



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

December has arrived and with it a dramatic change in temperature. The children were excited at the first drops of snowfall on Thursday. On Friday temperatures fell to -1!

**With plummeting temperatures, it is essential that children come to school with coats and gloves/scarves etc in order to ensure they stay warm during break times and lunchtime.**

After a very busy week, the children joined their school houses in a range of activities for wellbeing. Mrs Maloney and staff arranged a series of activities across the day which provided the children with opportunities to mix and enjoy a different type of day. Thankyou.

In Explorers a small numbers of adults (parents and grandparents) joined the class to help decorate the classroom whilst Adventurers and Explorers continued to practise the nativity alongside their normal curriculum.

Selena has enjoyed the newspaper reports whilst the class have enjoyed their art work exploring watercolour.

In Pioneers they have started *Wolf Wilder* as their new class text by Katherine Rundell.

*Feodora and her mother live in the snowbound woods of Russia, in a house full of food and fireplaces. Ten minutes away, in a ruined chapel, lives a pack of wolves. Feodora's mother is a wolf wilder, and Feo is a wolf wilder in training. A wolf wilder is the opposite of an animal tamer: it is a person who teaches tamed animals to fend for themselves, and to fight and to run, and to be wary of humans.*

Next week the school welcomes two authors. Katherine Rundell is joining Pioneers remotely whilst Peter Murray is joining Key Stage 2 for a presentation on Thursday.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the children will be performing the nativity to the school and parents which is always something we look forward to.

There will also be a number of other visitors, events and clubs to keep us busy.

On Saturday I am looking forward to the series of events in St Helens especially our own school Fayre.

The FOSH will undoubtedly provide another great event comprising of an array of stalls, traditional games, delicious food, raffles, a few extra treats and a visit from Mr Claus.

Please come along and support the school. You won't want to miss it.

**Have a great weekend**

**Mr Wake**

**Attendance week from: 20/11/2023 to 24/11/2023**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Late Arrivals</b>	<b>Minutes Lost Through Lateness</b>	<b>Unauthorised Absences</b>	<b>Authorised Absences</b>
Explorers	92.9%	0	0	0	9
Adventurers	97.5%	0	0	0	7
Discoverers	90%	2	52	0	25
Pioneers	97%	0	0	2	6

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 94.7% which **below** the national expectation of 96%

**If your child is too unwell to attend school please contact us to let us know. You can phone on 872442 or email us on [admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk) If you let us know by phone please can you put the reason for your child's absence in writing when they return to school otherwise the absence will be marked as unauthorised. We are required to ask you for this in order to follow the Local Authority attendance procedures, and if we don't receive a letter or email we have to follow it up.**



**THIS WEEKS AWARDS**



<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Worker of the Week</u></b>	<b><u>Star of The Week</u></b>
Explorers	Marley	Layton
Adventurers	Amelia	Arlo
Adventurers	Rosie	Emily
Discoverers	Noah	Lottie
Discoverers	Beauin	Micah
Pioneers	Alexis	Tessa
Pioneers	Ellie	Lottie



We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to the following children and staff who celebrate their special day this week:

Mr Andre  
 Arabella age 5  
 Amelia age 6

**School Dinner Menu (£2.75) per day or free to Reception, Year 1 & 2 pupils)**

On **TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS only**, the children will be able to order baguettes - fillings cheese, tuna or ham.

**Chartwells** by school **WEEK 1** W/C: 30/10, 20/11, 11/12, 08/01, 29/01, 26/02, 18/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>AUTUMN/WINTER 2023</b>	<b>HOT SPECIALS</b> Cheese and Tomato Pizza @ Served with Potato Wedges	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese @ Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fillets Served with Chips
	Sir Fried Vegetable Rice @ @ Vegetarian Burger @ Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Pastry Roll @ Served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese @ @ Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Quorn Nuggets @ Served with Chips	
	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayo @	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pesto Fresh, homemade soups and loaf so size with parma pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Chocolate Brownie	Crispy Crumble Bar with Fruit @	Original Flapjack	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Vanilla Ice Cream

**PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE**  
Hot, Cheese and Tuna Burgers available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY**  
Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

Vegetarian Oily Fish Whole grain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all verified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

**Chartwells** schools

# WEEK 2

W/C: 06/11, 27/11, 18/12, 15/01, 05/02, 04/03, 25/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>AUTUMN/WINTER 2023</b>	<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Turkey Con Chili 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pasta Bake 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
		Sweet Potato Curry 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Macaroni Cheese 🍝	Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble 🥧 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🍗 Served with Chips
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	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and beef sauce with penne pasta 🍝					
	All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍏	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit 🍪	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake 🍰	Carrot Cake 🍰	Strawberry Ice Cream 🍦	

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**Chartwells** schools

# WEEK 3

W/C: 13/11, 04/12, 01/01, 22/01, 19/02, 11/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>AUTUMN/WINTER 2023</b>	<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausage Served with Mash'd Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
		Chilli No Cheese with Crispy Tortilla 🍲 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese 🍝 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast 🍲 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Cottage Pie 🍲	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🍗 Served with Chips
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	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and beef sauce with penne pasta 🍝					
	All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>DESSERT</b>	Magic Apple and Cinnamon Bake 🍏	Strawberry Jelly 🍓	Orange Shortbread with Fruit Slice 🍰	Banana and Carrot Cake 🍰	Chocolate Ice Cream with Shortbread Biscuit 🍦	

