



# Shalfleet C.E. Primary

The purpose of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth is to educate children in an atmosphere of Christian love where all achieve the very best they can, now and throughout their lives.

<http://fosay.co.uk>

Headteacher: Mrs. E Grainger

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. G Westhorpe

**RESPECT • DETERMINATION • RELATIONSHIPS**

## Letters Home

- Brading Roman Villa - Yr 4

## Attendance Matters



## Attendance

Over a school year, we are due to open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 8.35am and after lunch in the afternoon.

**Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.**

**Attendance Target**





**100%**

**Attendance Last Week**

**97%**

**Attendance This Year**

**93%**

Understanding Your Percentage Attendance			
100%	0 days missed	Fantastic attendance!	
99%	2 days missed	Well done—you are at or above the School Target	
98%	4 days missed		
97%	6 days missed		
96%	8 days missed	At 96% and below you are just below target—make sure you do not miss any more days	
95%	10 days missed		
94%	12 days missed		
93%	14 days missed	At 93% and below your attendance is becoming worryingly low.	
92%	16 days missed		
91%	18 days missed		
90%	19 days missed	At 90% and below you are Persistently Absent—school will support you and your family to help this improve	
89%	21 days missed		
88%	23 days missed		
87%	25 days missed		
86%	27 days missed		
85%	29 days missed		

### House Points awarded this Week

Osborne - 20

Lifeboat - 12

Needles - 15

Lighthouse - 19

Psalm That person is like a tree  
planted by streams of water, which  
yields its fruit in season and whose  
leaf does not wither— whatever  
they do prospers.

### Birthdays 4<sup>th</sup> March – 10<sup>th</sup> March

Lily – Mae Poppy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Teacher strikes

As you aware, the NEU union industrial strikes  
are due to take place on: Thurs 2nd March Wed  
15th March Thurs 16th March Please look out  
for communication from the school and please  
be prepared for potential disruption.

### **Gold Awards**

Rainbow – Abbey, Valentina, Priscilla

Sunshine – Noah, Alma, Henry

Sky – Whole Class

Star – William, Otto, Eli, James

Comet – Daisy, Ruby

Eclipse – Rosie, Luey

Horizon – Isaac, Dylan

**Well done to all pupils who received Gold Awards / Tickets**

### Comic Relief / Red Nose Day Mufti

17<sup>th</sup> March

Your child may come to school wearing mufti for  
a small donation.

### Parent Forum

As you may be aware the school have  
set up a Parents Forum group to help  
with communication within year  
groups. This will hopefully provide  
parents with a contact for any  
queries, concerns or ideas for  
improvements that you may have. If  
you would like to join our parent  
forum, please express your interest  
by emailing the school office.

[office@shalfleetceprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@shalfleetceprimary.co.uk)

### **Chartwells Price Increase – Starting 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

As you are all aware, the cost of fuel, National Minimum Wage and food has all increased recently. With this in mind, we are advising you that the cost of a school meal will increase from £2.40 to £2.55 with effect from Monday 30th January 2023.

Please remember that children in years R, 1 and 2 will still receive a free meal under the Universal Free School Meal scheme.

For families whose financial circumstances have changed, please remember that you are able to apply for Free School Meals via the IWCC. Please follow the link below to complete the online application form

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-3-and-Upwards>

If you do not have access to the internet and would prefer a paper application form, please contact the school office.

### **\* Leave of Absence Requests \***

Dear Parents / Carers,

Whilst you are strongly urged to avoid booking a family holiday during term time, we appreciate that this isn't always possible.

Should you need to book any leave from school during term time, please contact the school office ([shalfleet@fosay.co.uk](mailto:shalfleet@fosay.co.uk)) for a leave of absence request form (attached).

Once completed, please return your request to the school office where Mrs Grainger will consider your request on an individual basis using criteria as detailed in our Attendance Policy.

Requests for leave of absence in term time will be returned to you by the Head Teacher and if your request is not authorised you shall be informed of the reasons why.

