



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



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		

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

93%

Attendance This Year

91%

House Points awarded this Week

Osborne – 18

Lifeboat – 13

Needles - 15

Lighthouse - 16

Birthdays 25th - 31st March

Bobby Cormac Otto

River – Louise Igor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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.

shalfleet@fosay.co.uk

Sports Fixtures

These will commence again after the Easter Holidays.

Gold Awards

Well done to all pupils who received Gold Awards / Tickets this Half-Term we will commence again after the Easter holidays.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you whenever you go' -Joshua 1:9



A big thank you for coming along on Saturday to help out in the garden!

Chartwells Price Increase – Starting 30th 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) 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

31st March – Collective Easter Worship 1.45pm School Hall

17th April – Return to School after Easter Holidays

5th May - Year 4 Sharing Assembly

13th May – Year 3 Sharing Assembly

9th – 12th May – Year 6 SATS

18th May – Parent Forum

5th June – Development Day

15th 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 Curious Squirrels room the children have enjoyed exploring the soft play especially when whizzing down the slide. We have also had some book donations which the children have loved looking at the favourite being digger book which they have great fun looking through talking about all the different machines.

This week in the Wise Owls Room the children have enjoyed planting seeds, we have planted strawberries, pumpkins, cucumbers, sunflowers, different flowers, herbs and beans. After we had planted them we then had great fun building our small greenhouse together to pop them in. We have also begun to enjoy some Easter/Spring craft which encouraged talks about baby animals and growth throughout the spring.



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 Rockschool 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 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.

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 6th. 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 7th. 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
01983 240 722
help@westwight.org.uk



Everyone welcome!

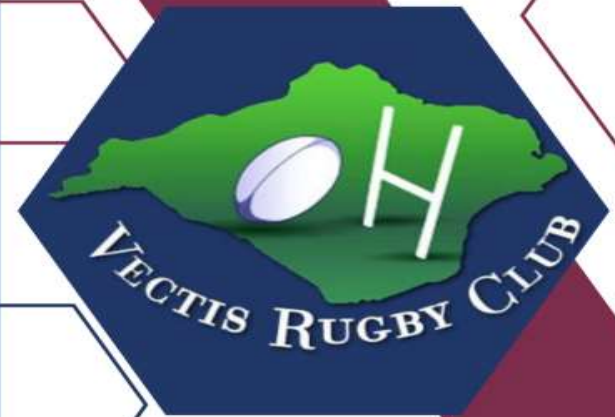


PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY

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
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



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**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

NHS

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!"



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