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**If your child would like the vegetarian option on a particular day, please can they let their teacher know so we can order enough portions from The Bay kitchen.**

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – FOSH Christmas Fayre in the school hall 1.00-3.00pm

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – FOSH St Helens Village of Angels launch/Village Christmas tree lighting from 5pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity to school/dress rehearsal

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity to parents (2pm and 5.30pm)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Party Day (EYFS/KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Father Christmas visit AM

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas lunch

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - School closes at 3:00pm for Christmas break

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Development Day – school closed to children

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Development Day – school closed to children

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024- School reopens at 8.45am for the Spring Term

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – FOSH AGM – The Vine Inn, St Helens 7.00pm

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Staff Development Day – school closed to children

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5/6 Residential trip

### **This Week's Class Updates**

#### **Explorers**

We've had a fab week in Explorers!

We had a fantastic afternoon on Wednesday decorating the classroom ready for Christmas. The children had a great time making a number of their own decorations for the room as well as getting all the lights, tinsel and baubles out of our Christmas box. They enjoyed making glitter stars, wool wrapped trees and a massive paperchain together. The room is looking great!



On Thursday the Explorers enjoyed taking part in Wellbeing day. They each joined the older children in their house colours and took part in a selection of different activities throughout the day.

We have done lots of nativity practice with Adventurers this week. They have all done such a great job of learning the songs and the children are starting to get excited for the show next week.

In phonics we have been doing some writing linked to the book the Ravenous Beast. The children have come up with some great descriptive words and have applied their phonetic knowledge to try and spell their words themselves.

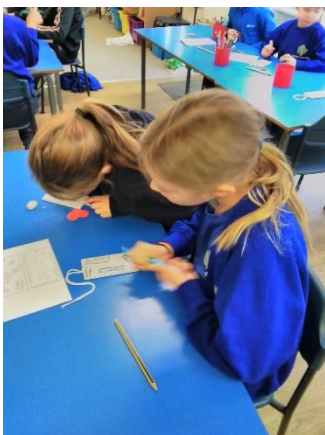


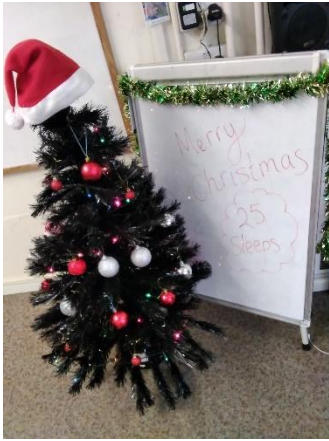
Have a lovely weekend!

## **Adventurers**

December has finally arrived! With it brings our class Christmas tree, the class advent calendars, The Grinch!! Nativity rehearsals & lots of glitter.

We've enjoyed the term's Well Being Day, where the classes moved around in their house colours. In the Adventurers Classroom, with myself, Mrs Yardley & Mrs Callaghan we were making Kindness Plaques. The whole school got very stuck in and very sparkly. We were very impressed by how hard Mia, Lizzy & Levi tried with their fantastic cutting out and how they made their 3D hearts.





In English, we have continued our work with How the Grinch Stole Christmas, the class have enjoyed discussing why the Grinch may have done what he did. On Friday they also took part in a whole class debate, with two teams arguing for and against the Grinch's actions.

In Maths, the class have continued their work with odds and evens and have worked really hard in identifying patterns.

Reminder- not every child has had a costume letter sent home, don't panic as we have a wide variety of costumes in our collection, we have only sent letters home for the children that may need leggings etc. Please let us know ASAP if you cannot source anything, we shall try and get things in place for your child.

Have a lovely weekend!

### **Discoverers**

In English we have been uplevelling sentences about different biographies. In music we have been playing the hand bells and learning silent night and it was a starry night.

In maths we were learning geometry and learning about area and perimeter of shapes.

In PE we have been doing different stations involving running, throwing and catching.

We had wellbeing day all about kindness involving a blindfolded activity where we had to guide each other around obstacles and balancing a bean bag, tree rubbings, making totem poles, writing kindness postcards and making ornaments for the kindness tree.

My favourite part of the week was music because we got to play the hand bells.

Written by Thomas Hall

## Pioneers

This week we were really getting into our new class book *The Wolf Wilder* and are thinking about writing our own rewilding story set on a Victorian Isle of Wight.



In our computing lesson on Wednesday afternoon we took part in Solent Coding Day- ( a discrete workshop event) and we all created a platform game using scratch.

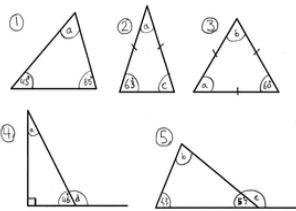
Here is the link if you want to try it at home, <https://bit.ly/SolentCodingDayWorkbook>

Meet Aqua, ( see opposite) the new recruit encouraging schools to sign up for Solent Coding Day – a free fun event aimed at inspiring young minds to discover computer programming and follow career pathways in future technology.

