



**ST HELENS PRIMARY**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather had taken a turn for the worst with another bout of rainfall during the week. Of course we have had another pleasant week despite the changing weather.

To my surprise I received a yellow health warning suggesting temperatures will increase for a couple of days later in the week.

I know Mrs Sharp would be delighted. She loves the warmer days plus 5 years old cooped up all day!!!

**'The Yellow HHA is in effect between 18/07/2024 at 17:00 and 20/07/2024 at 23:00 in the South East of England.'**

And yes it is pleasantly warm on Thursday and Friday as forecast

On Monday, Bembridge library visited to discuss the summer reading challenge. Lots of children showed an interest so please consider venturing to your local library to support your children with their reading during the summer. The scheme runs across all island libraries.

On Tuesday new Explorers visited again and this time extended their stay until after lunchtime. I look forward to welcoming them properly in September of course.

Generally speaking the timetable was back to normal this week as teachers and children complete their topics or embed previously taught skills in preparation for September.

In class Habitats have been the main theme in Explorers. Harvey's seaweed, Isabella's fish, Lewis's turtle, Arabella's flying fish and Rowan's seascape were all presented in assembly on Friday along with the entire class. All had certain different features. Layton was able to describe what went into the construction in detail.

Thanks Explorers.

In Adventurers, Alena was excited about treasure maps. We saw Oliver's example in the assembly and Emily described how the children would take turns to locate the treasure in the classroom. I know they were looking forward to this.

Luke demonstrated a number of examples of the 'ed' suffix which they had learnt in their phonics lesson. This included stopped, walked and another example with a difference red.

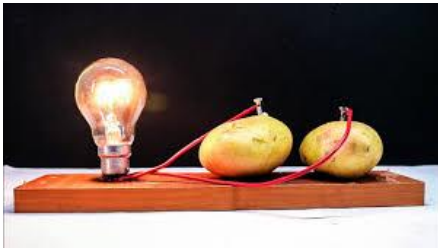
I wonder how many words you can think of with ed as a prefix. 5 house points for any child who can tell me 5 words with ed as a prefix and another 3 house points for 5 words with ed within the word

Commented [HT1]:

Lizzie also really enjoyed maths this week.

In Discoverers, Clara enjoyed short division, Emily enjoyed sports day practice, Macie's impressed with her knowledge of the inverted comma and Noah enjoyed finished the Letter art. We saw Macie's excellent example.

In Pioneers, Alba was excited to work with Evelyne and Katy in Science where they lit up light bulbs using potatoes! Yes really.



#### SCIENCE EXPLAINED:

Potatoes are rich in phosphoric acid, which enables a chemical reaction to take place when the copper coin and zinc coin are inserted. This reaction generates a small amount of electricity that's enough to power an LED light!!

One of highlights was Year 6's trip down memory lane when they ventured to Reception. Mrs Sharp remembers like it was yesterday and the children still enjoyed the same activities as they did back in 2017/18.

Pippa enjoyed the year 6 party. I don't believe in had anything to do with the fact that she won both the bowling and laser quest.

Attendance certificates were given out today. Many children received excellent attendance meaning they may have missed one or two days in the entire year. However four stood out with 100% attendance throughout all three terms which seems an incredible accomplishment in the environment we work.

Travis, Pippa, Evelyne and Hannah amazing efforts.

Perhaps this is a good time to remind parents how important attendance is both academic and socially. It both provides children with a great opportunity to attain well in school and provide them up for a good attitude for working hard in the future.

Please be assured any child who is unwell whilst at school will be looked after and parents will be informed if they need to go home.

I have noticed that a small number of parents can be a little relaxed regarding start time. Some children find it quite embarrassing when they turn up late. Please remember all children should arrive before 0845 unless a prior arrangement has been made.

Next week is a different matter of course. The year 6 prepare for their final week as primary school pupils culminating in the leaver's assembly and end of term picnic on Friday.

