



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

86.20%

Attendance This Year

93.53%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

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

Can we politely request that when you need to contact any staff in school, you do so by email, telephone or via Dojo. If you arrive at the school office unannounced, staff will probably not be able to speak to you due to teaching and other commitments. Also, staff may not be able to respond to messages instantly. They will aim to respond as soon as practically possible. Thank you for your support.

Menu for the week ahead

Week 2

Monday – Cheese and tomato pizza or Sweet potato curry

Apple crumble and custard

Tuesday – Turkey con chilli or

Macaroni cheese

Crunchy chocolate biscuit

Wednesday – Roast Beef or Cheesy leek and carrot crumble

Chocolate and vanilla marble cake

Thursday – Sausage pasta bake or Vegetarian sausage pasta bake

Carrot cake

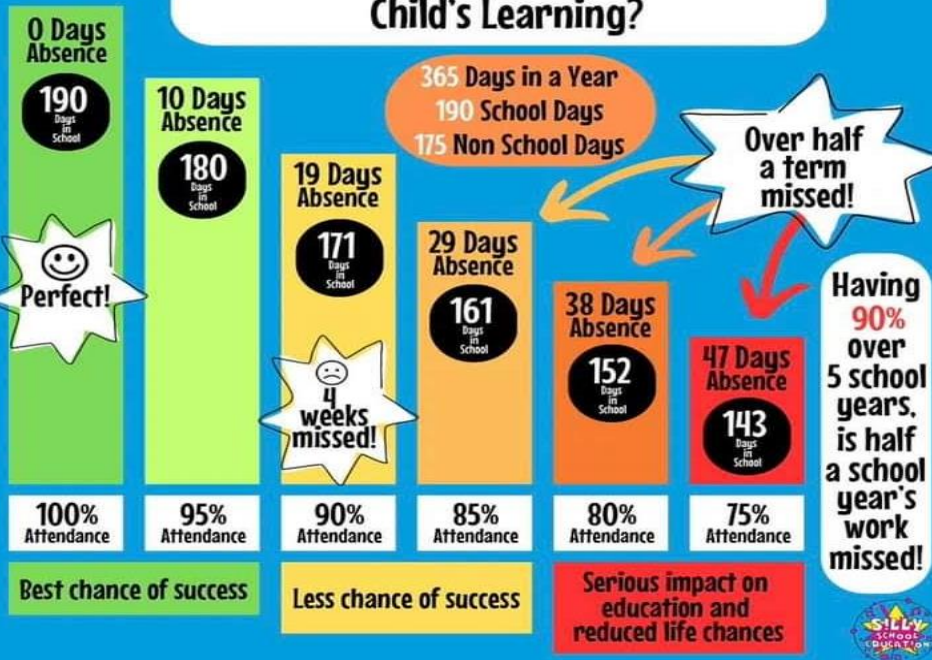
Friday – Fish fingers and chips or crispy Quorn nuggets and chips

Strawberry 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?



'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit'

Romans 15:13

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	Resilience	Relationships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👍 - 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... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 	<p>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.</p> <p>In situations ask yourself and others...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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...

<i>We are open</i>	<i>We are honest</i>	<i>We listen</i>
<i>We ask questions</i>	<i>We speak up</i>	<i>We respect privacy</i>

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.

Athletics round up

An U11's Indoor Athletics competition was held at West Wight sports Centre on Wednesday where six boys and six girls tested their skills against 7 other schools. In

the first half of the afternoon they competed in field events including long jump, speed bounce and indoor Javelin.

All performed amazingly well in their individual events. The second half was to be running races as a team, everyone gave it their best and really enjoyed the challenge. Finally, the results and with the team finishing in 4th place it was a fantastic afternoon for all involved.

Well Done Everyone!

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week!

What did the alpaca say when he wanted to go on a picnic?

Alpaca lunch!

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: Jason, Amelia, Albie, Lacey and Teddy

Cove Class: Herbie and Isla

Bay Class: Lola, Leighton and Noah

River Class: Ava, Amelia, Mia and Sophia-Rae

Coast Class: Amelie, Scarlett and Talliss

Solent Class: The whole Class, Finley and Nina

Ocean Class: Evangeline, Isla and Joey



Birthdays

29th January – 4th February

Arya

Happy birthday to you!

Outdoor learning Golden Wellie

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

Keep up the great work!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne – 32

Lifeboat - 40

Needles - 44

Lighthouse – 38

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

Little Stars Pre School

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

A rather foggy walk generated some really interesting conversations between the children. They were quick to note that they couldn't see as far as normal & how they could hear aeroplanes but not see them! "We need torches" the children announced!

