



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>

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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

95.21%

Attendance This Year

93.63%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

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

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

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 3

Monday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza or

Chilli No Carne

Magic Apple and Cinnamon Bake

Tuesday – Pork Sausages or

Cauliflower Macaroni cheese

Strawberry Jelly

Wednesday – Roast Pork or Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast

Orange Shortbread with fruit Slice

Thursday – Chicken and Vegetable Korma or Vegetarian Cottage Pie

Banana and Carrot Cake

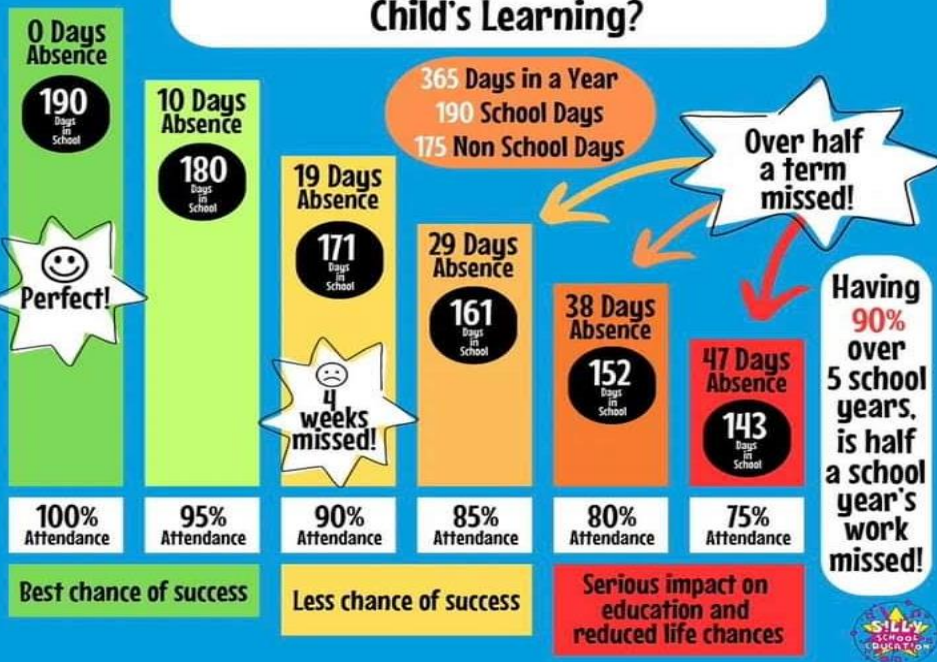
Friday – Fish fingers and chips or crispy Quorn nuggets and chips

Chocolate Icecream with 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?



'Let all that you do be done with Love'

Corinthians 16:14

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.

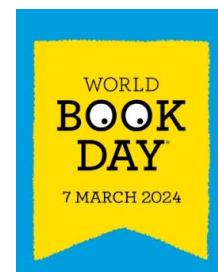
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Closing date Friday 16th February

World Book Day

This year World Book Day will be on Thursday 7th March.

Your child can come to school dressed as their favorite book character.



Bee Ready for the Bees Competition

Congratulations to Alaina in Year 2 and Miylah in Year 1 for winning the Chartwells Bee Ready for the Bees competition.

You have both won a flower garden starter kit for your classroom.

We can't wait to see the new garden in full bloom!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the competition.

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week!

Not all math's jokes are terrible.....

Only sum!

Parking

It has been very dangerous at the beginning and the end of the school day with parents trying to park in the staff carpark.

Please **do not use the staff carpark** unless you hold a blue badge. Please find other alternative parking offsite.

Please come to the school office if you need a parking permit for Moa Place.

We are currently looking at ways to address this issue.

Thank you for your support

Football Round up

Freshwater and Yarmouth U11's had a football fixture with St Saviours this week in a league fixture. In very testing conditions the team performed very well in the first half, passing the ball nicely through the team and with the wind behind having plenty of shots on target.