Can I offer a special thanks to my Year 6 assembly helpers. Katy, Ellie and Jarryd who have done an amazing job acting as scribe, organising certificates and collecting house points throughout the year. Thank you to all three.

Before that we have sports day on Tuesday of course where we are hoping for the sun to shine but not too warm.

In addition Explorers and Pioneers are venturing to St Helens beach for the afternoon on Wednesday

And there is more. The teachers are planning the annual den- building day next week too so we are looking for an exciting end to the year.

Please start collecting any materials the children will benefit from having to make their dens

**Can I remind Year 6 parents to remember to wrap their box for the year 6 leaver's race on the last day.**

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sun whilst in lasts.

Mr Wake

#### Attendance week from: 08/07/2024 to 12/07/2024

Class	Attendance	Late Arrivals	Minutes Lost Through Lateness	Unauthorised Absences	Authorised Absences
Explorers	97.7%	2	90	0	3
Adventurers	97.6%	0	0	0	7
Discoverers	98.7%	2	50	1	2
Pioneers	94.3%	1	95	7	9

Although we strive for 100%, our whole school attendance for this week was 97.08% which is above the national expectation of 96%.

In line with the school policy, **please inform the school every day of absence**, wherever practically possible, of the reason for their child's absence and the predicted date of their return.

**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**


<u>Class</u>	<u>Worker of the Week</u>	<u>Star of The Week</u>
Explorers	Isabella	Harvey
Adventurers	Raif	Amelia
Adventurers	John	Oliver
Discoverers	Noah	Zach
Discoverers	Macie	Micah
Pioneers	Tessa	Blossom
Pioneers	Josiah	Katy



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

Ria age 8  
Lila age 6

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

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

**MENU CHANGE**

On **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July** the menu will be Fish & Chips as we have our whole school picnic on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

The Bay kitchen is closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> so there will be no school dinners available. We will order a number of baguettes for Friday in case any parents cannot attend the picnic.

Chartwells		WEEK 2		
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	NOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza @ Served with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese @ @ Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gassy
		Vegetarian Bolognese @ @ @ Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Veggie Bumbo @ @ Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Quorn Roast @ Served with Roast Potatoes and Gassy
	JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes @ @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salsan M. @ @ @ @ @	Jacket Potatoes @ @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pesto: Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce w				
All main meals are served with two veget				
	DESSERT	Chocolate Cookies	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slab @ @	Orange Jelly
		PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Hot, Choice of Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day	AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit	

### Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Pioneers Beach session (AM)
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Sports Day 9.30am-12.00pm
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Back-up sports day (in case of rain) 9.30am-12.00pm
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Explorers Beach session (PM)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Den Building Day
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Assembly 11.00am-12.00pm
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Whole school picnic & leavers races 12.00-3.00pm
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July - School closes at 3.00pm for Summer holidays
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Staff Development Day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Staff Development Day – school closed to children
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Staff Development Day – school closed to children
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Staff Development Day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Staff Development Day – school closed to children

## This Week's Class Updates

### Explorers

Another busy week in Explorers!

The children enjoyed their last transition day up to Adventurers this week.

We have done lots of descriptive writing this week! The children have decorated their friendship fish using lots of bright colours. On the back of their fish they have described what makes them a good friend. Following on from making their own habitats last week we have looked at pictures of different underwater habitats and sea creatures and described what we could see.

The Explorers have all enjoyed practicing for sports day during PE this week and are excited for their first sports day next week! We had some cool and calm time in the classroom during our yoga session yesterday, the children followed the story of a little seahorse.

Have a lovely weekend!



### Adventurers

Explorers joined us for a final transition this week, and now that is it until September when we all start in our new classes!

We have been continuing to practise our handwriting of high frequency words in English. We are also using a text this week called 'How to find gold' to practise our skills. For example, we wrote a character description for the crocodile. In the story they use a treasure map, so we have created our own treasure maps in class and the 'treasure' is a letter to the crocodile! Check out some of our maps below.

