

The Buzz



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School

9th December 2022



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,

Well, that's another bumper busy week gone by!



Honey Bee class had a great trip to **Butser Ancient Farm** on Monday. They were given a whistle stop tour through the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They learnt how incredibly resilient and resourceful prehistoric people were. It was incredible to find out that prehistoric people spun clothes from nettles and flax and it took them 6 months to complete an outfit. The children had the opportunity to create bronze age rings by twisting copper wire with pliers. Despite the cold, they had a very enjoyable and educational day. See more photos on our Facebook page.



Yesterday, we celebrated our **Christingle Service** as well as **Christmas Jumper Day**. We were introduced to Rev Mark Pullinger, the new Associate Priest, and we sang Christmas carols and listened to prayers written and read by the children. There was a moment of awe and wonder when the church lights dimmed and the candles twinkled in the darkness. Thank you to the family members who joined us; I hope that you also enjoyed it, too. Thank you, also, for your kind donations to The



Children's Society and Save the Children. Have a look at our Facebook page for photos.

The **choir** have been busy wowing the crowds with their beautiful singing. They performed at The Grange this week, and they received a lovely handmade thank you card in return for brightening up their day! This weekend, they will be performing at the Christmas Fun Palace at Mottistone and the Stars of Wonder concert at St Mary's Church. We hope to see you there if you can make it. Check out our Facebook page for photos.

Well done to the children who made some **colourful decorations** last Saturday in St Mary's Church. If you get the opportunity, do visit the church to see them on the magnificent tree. We also have a tree on display in the Methodist Church, with a bee theme, as part of the Christmas Tree Festival.

Thank you to the BSA for organising the **Christmas disco, mini Christmas market and wreath-making workshop** last Friday. The children (and adults) had great fun. The mini market looked magical, and the wreaths looked stunning. See the BSA's Facebook page for photos.

Just another reminder of our upcoming Christmas events:

Our whole school Nativity will be taking place on Tuesday 13th December at 1.15pm and on Wednesday 14th December at 6pm. Christmas Dinner day is on Wednesday 14th December. Our choir is taking part in the Christmas Fun Palace at Mottistone and in the Stars of Wonder concert at St Mary's Church (both on Sunday 11th December). Stop press: We will also be having a mini Christmas Concert on Thursday afternoon at 2pm, showcasing some of the children's music (those who have music lessons with the peripatetic music teachers). More information about this will follow next week.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, and see you again on Monday. Best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Collective Worship - Compassion

This week's Collective Worship focus is '**God of the unexpected**'.

You would expect a king to be born in a palace or castle, but not a stable! You would expect the first people to be told of the great news would be important leaders and royalty, not shepherds!



However, the Bible tells us that Jesus, the Saviour of the World, was born in a lowly stable, and the first people to be told were shepherds. This was very unexpected.

One of the names given to Jesus is Emmanuel, which means 'God with us'. Jesus was sent by God the Father to come among us in a most unexpected way.



Almighty God sent His son into the world to offer love and compassion to ordinary, everyday people in ordinary, everyday places.

Christmas Prayer



God of compassion,

You came among us in a way people didn't expect.

You came to us in Jesus.

God of compassion, you come among us today in ways we don't expect.

You come to us where we are.

Help us to recognise you among us and welcome you afresh this Christmas.

Amen

"I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people." Luke 2.8-20

School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' free school meal everyday.

Children in Years 3-6 are charged at **£2.35** per day.


Baguettes now available on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of JPs (ham, cheese or tuna)

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Mac n Cheese	Chicken Pie	Roast Turkey	Beef Curry	Fish fingers
Option 2	Veggie Sausage	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Bolognese	Quorn dippers
Dessert	Choc Sponge	Ice Cream	Oat Cookie	Apple Crumble	Lemon Slice

Poetry Corner

First Angel: Fear not, shepherds, for I bring Tidings of a new-born king – Not in castle, nor in keep, Nor in tower tall and steep; Not in manor-house or hall, But a humble ox's stall.

