesday 10th October 6pm-7pm. If you know of anyone due to start school in September 2025 please do pass this onto them. Team Lanesend cannot wait to meet you all!



Important - Attendance Update Reminder

Working Together to Improve School Attendance

Here is an overview of the changes to the way schools and local councils are working to improve school attendance:

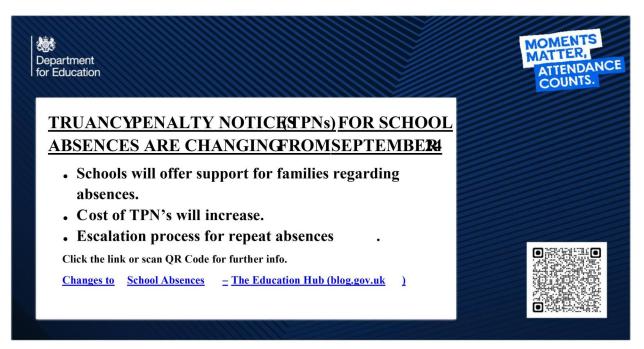
Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. For some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others. This is why schools and local councils are committed to working together with families to solve problems and support your child's school attendance.

New guidance to schools and local councils mean that children will be better supported to be in school and attend regularly.

The Department for Education has amended the framework for the issuing of penalty notices in relation to unauthorised absence. Whilst it is expected that schools support families, if the support is not engaged with, schools will be able to apply for penalty notices to be issued to families for unauthorised absence. This may be due to children arriving significantly late to school, schools not being informed of the reasons for a child being absent, or schools not agreeing with the reason for the absence. In the event of unauthorised holidays in term time, the support element would not be offered.

In addition, the cost of Truancy Penalty Notices is rising to £160 per parent, per child (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days for a first incidence). If a second penalty notice is issued within a rolling three-year period the notice will be at the £160 rate. No penalty notice will be issued for a third time. In that event the absence would be considered for prosecution.

For more details please click <u>here</u>.



Dates for the Diary



- Monday 30th September 7pm Dance Live Sign Up goes live on Arbor
- Tuesday 8th October 2024 Dance Live Rehearsals Years 4, 5 and 6 sign up live Monday at
 7pm
- Thursday 10th October 2024 Open Evening for Reception starters 2025 6pm-7pm
- Wednesday 16th October 2024 Parents Evening more details of how to book next week!
- Thursday 17th October Next PTFA meeting 3:00pm 3:30pm
- Thursday 17th October YR Phonics/Family meeting 5.30pm-6pm



14 - **Week commencing 30.09.2024 we are on week 2 of the menu**. Please book your child's meals from home on Relish. Thank you in advance.

Our newly launched PTFA!

Join the PTA!



On Thursday morning we held our first PTFA meeting in school. Thank you so much to all the families who came! It was so lovely to talk all things fundraising, events and chat through ideas with you all. We are planning a Christmas Fayre as our first PTFA run event and already have so much we would love to do for the children and to raise vital funds for our school projects.

The next meeting is Thursday 17th October 3pm-3.30pm in school. If you want to find out more please pop along. Even if you cannot make every meeting your input is so valuable to us. Thank you all!

Families in for Lunch - Autumn Term



We cannot wait to welcome families back in for lunch with the children. Here are the dates for this term. Please ring the office on 293233 to book and pay at the time of booking to secure. Thank you.

Families into Lunch - Autumn Term

Week Commencing	Year Group
7th October	6
14th October	5
4th November	4
11th November	3
18th November	2
25th November	1
2nd December	R

15 - Here are the dates for each Year Group.

Become a Parent Governor at Lanesend



We would love to hear from you if you would like to join our dynamic Governor's team and become a Parent Governor! Please contact cpevreall@lanesendprimary.co.uk for more information or for an application form.

Dear Parents

Vacancy for Parent Governor

We are writing to invite parents to apply for the vacancy we have on our local governing body for
one parent. To be eligible to apply you must be a parent to a current pupil at Lanesend Primary
School school and over the age of 18.

What is involved?

Prinat, Simonrosi play a very important role in keeping the local governing body aware of the views from the parental perspective. They are a vital part of our team and I hope that there are parents willing to give their time and commitment to this important role. The local governing board meets seven times per year. Meetings are held for 2 hours between 6pm-8pm on Wednesdays.

Being a governor allows you to see things from the school's perspective and see how the school is Being a governor allows you to see trings from the school's perspective and see now the school is managed. You would also gain an in-depth understanding of how decisions are made, while playing an integral part in deciding what happens within the school. You will also have the opportunity to develop your skills, both personally and professionally, gaining experience in the following areas:

Strategic planning

Experience on a board

Holding senior leaders to account.