Back at school we created some dark spaces & switched off the lights to imitate poor visibility like the fog. With their trusty torches the children then set off to find things in the dark! Thankfully we didn't lose anyone!

Other things we have been up to include; a very busy doctors' surgery, hoop play in the hall, mashing up bubbles, creating some decorations ready for Chinese New Year, exploring rulers & measuring things, drawing round each other & comparing sizes, painting with toothbrushes, singing songs & playing musical instruments.



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/>



Sandown Soccer - Isle of Wight

SANDOWN SOCCER

at The Bay CE Secondary

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

Monday - Friday
12th - 16th February



Mini-Soccer
camp for children. Aiming to
provide a fun and enjoyable
environment whilst developing
and improving players
footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM

- ★ FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
- ★ Fun football games to develop agility, balance, coordination and speed!
- ★ Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
- ★ Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!



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 ☺



Saturday Morning Music Centre

Ensemble opportunities for players of woodwind, brass, percussion and bowed string players



Saturday mornings during term time

10.00am - 12.00pm

At Osborne House

York Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6JT

Annual membership £120

The Hub also supports additional music making opportunities and ensembles during the week.

For further information please contact us using the details below

music@iowmusichub.org

023 8083 3648

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iowmusichub.org

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@MusicHubSouth



Mental Health Support Team

Have you been...

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



**Could you give a couple of hours a week
to support a family in your community?**

As a Home-Start volunteer, you will make a lasting difference to lives of parents and children in your community.

Volunteers come from all backgrounds and have a wide range of life experience which means they understand about the challenges of family life. At Home-Start we know that a little help at the right time can make the world of difference.

As well as helping others, volunteering is very rewarding. It's a great way to meet new people, improve confidence and self esteem, learn new skills and gain valuable work experience.



Find out more:
homestartisleofwight.org.uk
admin@homestartiw.org
01983 533357

We're looking for new players!

West Wight youth football club under 10s (for children who are currently in year 5).

We are looking for players to join our team for next season as our West Wight under 10s team will be moving to 9 a side.

We require players who will be in year six as of September 2024. Training will be on a Wednesday evening in Freshwater- Home games are played in West Wight.

If you are interested in trying out or would like any more information, please contact Chloe Moore or Carl Bali Bali through Facebook or visit the contact section of www.wyf.club.

ISLE OF WIGHT HELP WITH THE

COST OF LIVING

01983 823134 iow.gov.uk/costofliving

General help and support

Citizens Advice IW can give free help with money issues and much more.

☎ **0800 144 88 48** or Textphone on **18001 0800 144 8884**

📄 www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk

Debts and paying bills

Citizens Advice Money team.

☎ **01983 823898 ext: 2825**

📄 www.citizensadviceiw.org.uk/money-advice-team

Buying food

📄 www.iow.gov.uk/costofliving and tap on 'food' for more information.

Join a community pantry and for £5 a week, receive over £15 worth of food.

☎ **01983 296592** East Cowes Community Pantry

☎ **07961 959003** Ventnor Community Pantry

☎ **01983 563732** Ryde Community Pantry

☎ **07300 329610** Newport Community Pantry

☎ **01983 248170** Pan Community Larder

☎ **01983 716020** Mobile Community Pantry

connect4communities

Supporting organisations to help Islanders. Includes food vouchers, energy efficient appliances, garden items, clothing for school children and more.

📄 www.connect4communities.org



Warm Welcome Space

Find an Isle of Wight Warm Welcome Space.

📄 www.iow.gov.uk/warmspaces

Benefits

Check whether you are getting all the benefits you can.

Citizens Advice Help to Claim line.

☎ **0800 144 8444**

📄 www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators

Energy bills, energy efficiency and grants

☎ **01983 822282** The Footprint Trust

📄 www.footprint-trust.co.uk

☎ **07865 075832** Green Isle of Wight

📄 www.greeniow.org.uk

Pension Credit

If you are of State Pension age you may be entitled to Pension Credit.

If you get Pension Credit you can get other benefits.

☎ **0800 99 1234** or Textphone on **0800 169 0133**

📄 www.gov.uk/pension-credit

Paying for broadband and mobile phone

Social tariffs are available if you're on a low income.

📄 www.ofcom.gov.uk/cheap-broadband

Feeling lonely

The Living Well and Early Help Partnership works on the Island to connect people.

☎ **01983 240732**

📄 www.lweh.org.uk

In a crisis

If you have no money for food, gas and electricity you may be able to get emergency help.

☎ **01983 823859**

📄 www.iow.gov.uk/HelpThroughCrisis

Other useful contacts

📄 www.helpforhouseholds.gov.uk

📄 www.islefindit.org.uk