Second Angel: Underneath a standing star And where sheep and cattle are, In a bed of straw and hay God's own Son is born this day. If to Bethlehem you go, This the truth you soon shall know.



Angels' Song by Charles Causley

Third Angel: And as a signal and a sign, Sure as all the stars that shine, You shall find him, shepherds all, Swaddled in a baby-shawl; And the joyful news will share With good people everywhere.

Second Angel: Therefore, listen as we cry;


Three Angels: Glory be to God on high, And his gifts of love and peace To his people never cease.

Grammar and Spelling Matters

Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning!

Grammar: Commonly misused words

Which or that?

Which	That
<p>Adding non-essential information to the sentence.</p> <p>Non-restrictive relative clause.</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My phone, which is an iPhone, isn't working. She likes to spend her weekends at her mum's house, which is by the beach. 	<p>Adding essential information to the sentence.</p> <p>Restrictive relative clause.</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My phone that I bought last week isn't working. The boy that is in your class is my brother.

Reminders

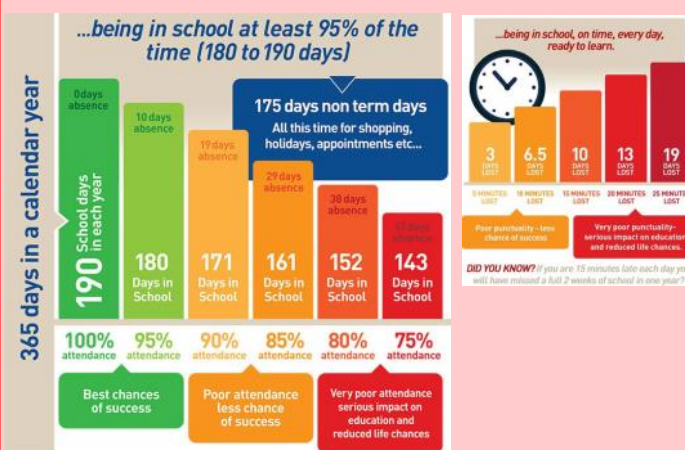
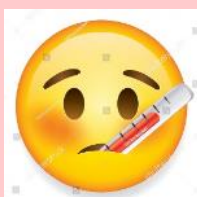
- All long hair should be tied back in **school colours**
- The **one-way system** is still in operation. Children can be dropped off at the front or back gates.
- Our **school gates** are open 8:20am - 8:25am and from 2:40pm
- **No branded** (Adidas, Nike etc) clothing items permitted
- Packed lunches should **not contain chocolate** items or any food containing **nuts**
- **Please ensure all items of clothing are named**
- Jumpers and cardigans should be **NAVY** blue
- Trousers or shorts should be **grey**
- PE shorts/leggings/skorts/tracksuit bottoms should be **navy**
- **Shirts** should be tucked in
- If your child is **late**, a suitable reason must be provided
- In the mornings, if you have any messages that you would like to pass onto your child's teacher, please let Mrs Jones, Mrs Lennon or Mrs Pelosi know, or email your child's class teacher. This will enable the teachers to greet every child individually in the morning to increase their sense of belonging and to start their day in a positive, welcoming way.
- Only **water** should be in water bottles.

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 5th December
Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: **90.03%**

Late marks this week: **10**



Talking to your child about online safety

Advice on how to start the conversation and get support if you're worried.

Online life and offline life is just life

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life.

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

Starting the conversation

Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. But it can also be easy to become overwhelmed with the different technology, the language that children use, the huge number of games and apps which are available and the potential risks.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Lots of advice and resources about keeping children safe online.



Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Theo H - for making really good progress with sounds. Ruby - for rising to challenges in English and wanting to continue them at home!
Honey Bee	Oskar - for fantastic contributions to our English learning.
Ivy Bee	Fraser - for his thoughtful insights when considering Jesus as an incarnate being.
Sports Bee	Poppy J - for being a great role model during the Hive Basketball tournament.

