



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 |



89% & Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for concern

100%-96%
Excellent

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

92.00%

Attendance This Year

94.01%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Monday 29th January – Open day for new starters
 Wednesday 31st January – Parent Forum
 Friday 2nd February – Cove Class sharing assembly
 Thursday 8th February – School Disco
 Friday 9th February – Beach Class sharing assembly
 Friday 9th February – last day before half term
 Monday 12th February – Half term starts
 Tuesday 13th February – Pancake races in Yarmouth Square 10am – see below for more information
 Monday 19th February – Return to school

Menu for the week ahead

Week 1

Monday – Cheese and tomato pizza or stir fried vegetable rice

Chocolate brownie

Tuesday – Classic beef burger or vegetarian burger

Crispy crackle bar with fruit

Wednesday – Roast turkey or vegetable pastry roll

Flapjack

Thursday – Beef Bolognese or vegetarian bolognese

Carrot orange and sultana slice

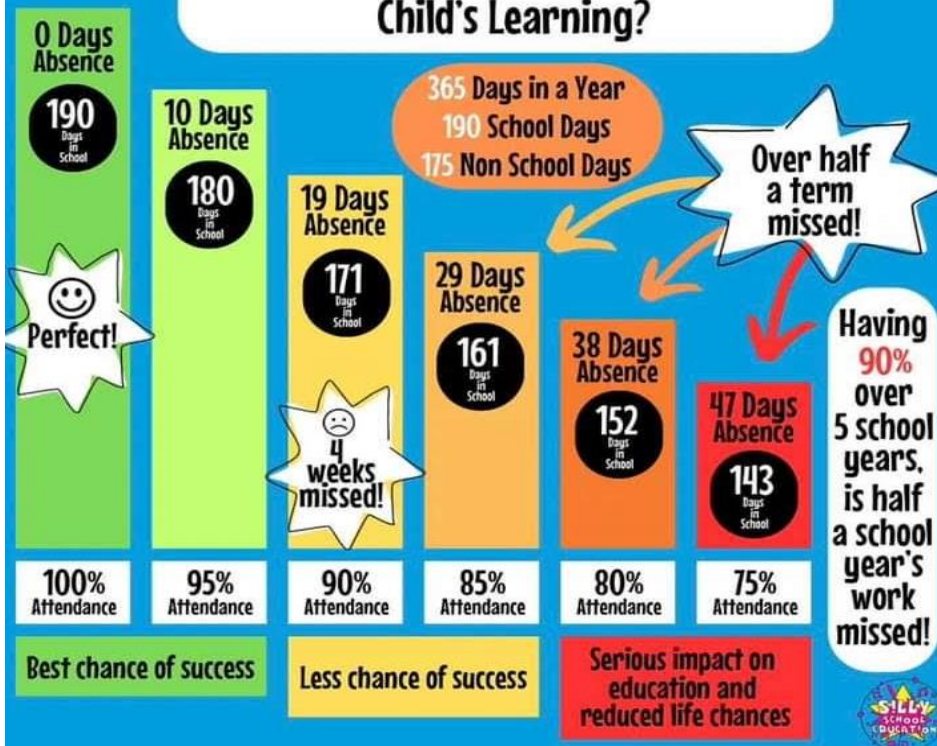
Friday – Fish fingers and chips or crispy Quorn nuggets and chips

Vanilla icecream

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



'Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing'

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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.

As we welcome you back to the beginning of another year, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing our Federation. We are very proud of working here and of the children who attend our schools. They bring us warmth, joy and pride every day. As part of our continued partnership with you as parents and carers - we ask that you complete the brief questionnaire below. This will support us in our curriculum design and in making our schools even better for the children and the future.

Thank you for your support and remember, we are always here for you and your families.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLJRYhRJezsMj04pUi-8MQMZIZhVma891zfm7ZzVi29xA0Rg/viewform>

PTA NEWS

School Disco - Thursday 8th February

Reception, YR 1, 2 and 3
3.15-4.15

Children can bring in a change of clothes for the disco should they wish and will be able to change at school and go straight into the disco.

Please collect your children from the main entrance at 4.15 pm.

Year 4,5 and 6
4.30pm - 6pm

Children will enter and exit the disco through the main entrance.

Children at booster club may change and go straight into the disco should they wish to.

Central Disco have kindly donated a free disco for the children to enjoy and to boost the profit for the PTA.

The PTA are able to offer the disco to all children for £3

This will include

A tattoo

A visit to the nail bar

A snack bag

Squash refill station (please bring own bottle!)

Should you wish your child to come please book them in via the office.

Football News

Freshwater and Yarmouth U9s travelled to Brighstone Primary on Tuesday to play football against the hosts and St Francis Primary in the league. Playing St Francis first they performed very well to win 6-2, they followed up with an excellent 3-0 win against Brighstone with Ewan, Callum, Freddie and Kaiden amongst the goals. They finish top of their league and we await who they will play next.

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week!

Do you want a brief explanation of what an acorn is?