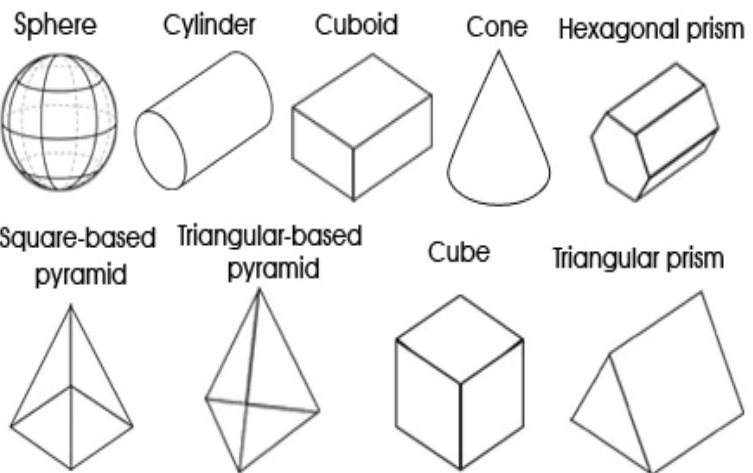
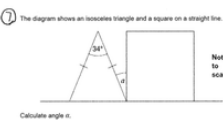
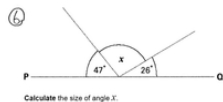


Photo showing a child debugging their coding.

## 3D Shapes



Extension:



Maths currently is all about 3 d shapes and angles for example (see above)



On Thursday we had our Autumn Term Well Being Day ; the focus this term was Kindness

We want the children to understand the mantra



One of the activities was to write and decorate a postcard for another child with a kind message on



After a day of activities the children all sat down at 2.00pm to watch the wonderfully appropriate The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse. This film has numerous acts of kindness for the children to watch and ponder on.

### Textile Bank

Don't forget that we have a textile bank where you can donate unwanted **clothes, belts, paired shoes, bags, hats, (in a tied bag)**. The donated items will be collected and weighed fortnightly and the school will receive 20p per kilo towards our funds. **Donated items (bagged please) should be left near to the front entrance of the school. Please let the office know you have left items!** ***Please do not donate duvets, pillows, cushions, household textiles, soiled rags, curtains, blankets as the recycling company will deduct the cost of disposing of these items from our overall total raised.***

Remember to look at the school website for the latest school updates and information at [www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk](http://www.sthelenspri.iow.sch.uk)

## Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access **THREE ONLINE COURSES** from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



### Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



### Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



### Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all FREE to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password. You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents](http://www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents)



## Sensory Friendly Christmas Workshop

Delivered by The Isle of Wight Wellbeing Service

Join us online for a 60-minute information session, providing tips, tricks, strategies and support in preventing and managing sensory overload during the festive period.

To join, or for more information please email [katrina.austin@hants.gov.uk](mailto:katrina.austin@hants.gov.uk).

# SANTA SLEIGH

Come and see him this December as he visits the following locations...



**Saturday 2nd** Newport Carnival  
**Sunday 3rd** Shanklin  
**Monday 4th** St. Helens & Nettlestone  
**Wednesday 6th** Freshwater & Totland  
**Thursday 7th** Binstead  
**Saturday 9th** Gunville, Pan, Bluebell Meadows  
**Sunday 10th** Sandown  
**Monday 11th** Wootton  
**Tuesday 12th** Ryde  
**Wednesday 13th** Bembridge  
**Friday 15th** Cowes  
**Sunday 17th** East Cowes

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### Prizes include:

- Sunday lunch for 2, at the Seaview Hotel
- A Cut and Finish with an advanced Stylist, by Charlotte's Academy
- Blackgang Chine x 4 Vouchers, and selection of Cuddly Toys

and many  
more  
amazing  
prizes!

### How it works: Tickets are £2.50 each

1. Make a donation to IOW Youth Trust, via this page
2. Email proof of your donation, along with your contact details to the email address below
3. For every £2.50 donation, you will receive a raffle number
4. The raffle will take place on Friday 15th December.



Good Luck!

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**Pertemps** 

# Kids

## Young Carers Fareham & Gosport

### Royal Navy and Royal Marine Young Carers

We organize fun activities once a month, exclusively for young carers from naval or marine families. This provides them with a break and an opportunity to participate in an activity with their peers.



### Criteria for Royal Navy and Royal Marine Young Carers

The Young Carers Project in the Gosport and Fareham area is open to individuals aged 8-18 who care for someone in their household with a physical disability, poor mental health, learning difficulties, or substance misuse. They must also have family currently serving or ex-serving in the Royal Marines or Royal Navy.

### Not Local to the Fareham & Gosport Area?

If you're from a naval or marine family outside of the Fareham & Gosport area and need support, scan the QR code on the flyer to get in touch with us and we can give you advice on local support in your area.



## Scan me!