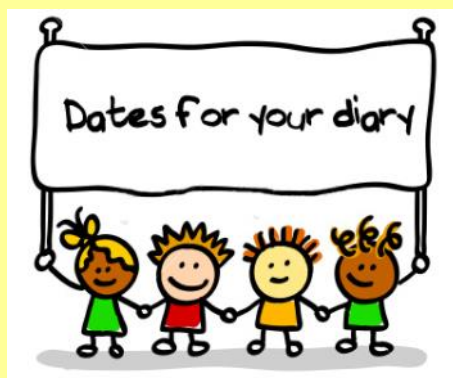


Key dates this term

- Sunday 11th - Mottistone Manor Christmas Palace 11am-3pm. Choir performing at midday.
- Sunday 11th December: Stars of Wonder concert at St Mary's Church at 7pm (choir performing)
- Monday 12th December: BSA Secret Present Room
- Tuesday 13th December: Nativity at 1.15pm
- Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Dinner Day
- Wednesday 14th December: Nativity at 6pm
- Thursday 15th December: Last day of school
- Friday 16th December: School closed for staff development day
- Tuesday 3rd January: Back to school

Looking ahead:

- Monday 13th—Friday 17th February: Half term
- Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April: Easter holidays
- Monday 8th May— Extra Bank Holiday (due to the King's Coronation)
- Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June: Half term
- Thursday 20th July: School closed for staff development day
- Friday 21st July: School closed for staff development day



Class News

Mrs Aram's English group has been reading The Lion and The Mouse. They were asked to write expanded noun phrases to describe the characters.

Ruby was in the Golden Book this week for her English work. Here is some of her descriptive writing about the lion.

Can you spot the expanded noun phrases?

Thursday 1st December 2022

The Lion and the mouse

L.O: To write expanded noun phrases to describe

Scaffold	Core learning	Deepening
Voice recorders and double sided counters. List of adjectives and nouns to sort and move about.	Create noun phrases on the mouse and the lion	Create a descriptive passage on the lion or the mouse with noun phrases throughout on parts of their chosen animal

TLD The lion and the mouse became friends because they helped ~~each other~~ each other.

The clever, curious mouse had lots of courage.

The savage, furious lion got captured by a net.

The lion's big brown eye's watched over all of the animals.
His big pink nose simers in the sun.
His big long goldiny brown mane is as soft as a pillow.
His giant razor sharp teeth can bite through anything.
The soft wet tongue's lovely and red and nice and bumpy.
He has a gigantic body ^{that} is nice and furry and he is as soft as a teddy.
His big strong arms and leg's are very powerful.
The lion has got large soyly ^{they} paw's are large ~~any~~ enough to ^{capture} catcher a mouse.
His long tail is a soft one and the end of it is ~~a~~ really small scruffy tail.
His really scratchy and ~~softer~~ super sharp claws are great for scratching hard thing's.

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Class News

Honey Bee class have been reading The Night Box. They have been identifying the figurative language in the text, before they wrote poems using their own figurative language.

Here are a selection of the poems.

onomatopoeia


metaphors

personification

alliteration



similes

whooooom Night pours out
like a volcano.



The Night protects
the clever animals from
the hunters.


The Night is as quiet
as a (T) (M) (U) (H) (T) (P) (A) (Y)

BY Giant



POPPPP!

Night drops out like a rain drop
falling onto the ground like a pin falling
out of a fire.




Night helps the nocturnal animals
hunt at night so they can catch
their gobbling food and night-fishes
with getting other animals to get into their
crazy castles in their worm world and more.


Night makes the day fall asleep
by coming out into the shimmer
sunny sky.

My night box is fashioned from
crystals, silver and wood it's as hinges as
the coral of the ocean.




I shall eat in my box and
be moving on a tall white boat
on the ocean.




by Izzy


Plank
Night falls out like the snow
on Christmas eve.




