



Nettlestone News

Newsletter 3



[To find out what is going on in your child's class visit their class blog by clicking here](#)

Upcoming Events

KS1 Celebrations - Sept. 19th

Year 3&4 Workshops - Sept. 25th

KS2 Celebrations - Sept. 26th

Seesaw Parent Workshop - Sept. 29th
- EYFS and Yr1 parents welcome at 8.50am

Year 5 Educational Visit - 2nd Oct.

KS1 Celebrations - Oct. 3rd

Year 6 Showcase Assembly - Oct. 3rd

Sporting Fixtures



U11 Girls Football Tournament - Ryde School - Sept. 26th

U11 boys tournament - Bembridge - End of September, date TBC.

U11 Boys football - home to Wroxall Oct. 1st

U9 boys football league starting this term.



Making it Happen - Year 4 River Workshop!

Year 4 had a brilliant morning on Thursday with Chloe from the Wessex Rivers Trust, who brought rivers to life in the school hall! When the children arrived, they were amazed to see a giant model river laid out, surrounded by labels, props, and fascinating objects.

Chloe guided everyone through how rivers are formed and explained why the Isle of Wight is extra special—our rivers often begin from chalk springs! The children were fantastic at sharing what they already knew, asking great questions, and working together to label different parts of the river. They even explored which animals live in and around rivers, and why they choose certain spots to call home.

It was a fun, hands-on morning full of learning and teamwork. We can't wait to see Chloe again soon for some exciting pond dipping and geography fieldwork!



Please Make a Difference!

Along with the newsletter you will be emailed a short survey today to share your views on the 3-week transition that we trialled for the first time this year. Now that the children are settled back in school we are keen to hear your views on whether transitioning to new classes early made a positive difference!

Share your Thoughts



Make the Healthy Choice to join the Rat Race!



The Nettlestone Rat Race is next Sunday - 28th September!

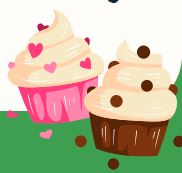
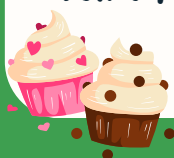
Have you secured your place to take part in this popular event?

As well as the adult event there is a children's 600m event starting at 10am—it would be great to see some Nettlestone faces taking part.

We need your support to make this special event the best one yet – it's our biggest fundraiser of the year! On the day, there'll be delicious bacon sandwiches, cakes, and drinks to keep everyone happy (and hydrated!), so don't forget to bring plenty of change to treat yourself.

We also need your help with cakes! On Friday 26th September 2025, please bring in as many homemade bakes or shop bought cakes as you can – they always sell out fast, and the more we have, the better. Time to get those aprons on!

Don't forget to bring in cakes on Friday 26th September



Making Healthy Choices - Team Nettlestone!



Do you or someone you know have a child starting school in September 2026? Please share that we are offering tours to showcase our lovely school. We would love to be full again next September!

Award Winners!

For Key Stage 1 ...



Iris

Reef

Leonidas

Olivia A.

Well done everyone!



Reminders - Please log in to School Money !

Don't Forget!

Even though we are only 3 weeks into the new school year, we really need your help to ensure that school accounts are kept up to date without incurring any debt. At the moment, there are significant outstanding balances across Breakfast Club, school lunches, Coolkidz and trips. This is becoming a concern as it affects the school's ability to continue offering these valuable services and opportunities.

Please take a moment this weekend to check your account and bring it to a zero balance. If there are any issues or if you need assistance, don't hesitate to get in touch with us — we're happy to work with you on a solution.

We have already started reaching out to families with outstanding debt balances make immediate payment. We want to make sure all students have the opportunity to participate fully in all school activities, so your prompt attention to this matter is really appreciated.

Reminders - Secondary School Open Days



Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form
2025-26 Open Day/Evening dates

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	29 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Christ the King College	18 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	1 st to 31 st October 2025	Year 6 Open Month
Island Free School	11 October 2025	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Lift Ryde	8 October 2025	Y6 Open Evening: 4-7pm Presentations 4.30pm and 5.30pm
	Open mornings 6-9 October 2025	Book through Reception for an am slot
Medina College	23 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Ryde School	4 October 2025 7 February 2026	Y6 and 6 th Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm
The Bay CE School	2 October 2025	Y6 Open Evening: 5-8pm
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed - Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk

- Please note St George's School is not offering open days. Places are allocated via the SEND department.



The round for 2026 secondary school applications opened this week - Monday 15th September. Y6 Parents have until midnight on the 31st Oct to apply for their child's place.



For more information visit the Isle of Wight Council website by clicking this [link](#)

Making a Difference to our Planet



By understanding how you use energy and where waste occurs, you can implement practical strategies to improve efficiency, optimize usage, and make informed choices about energy sources. As our homes are getting a little chillier, Green Isle of Wight can offer a free service to make you home warmer and more affordable to heat. Have a look at this [link](#) to find out more about the Energy Wise scheme.

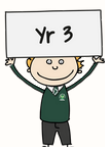


Making Healthy Choices Staff Contact



A gentle reminder: While we love staying connected, please avoid messaging staff on Seesaw late in the evening or over the weekend. Our team will be spending time with their families, and Seesaw isn't designed for instant replies. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Making Healthy Choices - Free School Meals



From Year 3 upwards, children need to pay for their school dinners, unless they qualify for free school meals.

Click for the [link](#) to apply for free school meals with the information on who can claim.



Making Healthy Choices Slushies Update

We have been asked to share that the Food Standards Agency (FSA) has issued a warning about ice slush drinks containing glycerol. While these drinks are popular, they may pose health risks to young children.

FSA Guidance:

- Under 7s: Should not consume slush drinks with glycerol.
- Ages 7–10: Limit to one 350ml drink per day.

Too much glycerol can cause symptoms like headaches or nausea. Please check labels or ask vendors if unsure.

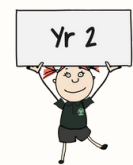
Thank you for helping keep our children safe!

More information on glycerol:
• Visit [food.gov.uk/glycerol](https://www.food.gov.uk/glycerol)
• Scan this QR code:



Making it Happen - Sports News

Year 2 have been busy in PE, practising their movement and direction skills – and it's been lots of fun! This links beautifully with their Maths learning, as the children get to use words like forwards, backwards, left, right, clockwise and anti-clockwise while they move. They've even been tackling quarter, half and three-quarter turns! We can't wait to see how their skills (and confidence) grow over the term.



Assembly this week...

This week's assembly was all about the British value of Democracy! Click this [link](#) to see the video Mrs. Jacobs played to the children about democracy.



The children were able to name Keir Starmer as our Prime Minister and they knew that he leads our Government to make decisions for the British people about how our country is run. Mrs. Jacobs linked this to the elections of our Young Governors. The children will be spending time writing manifestoes and then the class will democratically elect their class Young Governor through the process of a secret ballot; just like real elections!



School Dinners - menu for next week

w/c 22nd Sept	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sausage Hot Dog with Wedges	Roast Gammon & Roast Potatoes	Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian	Veggie Chilli Con Carne Tortilla & Rice	Veggie Hot Dog with Wedges	Roast Quorn & Roast Potatoes	Veggie Shepherd's Pie	Quorn Dippers & Chips
Dessert	Flapjack with Fruit	Cornflake Tart	Oatie Cookie & Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream	Crunchy Chocolate Mouse

School dinners are now £3.10

ALL DINNERS MUST BE PAID FOR AT THE POINT OF ORDER

