



# 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

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## 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**

**94%**

**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 - 33

Lifeboat - 41

Needles - 37

Lighthouse - 32

### **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@shalffleetceprimary.co.uk

### Birthdays 18<sup>th</sup> March – 24<sup>th</sup> March

Andrew Ella Saxon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### Sports Fixtures

West Wight Sports Event – 29<sup>th</sup> March @ Sports Centre

### **Gold Awards**

Rainbow – Teddy, Zac, Hana

Sunshine – Lexi, Aurora, Ilithya, Whole Class

Sky – Kourtney, Charlie, Sienna

Star – Sephi, Francesca G

Comet – Whole Class

Eclipse – Jasmine. Andrew

Horizon – Lexi, Poppy, Pixie, Dylan, Kai, Ella, Jack J

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

### **Red Nose Day**

The cake sale by Year 6 raised a massive £200!  
Donations for Mufti £129.98

Total Raised = £329.98

### **Get your ducks in a row!**

The Yarmouth annual Duck Race is taking place in Yarmouth on Saturday April 8th. Please use the template provided to design your own duck to take part in the race. A member of the Carnival Committee is going to be choosing 2 winning ducks, one from each school, to be made to enter the race. Please can all entries be submitted by Friday 24th March into each school office.

We look forward to seeing your creative designs!

### **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

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

**30<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg Hunt run by PTFA**

**31<sup>st</sup> March – Collective Easter Worship 2pm School Hall**

**17<sup>th</sup> April – Return to School after Easter Holidays**

**5<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 Sharing Assembly**

**13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 Sharing Assembly**

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS**

**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.

### 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

Apire 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!**



**THE GARLIC FARM**  
ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

# TRAVELLING TALES

*Mildred Trotter loves two things,  
above all else: nature and stories.*

Tale upon tale, fact or fiction - it doesn't matter.  
Mildred just loves stories!  
She often strolls to her favourite place, under  
the trees - an enchanting spot to breathe and be.  
Whoever would have thought the trees she loves the  
most would lead her to a new story adventure.  
Join Mildred and her friend, Gertrude, in this lovely  
celebration of the seasons and being outdoors.

*Immerse yourself in togetherness, creativity,  
laughter, nature, mindfulness and a love of stories.*

Performances will take place at  
10.15am & 1.15pm on the following dates:  
3rd / 7th / 10th / 14th April

*£12.00 | £7.00*  
per child per adult

BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA OUR WEBSITE  
[www.thegarlicfarm.co.uk](http://www.thegarlicfarm.co.uk)

# 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



f OurPlaceWestWight





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



**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**







**EASTER CAMP**

**ISLE OF WIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 5TH**

HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MILLFIELD AVENUE  
EAST COWES  
PO326AS

@ABGKacademy







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

**NEW FOR TEENAGERS**

# EASTER HOLIDAY FUN

**SWIMMING LESSONS 4 DAY WEEK £29.70**

**Monday 3 April – Thursday 6 April and Tuesday 11 April – Friday 14 April**  
**Learner Pool**

**0900-0930 – Non Swimmer** Happy to go in the water in armbands.

**0930-1000 – Beginner Swimmer** Ready to swim without armbands.

**1000-1030 – 5-10m** Water confident, can swim 5-10m on front and back.

**Main Pool**

**0900-0930 – 10-50m** Can swim 10-50m on front and back and happy to put face in water.

**0930-1000 – 50m+** Can swim 50m+ using good front crawl, back crawl and breast stroke.

## MONDAY

**Kayaking** – 1000-1100 – 8-10 years – £8 – An introduction to kayaking through fun and games. Must be able to swim at least 25m. (Monday 3 April only.)

**Kids Dance** – 1530-1630 – 5-8 years – £6 – Jazz/street dance style, learning both technical aspects as well as dance routines to popular songs. (Monday 3 April only.)

**Kids Dance** – 1645-1745 – 9-12 years – £6 – Jazz/street dance style, learning both technical aspects as well as dance routines to popular songs. (Monday 3 April only.)

**Skateboarding** – 1600-1650 & 1700-1750 – 5-17 years – Suitable for all abilities and equipment provided. Book via [www.bookwhen.com/skateclub](http://www.bookwhen.com/skateclub) £6 per session or book 4 sessions to receive an automatic discount to £20. (Monday 3 April only.)

**Youth Football** – 1800-1900 – 13-15 years – £4 – Opportunity for boys to play football under the guidance of Ian and Aidan who are both FA coaches. (Monday 3 April only.)

## TUESDAY

**Snorkelling** – 1000-1100 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim at least 25m and be happy under the water.

**Climbing** – 1300-1400 & 1400-1500 – 7-12 years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

## OPEN SWIM SESSIONS

No lanes, diving boards in use – great for a family swim session. Adults £5.50, Children/under 20s £3.

Monday 3 April-Thursday 6 April – 1400-1500 & 1500-1600.

(No 1400-1500 session on Wednesday 5 April.)

Friday 7 April – 1300-1400 & 1400-1500.

Saturday 8 April – 1400-1500

Monday 10 April – 1500-1600.

Tuesday 11 April-Thursday 13 April – 1400-1500 & 1500-1600.

(No 1400-1500 session on Wednesday 12 April.)

Friday 14 April – 1400-1500.

Saturday 15 April & Sunday 16 April – 1400-1500.

## WEDNESDAY

**Raft Racing** – 1000-1100 – 6 years + – £5.50 – Fun and games in teams racing on our specially built rafts. Must be able to swim at least 50m.

**Climbing** – 1300-1400 & 1400-1500 – 7-12 years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

**Pre-Sailing Skills** – 1300-1500 – 7-12 years – £29 – Introduction to sailing skills in a safe and warm environment. Session includes dry sailing skills/games and pool work. (Must be able to swim 25m.)

**Teens Gym Session** – 1900-2000 – 14-17 years – £4 – Join other teenagers for a gym session under the guidance of Aidan who is a qualified Personal Trainer.

## THURSDAY

**Sports Club** – 0930-1030 – 7-11 years – £5.50 – A fun session with a range of sports, games and activities; including an introduction to archery using soft arrows.

**Diving** – 1000-1100 – £8 – Must be able to swim at least 25m, be happy underwater and be able to perform a headfirst entry into the pool.

**Climbing** – 1500-1600 & 1600-1700 – 7-12 years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

## FRIDAY

**Mermaids Main Pool** – 1000-1030 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim 25m+ and happy under the water. (Friday 14 April only.)

**Mermaids Small Pool** – 1030-1100 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim 10m+ and happy under the water. (Friday 14 April only.)

**Kids Dance** – 1015-1115 – 5-8 years – £6 – Jazz/street dance style, learning both technical aspects as well as dance routines to popular songs. (Friday 14 April only.)

**Teens Revolution** – 1830-1930 – 14-17 years – £4 – Indoor cycling class for teens. (Friday 14 April only.)

## FUN HOURS

Fun and floats in our pool. Under 8's MUST always be accompanied in the water. £4.

Mon 3 April-Thurs 6 April – 1100-1200

Sat 8 April – 1000-1100

Tues 11 April-Fri 14 April – 1100-1200

Sat 15 April and Sun 16 April – 1000-1100.

**Teens Fun Hour**  
Tues – 1900-2000  
13-17 years.