Night sneaks all the
silly scamps into the
breathtaking forest.




Night is getting ready to
go to sleep with the sun
is getting ready to shine.



My night box is fashioned
from coral, diamonds and
leopards. Its hinges are
of a fierce snow leopard.



I shall swim through my
box on the coral seas, then
wash ashore on a yellow beach
the corner of the sun.



by Iris

whooooom Night pours
out like a rocket and then
Night protects the nocturnal
animals from the unkind hunters.

the Night is dark like
black ink.

the Night is dark and dismal
like black ink.

by Reece

Class News

Honey Bee class
continued...

Christopher


Wisdom, Night is
flowing out like a
Tornado striking into
the earth.

Night is animals hushing
for prey so fast how
can't even see the
shadows of them.


Night is calling the
animals so they hush
and listen to the night.

Night is bold and brave
and starts staring
in to the stars and
seeing things Man can't see in
of.

My night box is fashioned
Diamond, lava and snow
Its hinges are the tips
of moth tails I shall see
my box outside.




Whooooo
Night goes
out 11K9: a 11K9:



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A night from
circle in a box.

the Night is
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Night in a box.

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B A I N G !
Night claps out like
thunder on a stormy
night.



Night protects the
stars from the moving
planets.



Night is as black as
ink from a pot.




My night box is
fashioned from gold,
silver and bronze.

I US hinges are the
tail of a fox. I shall swim in my box
through the
corral in the deep blue
sea.

By mthd


DRIP!

Night rains out like clashing
bells, better as smooth as a white
board falling to the ground.




Night commands the beautiful
slit (nostrils) wake up soon
out of their dens.


Night helps the animals
shaken from their sleepy
slumber.




My Nightbox is fashioned
from bronze, silver and diamond
Its hinges are the bushy tail
of a beautiful red squirrel.



I shall swim in my box
in the great harmony and
wash ashore on the Arabian
beaches.




Flap!...!
Night drops out like Silver Rain
from the dark gloomy
sky.




Night cries from the
misetadid grey clouds
while it looks for
rivers to fill.

Night pleets animals
from viscous hungry
creatures that wait
for them.



My night box is fashioned
from stars, moon and
clouds. Its hinges are the
wing of a bat.

I shall eat in my box at
a midnight feast, full of
sweets, strawberries and
sugar.



by BBN

Class News

Today, children from Ivy Bee Class were pleased to welcome Abbie Morris, a local farmer, and Robyn Munt, the secretary for the National Farmers Union, to the school. This formed part of the class Geography topic on global food production.

After a presentation about different grains grown on the Island, the children asked lots of questions to find out what it is like to be a farmer. They discovered which crops are grown on the farm - an amazing 14 different vegetables and grains. They began to understand the importance of buying local produce as this keeps down the 'food miles' and supports local businesses on the Island.

The life of a farmer is a hard one with little time for holidays. A working day can start at 7.00am and go through to 6.00pm or later if livestock is involved, yet quite a few children felt they would like a career in farming when they are older.

There is a pop-up vegetable shop, run by Abbie, in Shorwell, so if you get a chance, pop along for some fresh local produce and support British farming.





Brighstone School
Association

Secret Present Room

12th December 2022

Happening during the
school day



We are giving the children
the opportunity to
purchase small gifts in our
Secret Present Room

Each gift will be
wrapped ready to
go under the tree

£2.50
per gift

If you would like your child to take
part, please complete the form being
send home and return to school by
Friday 9th December

Alternatively you can Pre pay for your gifts via our PTA Events page - www.pta-events.co.uk/brighstoneschoolassociation

Dear SWAY Friends and Supporters,

SWAY has an opportunity to receive some funding. Over 12 days in December, the ~~Benefact~~ Benefact Group will be drawing 10 charities per working day to receive £1,000.