The St Saviours goalkeeper made several saves to keep the Freshwater and Yarmouth team at bay, it was 0-0 at the break. In the second half the Freshwater and Yarmouth team continued to dominate the match creating many chances and scoring twice with Olly providing the goals. With football fixtures continuing after half term there are plenty more matches to play in cup and league.



Last week's Gold Award winners are:

Beach Class: Thea C, Thea Cr, Kitty, Kira and Sophia

Cove Class: Whole Class, Leo, Vera and Ada

Bay Class: Reggie and Bonnie

River Class: Leif, Arya and Paddy

Coast Class: Ruby, Luke, Annaleigha, Eden and Rufus

Solent Class: Jake, Mollie, Marley and Joseph

Ocean Class: Summer, Scarlet, Mya, Rosie, Olivia, Tanya, Will, Joey, Jacob, Harry, Harrison

And the Whole Class



Birthdays

5th February – 11th Febraury

Oilly

Dougie

Isla D-C

Happy birthday to you!

Outdoor learning Golden Wellie

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

Keep up the great work!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne – 14

Lifeboat - 28

Needles - 30

Lighthouse – 26

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

Little Stars Pre School

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

Chinese New Year celebrations have been in full flow this week! With lanterns made & rooms decorated, Little Stars & Beach Class enjoyed many fun experiences together. Crafting dragon puppets, painting Chinese hats, rustling up red envelopes with golden coins inside, making shakers to scare off the dragon, splatting some Chinese lions, preparing some fire breathing dragons, painting Chinese cherry trees & much more!

We even had a visit from Nian the dragon, but it was ok as we scared him off with all our red decorations & loud noises from our shakers!!

After doing some dragon dances & learning some dragon songs we then had a Chinese feast! Lots of yummy Chinese treats were enjoyed by all. Happy Gung Hay Fat Choy everyone!



Feed a kid for a quid!



With purchase of any adult meal



Call Us To Book - 01983 722711

ALL HALF TERM!



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.wwyf.club.

February Half-Term Fun

Swimming lessons 5 day week £36.50

Learner Pool

0900-0930 – Stage 1 – Non-swimmer – Happy to go in the water in armbands.
0930-1000 – Stage 2 – Ready to swim without armbands.
1000-1030 – Stage 3 – 5-10m – Water confident, can swim 5-10m on front and back.

Main Pool

0900-0930 – 10m+ Can Swim 10m on front and back and happy to put face in water.
0900-0930 – 25m+ Can swim 25m on front and back using a recognisable stroke.
0930-1000 – 50m+ Can swim 50m using good front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke.
0930-1000 – 100m+ Can swim 100m using good front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke.

Monday 12th February

Kayaking – 1000-1100 – 8-11 years – £8 – An introduction to kayaking through fun and games. Must be able to swim at least 25m.

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

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

Youth Football – 1800-1900 – 13-15 years – £4 – Opportunity to play football under the guidance of an FA coach.

Tuesday 13th February

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

Climbing – 1200-1300 – 7-12 years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

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

Wednesday 14th February

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

Thursday 15th February

Youth Pickleball – 0930-1030 – 10-15 years – £5.50 – Try this growing paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis.

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

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

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

Friday 16th February

Soft Archery – 1000-1100 – 7-11 years – £5.50 – An introduction to archery through games, using soft arrows.

Mermaids Main Pool – 1000-1030 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim 25m+ and happy under the water.

Mermaids Small Pool – 1030-1100 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim 10m+ and happy under the water.

Rookie Lifesaving – 1000-1100 – 8-12 years – £8 – Must be able to swim at least 50m and tread water. Teaches self-rescue and casualty rescue techniques. Bring an old t-shirt to wear in the water over normal swimwear.

Open Swim Sessions

No lanes, diving boards in use – great for a family swim session.
Adults £5.50,
Children/under 20's £3,
Mon 12th-Sun 18th February
– 1400-1500

Fun Hours

Fun and floats in our pool.
Under 8's MUST be accompanied in the water. £4.
Mondays- Fridays – 1100-1200
Saturdays and Sundays – 1000-1100

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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

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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.org.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