Following government guidelines, we can only grant leave for exceptional circumstances. Any unauthorised leave of absence will be referred to the educational welfare office & could result in legal action and a Penalty Notice being issued. Please note, that this is not a school decision & we are following the government guidance regarding this. The school does not benefit financially from any fines paid.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.



## Important Information

### The School Day

Due to new Government Legislation regarding the number of hours children should be in school per week, we are adjusting our drop off and pick up times from September.

Children are entitled to 32.5 hours per week in school -equating to 6.5 hours per day.

At the Federation, our learning day will begin at 8.30am and finish at 3.00pm.

At Shalfleet, the school drop off scheme will open at 8.10am and close at 8.25am. We are very grateful to our excellent volunteers and staff in supporting with this arrangement. Anyone who would like to volunteer, please do let the school office know - we can only continue to offer this service with the continued support of our school community.

#### Pick Up

3.00pm - Reception Class Singles

3.05pm - Year 1 and 2 Singles

3.15pm - Siblings

3.25pm - Key Stage 2 Singles



## In the Community

### Dates for your Diary

**14<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Parents SATS Meeting 3.30pm**

**17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Sharing Worship (please note change of date)**

**17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day – Mufti**

**30<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Forum**

**18<sup>th</sup> May – Parent Forum**

**5<sup>th</sup> June – Development Day**

**15<sup>th</sup> June – Parent Forum**

### Financial Year End

As the end of the financial year approaches please can we make sure outstanding balances on accounts are paid up to date. This will ensure our books will balance at the end of the financial year.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Little Explorers  
What have we been up to this week.....



This week in the Wise Owls room the children have enjoyed exploring the light box with various different objects such as natural resources (leaves and flowers), plastic shapes and shiny toys. They enjoyed looking at what the light did to the item and spoke about it with their friends and the adults. Last Thursday the children enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and we had lots of lovely costumes and stories brought in to read. We have also enjoyed baking this week talking about different ingredients, where they come from and working together to make a mix.



This week in the Curious Squirrels room this week our babies have enjoyed sensory play exploring ribbons, sensory balls, wooden filled blocks and sensory books. The children have also enjoyed playing with the playdough to make animals and faces using the different cutters and other playdough tools. We have also done lots of sticking with glitter and sequins.



### Music Tuition

My name is Alan Durham and I am a local musician. Having freelanced in London and performed Internationally in many different roles within the cruise industry, I write to inform you that I am now offering individual music tuition, in drums, guitar and singing to all Shalfleet and Yarmouth CE Primary School pupils in Year 3 and above.

These half-hour lessons will take place during the school day, once a week, and on site at the School. I would expect to teach ten lessons per term. Each lesson costs £20 and there may be small additional costs for learning materials etc.

The school may be able to assist some families with the cost of lessons, please do enquire.

Covering performance skills, sight reading and aural training, these lessons can do far more than give children a great starting point in music. The lessons will also increase your child's confidence as well as their numeracy and fine motor skills. Children who wish to formally pursue grades through the ABRSM, Trinity or Rockschoo examinations will be actively supported and encouraged. Whether a complete beginner or someone who has played or sung a little before, every child can take pleasure in learning to play and make music through tuition.

If you think your child might benefit from, and enjoy, learning one of these instruments do register your interest with the School Office through [admin@fosay.co.uk](mailto:admin@fosay.co.uk) kindly stating which school your child attends. We will collate the responses and look to start lessons in the Summer.

I very much look forward to starting lessons with your child.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Alan Durham

### Lord Lieutenant Writing Competition

The Lord-Lieutenant is inviting all aspirational young poets and writers to submit a composition to celebrate the Kings Coronation on May 6<sup>th</sup>. This invitation is open to all young people aged 18 and under. She would very much welcome your support in promoting this project to your young people.