In Maths we are sticking with fractions. We explored  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an amount this week, by sharing amounts between four. We used cubes and counters as our concrete resources, then we moved on to doing it pictorially with part whole models and bar models.

Please can you make sure that your child has brought back their school reading books; over the summer they need to read books from home.

Have a great weekend.



### **Discoverers**

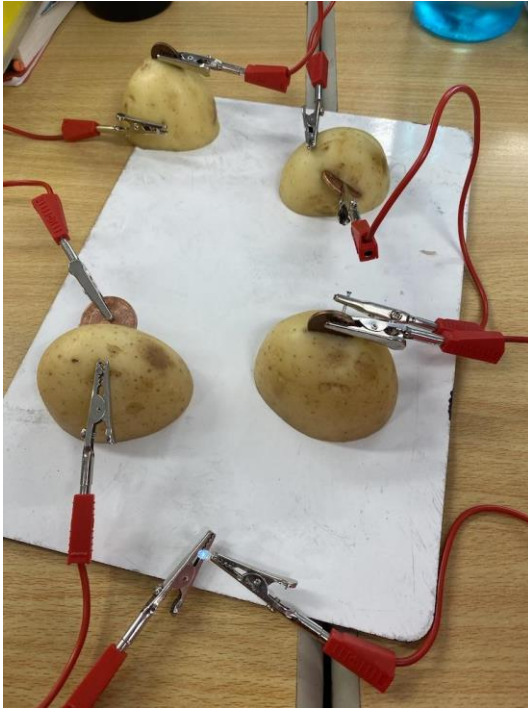
2 days ago we started to learn the bus stop method also known as short division. We carried on the next day then tried a little multiplication and division end of year quiz. Today we were finishing our independent writing task and writing it neat to show it to Ms Molonaly. In history, we wrote about the viking's invasion of Britain. In art we finished our illuminated script and Macie showed everyone in assembly.

By Logan and Cai

### **Pioneers**

In Pioneers this week we have been focusing again on our science projects: two projects this week.

Katie and Evie introduced us to the power of the potato; if you look very closely in the bottom section of this photo you will see a small LED bulb lit up by the power of potatoes.



After a shaky start we realised that we needed to cut our potatoes in half to double the power and use insulated wire with crocodile clips to improve the chances of conductivity. Using a small LED bulb also helped.

Katy and Evie had completed their research well as to why potatoes (and other vegetables and fruit) can produce electrical charge.

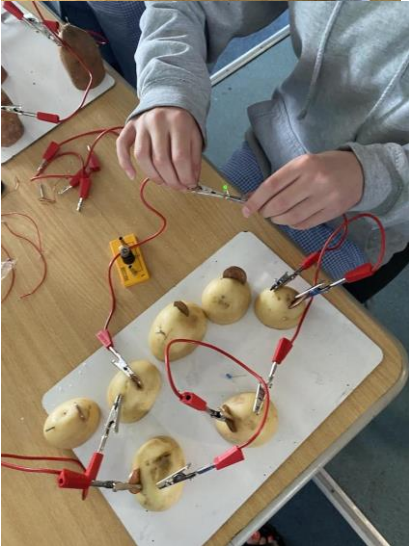
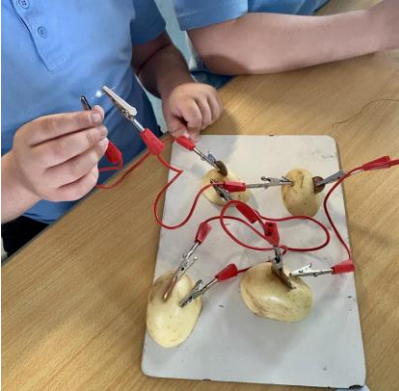


You wouldn't think it possible, but the acid inside the potato forms a **chemical reaction** with the zinc and copper. When the **electrons** flow from one

material to another, energy is released. Did the potato work well as a battery? Did you know a single potato can power enough LED lamps for a room for 40 days? The potato acts as an **electrolyte** which means it enables the electrons to flow through it. When the **chemical energy** is converted to **electrical energy** which gives enough power to turn on a small light.