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 Finance, and maintaining oversight of school budgets
 Human resources and performance management
 Project management
 Marketing
 Communication and teamwork
 Decision making

<u>Do I need any qualifications to apply?</u>

There are no formal qualifications - volunteers are needed with experience of life. However, we would be especially interested to hear from you if you have experience in **Finance**.

The one essential requirement is an interest in, and commitment to, the education of children. Governors are ordinary people, drawn from many areas of society. They need to be able to devote time to getting to know the school well and be available to support and challenge it. A governor must be a good listener, and someone who is able to read and take in information easily.

A governor must be able to:

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 raise questions and take part in discussion and decision-making
 be discreet, open minded and fair
 be a source of ideas and a good communicator
 be enthusiastic about the work of the school
 be prepared to work as part of a team.

Whilst schools are keen to welcome applications from all areas of society, there are certain criteria that have to be met before your application can be accepted. More information can be found in Appendix 1B.

How long do local governors serve?
The usual term of office is four years. However, local governors are volunteers who can leave at any time and can similarly be re-appointed or re-elected.

Is there any support available?

A great deal of professional advice and support is available to help local governors with their duties and responsibilities, along with training available from DCAT, the Diocese and The Key.

Interested?

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the role and answer any questions or concerns you have. Please contact the clerk to the local governing body, Cody Peweall via email opeverall@lanesendprimary.co.uk so we can arrange for you to meet with the chair of the local governing body.

If you would like to apply please complete the attached declaration form (Appendix 1B) and application form. Should we receive a number of applications then an election for the post may need to be held. We will keep you informed if this is necessary.

The closing date for applications is Friday 27th September.

Yours faithfully.

Vickie Sutton Headteacher

Jo Hunter Chair of Local Governing Body

Maths with Dee is back at Lanesend



Brush up on your maths skills and increase your confidence

Support the kids with their homework

Friendly, supportive tutor

Work at your own pace and at your own level

Sessions start again on September 17th!

Tuesday mornings 9am-10am No need to book.

New learners always welcome- why not drop in and find out more about how the Multiply programme can help you?

Please contact the school office or call Dee at Community Learning (01983 817280) for more details.



Community News and Events











Cuppa, Cake and Tombola

Foodbank HQ, Love Lane, Cowes. www.isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk

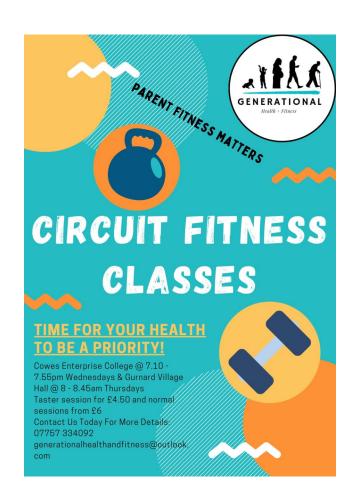














Infant Feeding Stay & Play

Free Event!



Sandown Family Hub Playroom Thurs. 26th Sept 2024 12-2pm

Fairway, Sandown, PO36 9EQ

Free £10 shopping voucher for all who attend, fill out our survey & complete a feedback form!

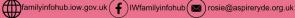
An amazing opportunity to meet Infant Feeding experts on the Island!

Cake, biscuits and glitter tattoos free on the day!

Come along and have a chat, have your views heard and questions answered

Infant Feeding experts will be available on the day from: Barnardo's, Breastfeeding Network, Solent NHS trust Health Visiting team, Dadzclub, **IOW NHS trust Maternity team**

Find out more or request transport using the details below







October 9th 4:00pm - 7:00pm





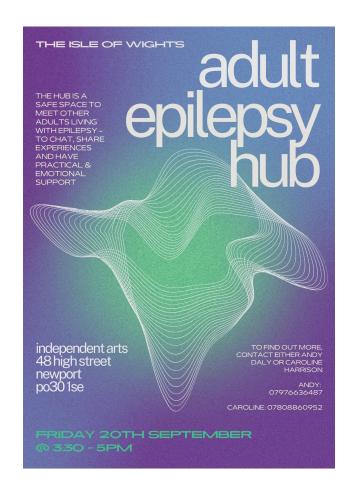


GUITAR - SONGWRITING VOCAL COACHING - UKULELE

Student led lessons - They pick the songs - They set the pace
Lessons take place during school time - 30 minute sessions
Price per lesson:: £17.50 one-to-one / £12 each for groups of 2-3
Email now to book your child's place for September 2024!

☑ islandmusicmakers@gmail.com f islandmusicmakers ♥ 07868651050









Pushchair, child buggy, mobility scooter or wheelchair alternative walk along the hard-packed cycle track, the old railway line to Horringford, where you will meet the group members walking on the circular walk to return all together.

You may find apples to be picked at the Community Orchard and blackberries to pick on route; remember to bring something to put these seasonal wild fruits in. Please bring your own snacks to eat, hot water will be provided to make yourself a drink at the end of the walk.