The entry judged to be the most appropriate and inspirational will be chosen to be read out (by the author, if willing) as a reading at The Isle of Wight's own Coronation Celebration Service on May 7<sup>th</sup>. In addition, a booklet of all suitable compositions will be produced as a lasting commemoration of the Coronation.

The composition should be no less than 50 and no more than 250 words long and can be a poem or prose. It should have the Coronation as its main subject and should reflect both youth and age.

# ASPIRE'S WELCOMING WARM SPACE

Aspire Ryde, Dover Street,  
Ryde, PO33 2BN

We are opening our doors to offer  
a free, warm spaces for people to  
drop in to during the winter  
months.

Tuesday to Friday Mornings  
10 until 2

There will be Tea and Coffee and  
light meals available as well as  
opportunities to socialise or simply  
read and relax



Charity Number: 1163336

# Our Place

OurPlaceWestWight



**FREE** Weekly Community Café

## Help Advice Information Chat Drinks Games Tech Support

**West Wight**  
Sports & Community Centre

Tuesdays  
10:30am - 12:30pm

More info:  
[westwight.org.uk/community/our-place](http://westwight.org.uk/community/our-place)  
01983 240 722  
[help@westwight.org.uk](mailto:help@westwight.org.uk)



### Everyone welcome!



# PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY

Vectis Rugby club have spaces open in our  
Under 8s (Year 3) and Under 12s (Year 7).  
*Every Sunday at IWRFC in Wootton at 10am.*

First two session are free  
Email for more information

Email: [vectisrfccoaching@gmail.com](mailto:vectisrfccoaching@gmail.com)  
[www.vectisrugby.co.uk](http://www.vectisrugby.co.uk)



Sessions are all delivered by experienced  
coaches with first aid qualifications and  
DBS Checks.

*Our  
Place*

**JOIN IN  
CONNECT  
THRIVE**

## We'd love to meet you!

Ever wondered what is happening in your local community?  
Are you, or someone you know, feeling isolated?  
Are you worried about the cost of living crisis we keep hearing so  
much about?

Our Place hold a number of volunteer-led sessions in West Wight  
each week and we'd love to connect with more members of our  
community.

Inside, find out how you can get involved, where to get help if  
times are tricky, plus how you can help us shape what we  
can do to make our community even better in the  
future.



West Wight  
Sports & Community Centre



 OurPlaceWestWight





### YOUR LOCAL FOODBANK IS:

Colwell Baptist Church  
Colwell Road, Freshwater, PO40 9ND  
Tuesdays 3pm - 5pm  
Fridays 10am - 12noon

## HELP US

**RIGHT NOW  
OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS  
CAN BE FOUND AT:**

isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk  
facebook.com/isleofwightfoodbank  
or download the app at:  
bankthefood.org

**DONATIONS CAN BE MADE LOCALLY AT TESCO, CHURCHES,  
SAINSBURY'S LOCAL, TOTLAND PARISH OFFICE  
& WEST WIGHT SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### YOUR LOCAL **FOODBANK** VOUCHER HOLDERS ARE:

Adam Tucker - Community Connector - 07498 496 719 or 01983 752 168 option 2  
Dale Sloan - Social Prescriber - 01983 758 998 option 6  
Mel Gardiner - Just Ask Support Officer - 07599 465 722



iowyouthtrust.co.uk



#### **Life can be hard, but accessing support shouldn't be...**

The Isle of Wight Youth Trust provides FREE wellbeing & therapeutic support to children & young people aged 4-25 living on the Isle of Wight.

#### **On our new website you can:**

Find out more about the work of the Youth Trust & how to access support



Make a referral for  
1:1 support



Find out what  
support is available  
@theHub



Find out more about  
the support available  
for parents/carers

Book onto one of our information sessions for parents/carers to support  
your young person with: Anxiety - Low Mood - Self Harm - Anger

#### **Access FREE Wellbeing Self-Help Resources**

Information on common feelings, experiences & mental health symptoms &  
where to access appropriate support.