All the children in the class eventually managed to light up their bulbs and then researched what other vegetables and fruits could be used to create electricity.





Also this week we were supervised by Josiah and Liam in a bug survey in Wake's Woodland. The objective was to try and count how many different species of bugs we could spot. We choose a sunny day for maximum impact. All bugs were treated with respect and returned to their habitats safely.



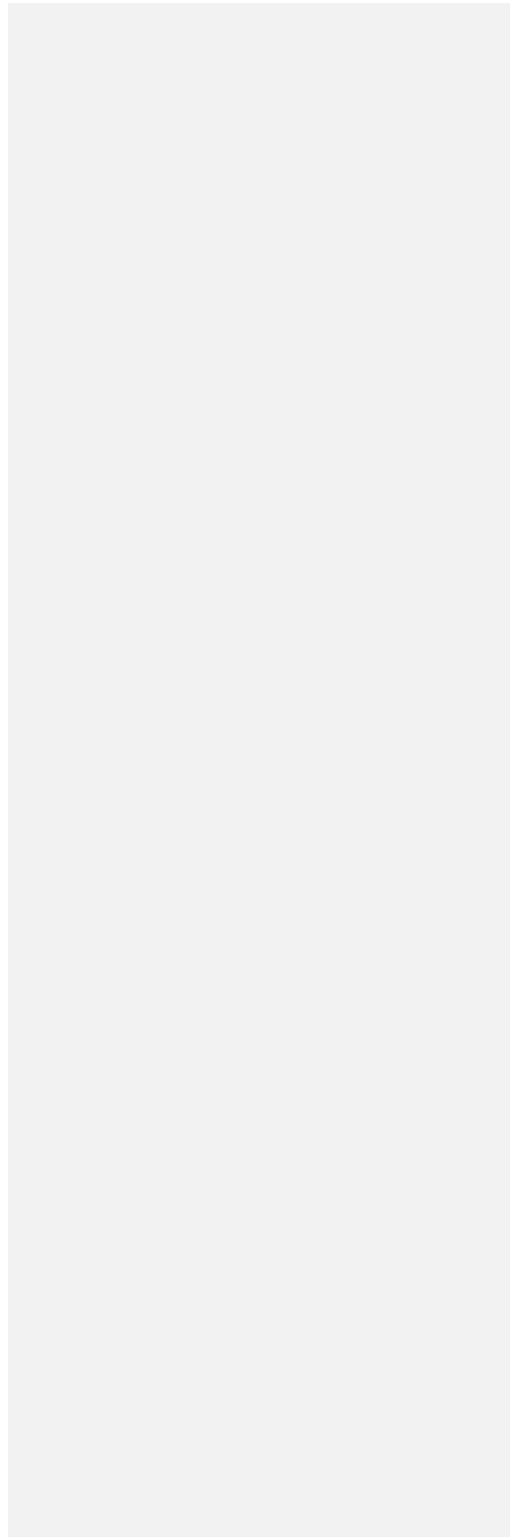
We learnt that woodlice are in fact crustaceans crabs. One group even saw a female woodlouse. Many butterflies were seen but just not caught.

We found at least 23 different types of bugs, and in the same family as give birth.