Green Time is a fun, informal way by using the great outdoors to enhance positive emotional wellbeing, self-confidence, self-esteem and mental health.



For more info visit our website www.equalsiw.org.uk



St Catherine's Church Ventnor 10.30am - 1.30pm

Really Useful Thursdays Drop In And Chat

- Support sessions for anyone of any age and in any circumstance
- A safe environment to access support and advice or simply for a chat
- Signposting to other organisations
- Mayor's Surgery Drop-in

free refreshments free lunch served from 12 midday



September 5th October 3rd November 7th December 5th

2024

Organisations often include:



























Thursday Kitchen

Free hot lunch for everyone

further info: catherine@ventnortowncouncil.org.uk

Every Thursday 12 to 1:30pm at St Catherine's Church Ventnor



Everyone welcome

Cuppa and cake Tue to Fri 10:30am to 12:30pm

Supported by St Catherine's Church & Ventnor Town Council



Mini Rockets Pre-School Sessions (Parent and Gymnast)

Tuesday Mornings (ages 1 ½ to 4 ½)

09:30 - 10:15 10:25 - 11:10

Sea Cadets Cowes, Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG

£22.50 per Child for a 5 Week Booking

Please Wear Suitable Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt)

HOW TO BOOK
Please go to https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk to book your place on line.

If there are any queries please contact Christy on $07518\,335319$ Thank you ©



Little Rockets Gymnastics & Trampoline Classes - Cowes (Term Time)

Tuesday Evenings (ages 4 to 16)

Beginners 16:00 - 17:00 Beginners 17:05 - 18:05 Intermediate 18:10 - 19:10

Wednesday Evenings (ages 4 to 16)

Beginners 16:00 - 17:00 Beginners 17:05 - 18:05 Intermediate 18:10 - 19:10

Sea Cadets Cowes, Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG

£28 per Child for a 5 Week Booking

Please Wear Suitable Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks)

HOWTO BOOK
Please go to https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk to book
your place on line.

If there are any queries please contact Christy on $07518\ 335319$ Thank you ©

Squirrels

Seeking bright eyed and bushy tailed new recruits

Come and join 2nd Cowes Squirrels at our HQ in Smithards Lane, Cowes,

Wednesday 25th September 5.15-6.15pm for

This is an age when minds are fizzing, when energy and curiosity levels are sky high, when little lives are full of wow and wonder.



ISORROPIA OPEN DAY!

* isorropia

Join us for an exciting free session to learn about Isorropia Foundation and how we're helping islanders enhance their mental wellbeing. Don't miss this opportunity to explore the support we offer!

What is it?

A supportive session where you can explore how Isorropia can assist you or others in mastering mental wellbeing. We're here to answer all your questions and guide you every step of the way.

Who is it for?

Everyone! Whether for yourself, a loved one, or as a professional, come and learn more about Isorropia.

Pre-Enrolment Opportunity

Wellbeing Coaches will be available for pre-enrolment immediately after the information session.







Be inclusive | Anyone can excel Share what is best | Enjoy the challenge

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding an Open Month for Year 6 to Year 7 admissions from Monday 30th September until Friday 25th October.

Our Open Month replaces an Open Evening and we are excited to show you around our fantastic school, giving you a first-hand experience of what it is like to be a pupil at Cowes Enterprise College.

Rather than a formal talk, we offer 45-minute tours which take place after the school day. These are led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will show you around our building, where you may have the opportunity to witness a selection of the enrichment activities we offer. We will also be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Additionally, we're thrilled to invite you to experience the vibrant atmosphere of our school firsthand on the mornings of Monday 30th September and Monday 7th October.

If you wish to visit the academy for a tour please call 01983 203103.





Prospectus

Promotional Video

T: 01983 203103 | E: info@cowesec.org







Space 4 U

Out-of-hours drop-in and one-to-one support for young people aged 11-17* living on the Isle of Wight, and experiencing crisis and difficulties with their mental health.

*Up to age 18 with additional needs

We offer face-to-face, online, telephone and open-access drop-in sessions for you to talk to someone in confidence about anything you may be going through.



- Access support face-to-face, online or over the phone phone
- Signposting and referring you to other sources of support, to enable you to reduce the crisis in your life
- Emotional and practical support in a safe space Help to explore your current situation
- Learn self-management techniques

Monday's

Drop-in session 5-6pm one-to-one sessions 6-7.30pm (by appointment only)

East Newport Family Centre Furrlongs Newport PO30 2AX

Tuesday's

Drop-in session 4-5pm One-to-One sessions 5-6.30pmpm (by appointment only)

Sandown Family Centre 98 The Fairway Sandown PO36 9EQ

Further Support



Scan here to find out more about Safe Haven



Scan here to find out more about our Advice Centre





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