



Freshwater & Yarmouth C.E. Primary

The purpose of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & 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 • RESILIENCE • RELATIONSHIPS

Attendance Matters



ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons



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

93.88%

Attendance This Year

94.15%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th January – Cove Class sharing assembly

Monday 29th January – Open day for new starters – please see poster below

Wednesday 31st January – Parent Forum

Thursday 8th February – School Disco - More details to follow

Friday 9th February – Beach Class sharing assembly

Friday 9th February – last day before half term

Monday 19th February – Return to school

Menu for the week ahead

Week 3

Monday – Cheese and tomato pizza or veggie chilli

Apple and cinnamon bake

Tuesday – Sausage and Mash or Cauliflower macaroni cheese

Strawberry jelly

Wednesday – Roast pork or sweet potato chickpea roast

Orange shortbread with a fruit slice

Thursday – Chicken and vegetable korma or vegetarian cottage pie

Banana and carrot cake

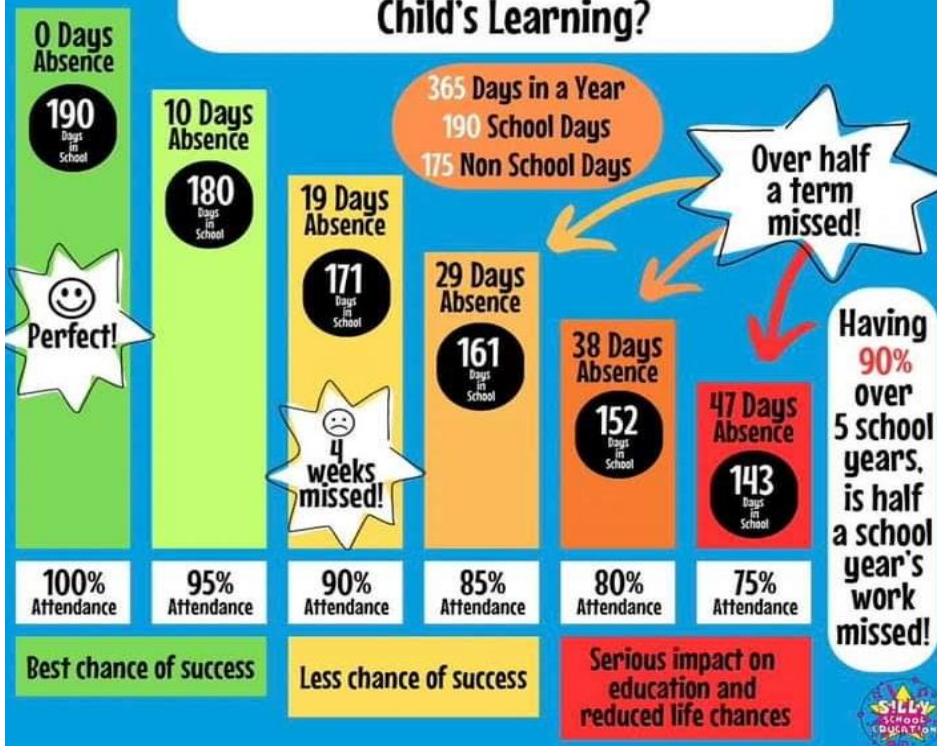
Friday – Fish fingers and chips or crispy Quorn nuggets and chips

Chocolate ice cream with a shortbread biscuit

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



'Love the Lord, you God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength'

Mark 12:30

Our Mission Statement

We value and respect everyone within an atmosphere of Christian love. Our welcoming community builds strong relationships and is dedicated to supporting everyone to flourish academically, emotionally, socially and culturally through an excellent and engaging curriculum.

Values

Our three R's are incredibly important to us. They represent qualities we believe everyone can identify with, regardless of age or role in our conscious community. They are the backbone to the conscious community as a whole.



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



RELATIONSHIPS

Attendance

We prioritise the attendance of all children at our school and recognise the very strong link between attendance and academic success,

When you register your child at our school, you have a legal duty to ensure that your child attends every day that the school is open except in a small number of circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance (not holidays).

We will work together to help overcome any attendance issues.



The Conscious Community

What is the conscious community?
Every person in our Federation – including you and all adults – has an important responsibility. That is to be the best you can be. To do this you need to be aware of all that you do and feel; you also need to be aware of what others are doing and feeling too. This is what being in a conscious community is all about.

Conscious = Aware

Community = All together

How do I make sure I am part of this?

By thinking about both your actions/feelings and the actions/feelings of others through 3 important values:

Respect

- Celebrate your skills and talents
- Recognise what makes you great
- Be proud of what you achieve
- Celebrate other people's skills and talents
- Recognise what makes other people great
- Be proud of what other people achieve

Resilience

- 👍 - Making mistakes are great
- It's how we grow 🧠
- It is important we always respect them and learn from them
- Ask yourself these questions about your actions or the actions of others...
 - Why do I/they feel this way?
 - Did I/they handle that situation in the best possible way?
 - What could I/they do to improve the situation?
 - Did I/they do the best I/they could?
 - What can we learn from this situation?
 - How can we move forward positively?