**PLEASE COULD  
ALL THE  
CHILDREN BRING A  
LARGE STRONG  
CARRIER BAG INTO  
SCHOOL ON  
MONDAY TO  
CARRY HOME  
THEIR EXERCISE  
BOOKS FROM THIS  
YEAR.**

**Many thanks**



## 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)

### ISLE OF WIGHT ATHLETICS CLUB QUADKIDS CHAMPIONSHIPS "ISLE IMPIX"

At the Ray Scovell Athletic Centre,  
Fairway, Sandown  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am



Multi-events which includes 75m Sprint, Long Jump, Vortex Howler Throw and 600m Race. Points scored for each individual performance the highest score is crowned Champion



2023/24 School Years 4 and 5 Boys  
and Girls  
IWAC members £2 entry, non-  
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Closing date for entries Wed 8<sup>th</sup>  
August

for application details contact [iowathleticclubmembership@gmail.com](mailto:iowathleticclubmembership@gmail.com)

**KIDS' Summer Holidays CLUB**

**RYDE:**  
4-8 YRS: MON 25TH/26TH/ 12TH 10.30AM-12PM  
9-13 YRS: MON 25TH/26TH/ 12TH 12.30-3PM

**COWES:**  
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**RYDE MEAD SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS**  
 RYDE MEAD LAWN TENNIS CLUB, CHURCH LANE, RYDE, PO33 2NB

<p><u>Camp One</u></p> <p>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August</p>	<p><u>Camp Two</u></p> <p>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August</p>	<p><u>Camp Three</u></p> <p>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</p>
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**10am – 11am**  
For Ages 5 – 9Yrs

**11am – 12pm**  
For Ages 10 – 15Yrs

£10 FOR MEMBERS/£12 FOR NON-MEMBERS PER CAMP OR £7 DAILY CHARGE

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 PLACES ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE BOOK BY TELEPHONING NICK SEARLES ON 07780 932704  
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**GIRLS RUGBY**  
 FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY TASTER SESSIONS

FOR GIRLS ENTERING YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

**AUGUST 21ST & 28TH**

4.30-5.30PM @ WOOTTON REC, PO33 4NQ

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:**  
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**Help us rescue Benji and Balu!**



**Join in the fun of our BIG Bear Ride**  
 SUNDAY 21st JULY - from 1pm  
 Come down to the Big Kahuna, Ryde

**Calling all Kids**  
 Support our 'Bears' on Penny Farthing bikes from the Big Kahuna to the Old Fort, Seaview - 2 miles  
 Bring your bikes and cycle along - don't forget your helmets!  
 [Depart 2pm]

**Sandcastle Competition**  
 Build a bear sandcastle at Appley Beach and stand a chance to win a VIP Bear Experience



1 PM THE BIG KAHUNA  
 2.30 PM THE OLD FORT SEAVIEW  
 SEAVIEW VILLAGE

wickheart animal sanctuary

Scan for all details





## Light the South School holiday fun

**FREE family friendly art trail in Southampton and Cowes this summer.**

Over the summer, Southampton Hospitals Charity will be lighting up the South with a large-scale public art event that promises to captivate your senses and ignite your imagination.

Download the free App to discover 80 incredible Lighthouses in Southampton and Cowes.

[www.lightthesouth.co.uk](http://www.lightthesouth.co.uk)








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## Dog Day on the Trail



**Pick up a trail map or download the Light the South app, and celebrate National Dog Photography Day with a stroll around the trail with your pooch.**

**Share your Dog Day selfies with us:  
#DogDaySelfie #LightTheSouth**

**Friday 26th July, 10am - 12pm and 4pm - 7pm  
Start and finish at any point on the trail.**

**No need to RSVP - just join us on the day.**





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 **Family Hubs** **Summer Pop in and Play information sessions**  
Isle of Wight

During the Summer Holidays we will be holding **FREE** Pop in and Play sessions within some of our centres. Play sessions will be running for you to pop into and find out information about our services and to reach out for advice and support. Find us at the following centres on these dates from 10.30am -12pm. No need to book, just pop in and play!

- West Wight Family Centre – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August**
- Cowes Family centre – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August**
- Ventnor Family Centre – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**
- East Cowes Family Centre – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

Join us for our Open Morning at **Newport Family Hub on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August from 9am – 12pm**. Come along and spot your favourite character, enjoy our play session and talk to our experienced team for advice and support.



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