Downloadable resources including breathing exercises, grounding  
techniques & a wellness journal

Links to FREE Apps & useful Websites to support mental health & wellbeing

#### **Find out how you can support us!**

Whether you would like to fundraise on your own or as a  
group, take on a challenge or simply make a donation, you  
can help us continue to support the mental health and  
wellbeing of young Islanders.



# Stay in control of your child's health



**Healthier Together is a website and mobile app** that has been developed by healthcare professionals to provide comprehensive advice for parents, young people and pregnant women.

*"It's like a mini doctor for you at home."*

Using an easy-to-follow traffic light system, you'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what signs to look out for, when and where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep your child comfortable and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.





*"Brilliant. Simple, reassuring and helpful. Thank you!"*



Scan the QR code with a smart phone to visit **what0-18.nhs.uk**



 @Health\_2gether  
 @Health2gether

**Download the free 'Healthier Together' app**



# Getting Ready for School

## Nurturing Young Brains

### Workshop



**Monday**  
**27th March**  
**10-12:00pm**

**Book a free place now on Eventbrite:**

<https://iowfamilycentres.eventbrite.co.uk>

**A recent survey shows that 71% of parents  
feel anxious about their child starting school.  
It is quite natural to feel this way**

**During this workshop we'll look at**  
**Brain development; Learning at home; Play;**  
**Early independence; Routines and more**

#### How to get in touch and find out more



Find us on Facebook: Isle of Wight Family Centres



Email us: [iowfamilycentres@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:iowfamilycentres@barnardos.org.uk)



Call us: 01983 529208 / 617617 / 408718



Barnardo's  
Family Space

<https://families.barnardos.org.uk/>







**EASTER CAMP**

**ISLE OF WIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 5TH**

HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MILLFIELD AVENUE  
EAST COWES  
PO326AS

**@ABGKacademy**



# HOVER DAYS

*Delve into your wild side*  
and join us at Longleat Safari Park this March!

Visit the kings of the jungle in Lion Country  
and brave Monkey Mayhem.

This hassle-free way to enjoy a day trip is  
great for all ages.

26<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH 2023



Our great value combo tickets include return coach journey and return hovercraft flight.  
Visit [hovertravel.com/hover-days](https://hovertravel.com/hover-days) and book online!

**FILM NIGHTS**  
*family*  
**4 BORNEO**  
ALL FILMS ARE RATED PG / U

    
21/01/23

   
18/02/23 25/03/23

**FRESHWATER METHODIST CHURCH**  
5-7PM// Donations On Entry  
-SWEETS BAGS £1-  
FUNDRAISER FOR SAM & SETH'S  
BORNEO EXPEDITION!





GLOBE FIT KIDS PRESENTS...

# EASTER KIDS CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA!

**WED, 4TH, 5TH, 6TH APRIL**  
**9AM - 4PM**  
**£28 EARLYBIRD**  
**£32 REGULAR PRICE**  
**(INCLUDES LUNCH)**  
**HAF - FREE FOR FSM**  
**CHILDREN**

**WARREN FARM**  
**TOTLAND BAY**

**[www.globefit.co.uk](http://www.globefit.co.uk)**

Sports & Team Games, Scavenger Hunt,  
Crafts, Learning about the animals that  
reside on the farm and MORE!





### **FREE Isle of Wight Cricket Board Coaching 2023**

For all pupils in **YEARS 2,3, & 4**

**The FREE** sessions will be at **Ryde School Sports Hall** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March between 5.30 and 6.30pm.

We will have all the necessary equipment for you to use at each session if required.

Please wear Sports type clothing and trainers and bring a drink!!

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL as we have a limited number of FREE places**

**Email Andrew Jasper at [admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk](mailto:admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk) to book and for more information**

The coaching will be delivered by the Isle of Wight County Coaches who are ECB qualified, and DBS checked.



**CHANCE TO SHINE**  
Spreading the power of cricket