Relationships

Show a good understanding of yourself and others by knowing what inspires you both, what you want, your beliefs, your needs and what can cause you and them to feel a certain way.

In situations ask yourself and others...

- What is my/their point of view?
- What are my/their reasons?
- How am I/they feeling?
- What am I/they bringing to this situation?

In a conscious community...

We are open

We ask questions

We are honest

We speak up

We listen

We respect privacy

Wellbeing

We acknowledge that mental health and wellbeing is of central importance and intrinsic to our lives.

We believe having a mentally healthy community is about being able to work together through any challenges and that everyone is feeling supported, heard, accepted, valued and empowered.

It is of paramount importance that if there is anything you feel is affecting your child's wellbeing or educational experience that you get in contact with us.

Toys from home

Please can we ask that children leave their personal toys/belongings at home where they will be kept safe and sound.

The last thing we would want is for anything to get lost or broken.

PE - Jewellery

Health & Safety and medical advice confirm that jewellery worn in PE lessons is an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times. With this in mind, we are asking that any jewellery is either left safely at home for the day or removed for the lesson. We hope that you understand this request and we thank you for supporting us.

Sport fixtures

Tuesday 23rd January – U9's v Brighstone/St Francis (away)

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week!

What did the bee say to the flower?

'Hi Honey'

PTA News

Gala dinner

The PTA have decided to postpone their gala fundraising meal. Colby Meredith will now be cooking a 3 course meal on June 8th 2024. More details to follow!

School Disco

The PTA will be holding a school disco on Thursday February 8th in the school hall - more details to follow!!

Pancake day

Pancake Day is during half term on Tuesday 13th February.

The Carnival Committee are still going to go ahead with the races and all families are welcome to take part.

The races, as usual, will be in Yarmouth Town Centre and will begin at 10.00am.

Please let the office know if you are going to attend with your family so we can let the Carnival Committee know for numbers.



Nuts

Can we remind you that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with any nuts or nut products including a Kinder Bueno and Nutella.

Thank you for your support.

School carpark

Some of our staff members have been unable to park for work due to parents parking in the staff carpark.

Please **DO NOT** park in the staff carpark at any time unless you hold a blue badge. The carpark is for school staff and Little Stars staff only.



Last week's Gold Award winners are:

Beach Class: Sophia, Lacey, Lola, Thea Cr, Eli and Orin

Cove Class: Miylah, Max and Aria

Bay Class: The whole class, Moyin, Skylar and Jack

River Class: Ronan and Barnabas

Coast Class: Arrietty, Eden and Lennon

Solent Class: On a school trip

Ocean Class: Will, Maddie and Sophie



Birthdays

15th January – 21st January

Vera

Happy birthday to you!

Outdoor learning Golden Wellie

Well done to Oliver H for winning the outdoor learning golden wellie last week.

Keep up the great work!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne – 20

Lifeboat - 27

Needles - 30

Lighthouse – 29

Well done to **Needles** for collecting the most tokens this week!

Little Stars Pre School

What have Little Stars been up to last week.....

It's amazing where the children's imaginations take them!

A huge interest of the children at the moment is role play, this has manifested into a bustling café, a popular drive through, princes & princesses needing rescuing, jails being built, superheroes saving the day, new hair styles for everyone, tasty sweet shop, and much more. These have provided great opportunities to extend children's play & learning.

Other things the children have been up to include muddy walks, hide & seek, making fruity tea, balls skills in the hall, bikes & trikes round the playground, building assault courses, dancing, making wands, caring for babies.

They've also been keen to do lots of 'making' look at some of their models! Adults supported the children (mainly with loads of Sellotape ha ha) to achieve their goals but the children selected all the resources & used tools to cut & stick bits & bobs to complete their amazing creations! They were very proud.





Freshwater & Yarmouth
Church of England Primary School
Together for a Brighter Future

LITTLE STARS

SUPPORT WITH CHILDCARE COSTS



FROM 2 JANUARY 2024, ELIGIBLE WORKING PARENTS CAN APPLY FOR 15 HOURS OF CHILDCARE FOR THEIR TWO-YEAR-OLD.

PARENTS HAVE UNTIL 31 MARCH 2024 TO APPLY FOR A CODE, WITH MID-JANUARY TO THE END OF FEBRUARY BEING THE OPTIMUM TIME TO APPLY IN CASE FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION. TO APPLY FOR A CHILDCARE CODE EACH PARENT NEEDS TO BE WORKING AND EARNING THE EQUIVALENT OF 16 HOURS A WEEK AT NATIONAL MINIMUM/LIVING WAGE AND UNDER £100,000 ADJUSTED NET INCOME PER YEAR.