The first draw takes place on December 1st and the last on the 16th. Would you kindly nominate South Wight Area Youth Partnership (Charity number: 1160139) as your favourite charity by clicking on the link below:

https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=1160139&ct=community&i=1669053315-87287.jpg&utm_source=holiday+card&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=12days2022holidaycard&utm_id=12days2022



Wishing our friends and supporters a Happy Christmas!
Please nominate us to win £1,000 today!



Thank you for your support.

Office: 07880951243

<https://www.southwightyouth.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Southwightyouth>

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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS & SERVICES AT ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE 2022

DATE	TIME	CHOIR/MUSICIANS	CONTACT	EVENT	REFRESHMENTS	HELPERS NEEDED	DONATIONS	CHURCH BELLS
NOV								
27 th	7.00 pm	Belles, Barnacles, Hand bells, Sorella Acapella – mixture of repertoire + carols	Chris B, Crispin, Mike C, Yvonne	CONCERT	YES	Village/Horticultural Society ?	MOUNTBATTE N HOSPICE	YES
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10 th	7.30 pm	Trident Concert Band	Miriam 741061	CONCERT	YES	Will do own	BAND + CHURCH	NO
11 th	7.00 pm	Stars of Wonder – Youth Orientated	Pete 247515	CONCERT	YES	SWAY + others	SWAY + CHARITY ?	NO
14 th	7.00 on	(Shorwell) - West Wight choir	James Longford + Chrissie Acland	CONCERT	YES	Will do own	MOUNTBATTE N HOSPICE	-
18 th	10.30 am	Methodist Chapel	Mike Hackleton	SERVICE	YES	Will do own	CHAPEL	-
18 th	4.00 pm	(Shorwell) 4 th Advent Carols of Praise - Choir	Barbara + Linda Bushell	SERVICE	YES	Will do own	CHURCH	Shorwell ringers
22 nd	6.00 pm	Crown Inn Shorwell	Jackie + Linda	CAROL SINGING	Buy own	Will do own	CRISIS	-
23 rd	7.00 pm	9 Readings, Songs & Carols – soloists, choir, readers	Jackie Maw	SERVICE	YES	Women in the word	TEARFUND + CHURCH	YES
24 th	4 pm	Crib Carols	Jackie Maw *Sharon & Norma	SERVICE	YES	The Sunday team*	HOME FOR GOOD	YES

Privilege Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2022/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the privilege seat application window for academic year 2022 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a privilege seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply from **9am on Tuesday 6th December 2022** Please note that the online form will be live until on or around 5th June 2023

Further information on the privilege seat process can be found online, here:

<https://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/School-Transport/Privilege-Seat-on-School-Transport>. Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage.

If you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage you will see the bus services for which you can apply. **This information will be live from 9am on Tuesday 6th December 2022.** Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.

Do bear in mind that making an application for a privilege seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Privilege seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

- Up to a full term £130.00
- Up to half a term £65.00
- Up to a full-term AM or PM only £65.00
- Up to half a term AM or PM only £32.50

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: transport.info@iow.gov.uk or telephone: 823780.

Important Points to Note

- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Tuesday 6th December 2022**.
- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.
- Services available are listed at the bottom of the Privilege seat webpage
- There will be a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.
- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.

SPOTLIGHT IOW
presents

Cinderella
The most magical pantomime of all

Will the slipper fit?
Will two fools be covered in gunge?
Will dreams come true?