In a nutshell, it's an oak tree!

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.





Last week's Gold Award winners are:

Beach Class: Henry, Eli, Olivia, Kara and Tarique

Cove Class: Evie, Tyler and Alfie

Bay Class: Jack, William and Angelina

River Class: Bruce, Kaiden and Emerson

Coast Class: The whole class

Solent Class: The whole class, Maddison and Esme

Ocean Class: Pehr, Tanya and Kai



Birthdays

22nd January – 28th January

Tilly

Callum

Bella

Happy birthday to you!

Outdoor learning Golden Wellie

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

Keep up the great work!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne – 36

Lifeboat - 41

Needles - 40

Lighthouse – 47

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

Little Stars Pre School

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

With more frosty mornings providing a wonderfully white sparkly environment of course we had to go & explore!! With a bag full of bread, we set off on our adventures! Along the way we found some interesting holes in the ground, after many discussions about where they came from the children concluded it was either a fox or dinosaur! Once we arrived at the river it was exciting to see ice everywhere! Despite the ice a herd of swans, and fleet of moorhens came over to greet us! They were certainly happy to see us with some tasty food for them! Our final stop was at the cafe where we all warmed up by the fire with a scrummy hot choccy!

Other things we have been up to include; putting out coloured water over night to see if it froze, then melting it into caves using warm water & pipettes, having a cinema experience with our Reception friends to watch our Graduation film, with a popcorn & jelly bar, crafting some bits ready to share the love on Valentine's day, creating many mud pies & mud pits, setting up a shop to buy some nice purchases, constructing with soft play building towers, stepping stones, bridges & pools to play on, also rustling up some surf boards to surf on!



Isle of Wight Table Tennis Association

Do you play table tennis?
Why not come along to the
IoW Table Tennis Centre,
at Smallbrook Stadium, Ashey Road,
Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 4BH.



You can give it a try and you'll be coached
to develop and improve your game.

Times below:

Mondays: 9-00am - 12 noon. **Monday:** 6-45pm - 9-00pm.

Wednesdays: 9-00am - 12 noon. **Fridays:** 6.45pm - 9-00pm.

Adults £4-00 per session. **Children** £2-00.

Junior Coaching Sessions - Mondays & Thursdays 5-00pm - 7-00pm £3-50

Saturdays 9-30am - 12-30pm £3-50

Further information from Elaine Mills E. mail elainemills@gmail.com



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/>

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.



Gymnastics & Trampoline Fun Day February Holiday Club - Cowes

**Tuesday 13th February 2024
Wednesday 14th February 2024**

10:00 - 15:00

**Sea Cadets Cowes,
Whitegates, Arctic Road, Cowes, PO31 7PG**

**£27 per Child for the Whole Day
(£25 for Little Rocket Gymnasts)**

Please Bring a Packed Lunch and Drinks and Wear Suitable
Clothing (Leotard / Shorts & T-shirt and Socks)
A tuck shop for sweets and drinks will also be available

HOW TO BOOK

Please go to <https://little-rockets.class4kids.co.uk> to book
your place on line.

If there are any queries please contact Christy on **07518 335319**
Thank you ☺

How far can you climb?

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

SPONSORED CLIMB

MINIMUM AGE 3

with WIGHT CLIMBING

Saturday, 3rd February, 10AM to 4PM



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

Is your child 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, carers, 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



Join Vectis RFC
Girls & Boys - Ages 5-18



We have spaces for girls wanting to play rugby in our mixed U7s, U8s and U9s teams

Under 7s & 8s play tag rugby
 Under 9s basic contact rugby

GIRLS RUGBY

Register your interest:
vectisrfccoaching@gmail.com

www.vectisrfc.rfu.club



Supporting Parent Relationships with Separating better app

Separating parents living on the Isle of Wight are among the first in the country to have access to a new app designed to help them self-manage their separation.

Separating better has been created by the UK's leading relationship research and innovation charity [OnePlusOne](#), with funding from the Department for Works and Pensions. It features tools to help with many practical elements of separation such as budgeting and legal arrangements. It also offers parents a template to create their own parenting plans to help them agree how to co-parent their children effectively.

An in-app quiz helps parents to understand where they are emotionally in their separation journey and a series of Work it out videos help parents learn communication skills which they can use to co-parent effectively and keep their children's best interests at the heart of their decision-making.

How to get started:

1. [Download the FREE app here](#)
2. Take the emotion readiness quiz
3. Access all of the app features for FREE as you progress through your separation journey

Only two areas in the country will have access to this app ahead of its national launch in spring 2024, and [OnePlusOne](#) are keen to hear the views of parents who use it. Download the app for more information about how to offer feedback.

Parents living on the Island can also access a number of other free digital resources created by [OnePlusOne](#). These provide support for a range of parental relationship issues, including becoming parents, coping with stress, debt and relationships and learning to argue better. To find out more visit:

<https://familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk/oneplusone>

For further information about Separating better, please email supporting.parents@iow.gov.uk