THERE IS MORE INFORMATION ON THE CHILDCARE SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO PARENTS ON THE CHILDCARE CHOICES WEBSITE, WHERE YOU CAN EXPLORE THE EARLY EDUCATION ENTITLEMENTS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT HELP WITH CHILDCARE COSTS.



The upcoming expansion

Starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support.

The changes are being introduced gradually to make sure that providers can meet the needs of more families. This means that:

From **April 2024**, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support.

From **September 2024**, 15 hours childcare support will be extended to eligible working parents of children from the age of 9 months to 3-year-olds.

From **September 2025**, eligible working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare a week.

Like the existing offer, depending on your provider, these hours can be used over 38 weeks of the year (during school term time), or up to 52 weeks if you use fewer than your total hours per week.

Sign up for more details about the upcoming expansion from April 2024, as well as how and when to register for support with childcare costs.

How far can you climb?

Find out by entering West Wight Sports & Community Centre's

SPONSORED CLIMB

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Saturday, 3rd February, 10AM to 4PM

MINIMUM AGE 3



See how many times you can climb to the top of the climbing wall in 20 minutes.

You'll receive a certificate and appear in your age category on our leaderboard.

Suggested minimum sponsorship is £20 with all proceeds split between



Book your slot in Reception or phone (01983) 752168 or email: izzy.taylor@westwight.org.uk.

West Wight Sports & Community Centre

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Isorropia Foundation Presents...

Isorropia Roadshow!

Isorropia is offering a free opportunity for ALL to come and learn about our island organisation, and how we can help islanders develop their mental wellbeing and thrive.

01983 217791

Freshwater Methodist Church, 2 Brookside Rd, Freshwater PO40 9AN

Friday the 19th of January, from 13:30-15:00

What is this?

A chance to learn more about Isorropia Foundation, and what we can do to help islanders master their mental wellbeing.

This will be a relaxed session to have all your questions answered!

Who is this for?

Absolutely anyone! You could come for yourself, to learn more for a friend or family member, or come as a professional to bolster your knowledge.



Freshwater & Yarmouth Church of England Primary School
Together for a Brighter Future

Is your child is due to start school in September 2024 then please come along to our open day on:

Monday 29th January at Freshwater & Yarmouth CE Primary School

9am - 11.30am

Our school offers:

- Dedicated staff who engage every child in learning across a broad curriculum
- A school that celebrates the achievement and successes of all
- A safe, happy and welcoming environment, promoting high standards and good behaviour
- A school that fosters a culture of mutual respect by nurturing kindness, tolerance, resilience and acceptance of diversity
- A school that prides itself on its strong partnerships and positive relationships between children, staff, parents, governors and the wider community
- A school that prepares children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of a changing world
- An environment where everyone is included

Everyone is included



Mental Health Support Team

Have you been...

- sad and low in mood?
- anxious, worried or panicked?
- struggling with your sleep?
- scared about something? E.G. spiders, heights or busy crowds?
- afraid to go to certain places?
- feeling angry a lot of the time?
- stressed about exams?
- worrying about certain things? E.G. your health, appearance, relationships?

Please speak to a member of staff at school who can refer you to meet with an Education Mental Health Practitioner.

You can also visit youngminds.org.uk for online support
 Text THEMIX to 85258 for free, anonymous confidential support
 For urgent mental health support, please contact 111
 For medical emergencies, please call 999



The Mental Health Support Team is a collaboration between the Isle of Wight NHS Trust, Barnardo's and the Isle of Wight Youth Trust

Community Pantry

**Moa Place Car park
Freshwater
Fridays 3:30pm - 5:30pm**

The Island's mobile community pantry comes to Freshwater on Fridays.

Become a member of the pantry and then pay just £5 each session to collect £15 worth of food for your household.

For more information contact:
reception@aspireryde.org.uk
01983 716020.

A scenic photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, shimmering reflection on the water. In the foreground, a large, dark rock sits on a grassy cliffside overlooking the sea.

**Freshwater Parish
Church Hall**

NEW CLASS

Yoga with Lucy

Come as you are.
Every Body welcome!

Tuesdays 5 - 6pm

Book here:
app.classfit.com/Studio/151296
or just drop in
£9 per class

Please bring your own yoga
mat

Instagram:
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call **+44 (0)1983 617970** or visit

rydeschool.org.uk/open-days-and-visits

Queen's Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight



**RYDE SCHOOL
WITH UPPER CHINE**

Please see the link below for more information about the upcoming IW story festival which is taking place during half term from Thursday 15th February until Saturday 17th February

<http://www.iwstoryfestival.com/>