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DECEMBER: 17th, 18th & 30th at 7pm
18th - 24th, 26th - 28th, 30th & 31st at 2pm
Relaxed Performance: 29th at 2pm
JANUARY: 1st at 2pm

Box Office: 01983 868000 www.shanklintheatre.com

£2 OFF
each ticket when presented at the Box Office

New Carnival Presents

RYDE
Merry and Bright

Friday 16th December
Join us... 5-8pm
Celebrations in the Town

- * **Lantern Parade** (5.30pm)
Start from top of Dover Street, to Star St, High St, Cross St, and ending in Vernon Square
- * **Illuminations** (The Neon Garden in St Thomas Rest, the Land and the Sea in Vernon Square)
- * **Music & Entertainment**
- * **Food Stalls**

Join in-
Lantern Making Workshops:
Family Workshop- Sat 26th Nov
11-2pm Ryde Methodist Church
Lantern Leaders Course-
Weds 23rd Nov 5-7.30pm The Coaching House, Union Rd, Ryde

To book contact:
Gemma@thenewcarnivalcompany.com
01983 716095

Come along to a
CHRISTMAS FAIR
and sing carols at the Parish Hall, Victoria Road, Freshwater on Friday 16th December at 1-3pm

- Beautiful handmade jewellery**
- Handmade Christmas cards**
- Christmas gifts, wreaths and decorations**
- Homemade soup served with bread and cheese**
- Coffee and mince pies**
- Eco refill scheme**
- Drop and swap table**

The return of...
STARS OF WONDER ... at last!

St Mary's Church, Brightstone
Sunday 11th December 2022 at 7.00 pm

A musical concert involving a range of local talent - young and not so young - to warm your hearts this season
Mince pies and mulled wine at the interval
Retiring collection in aid of

Come along & enjoy this festive event!

Jingle all the Way
with **Mountbatten**

A registered charity

Sunday 18 December
Ventnor Botanic Garden
From 3pm
mountbatten.org.uk/jingle

45 years of kindness
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Includes over **£50** worth of savings to use across Tapnell Farm! See website for details

TAPNELL FARM PARK

Season Passes

JUST £28 PER PERSON!
Under 2's FREE

Valid from 3rd November 2022 - 24th March 2023
Unlimited FREE ENTRY - See winter opening times on website

Transferable adult season pass when accompanying a child season pass holder (see website for full T&Cs)

ALL WEATHER FUN!
Indoor and Outdoor Play

Christmas at Tapnell
Santa's Story

Discounted tickets for Season Pass Holders!

BUY ONLINE FOR FULL DETAILS www.tapnellfarm.com/play

I.W. STORY FESTIVAL
for children & families

DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!
Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February

Plus, new for this year, Thursday 16th for the over-12s

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Have you got your tickets yet?

Tickets are now on sale for the I.W. Story Festival at **Quay Arts** in Newport during February half term from www.quayarts.org

It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like **Simon Farnaby** (from Paddington 2, Horrible Histories and Ghosts) who will be talking about his **Wizard in My Shed** series of books.

Former CBeebies star, **Cerrie Burnell**, will also be there with her exciting adventure story about being different, **Wilder than Midnight**.

For younger children we have a world-exclusive. Author and illustrator Nicholas Allan will be revealing for the first time **The King's Pants** (some of you may already know and love one of his most famous books, **The Queen's Knickers**.)

There will be lots of other authors and illustrators for you to meet, some of them you may have heard of, some of them you may not. But all of them are worth seeing. Why not check some of them out before you come along. **Laura Ellen Anderson, Neal Layton, Jamie Littler, Gareth Peter, Kieran Larwood, Jules Narriner, Felicity Fair Thompson and Peta Rainford**

FAQs

Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?
A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast! Get them from www.quayarts.org

Q: How much are tickets?
A: Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6

Q: Is it just for people who like reading?
A: **NO!** The I.W. Story Festival isn't just about books! We've got lots of hands-on activities for you to get involved with - from making puppets to making rockets, illustrating comics to sewing a story. There will be storytellers and theatre performances too!

More information from: www.iwstoryfestival.com

Registered charity number: 1198024

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CAN GET SUPPORT WITH THE
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iow.gov.uk/costofliving

HM Government
Crown Office
Isle of Wight
Community Action Isle of Wight
The Footprint Trust
Help for Households

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

HM Government

NHS

UNBOOSTED
COVID-19 and flu can cause serious illness.

BOOSTED
Vaccines are your best protection.