



# 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**

**92.16%**

**Attendance This Year**

**93.52%**

## Important Information

### Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Cove Class to Amazon World
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Solent Class Sharing Assembly
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Beach Class & Little Stars Easter Breakfast
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Forum
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Ocean Class to UKSA
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Service
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of term
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Good Friday (Bank Holiday)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Children return to school for the summer term.

### 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

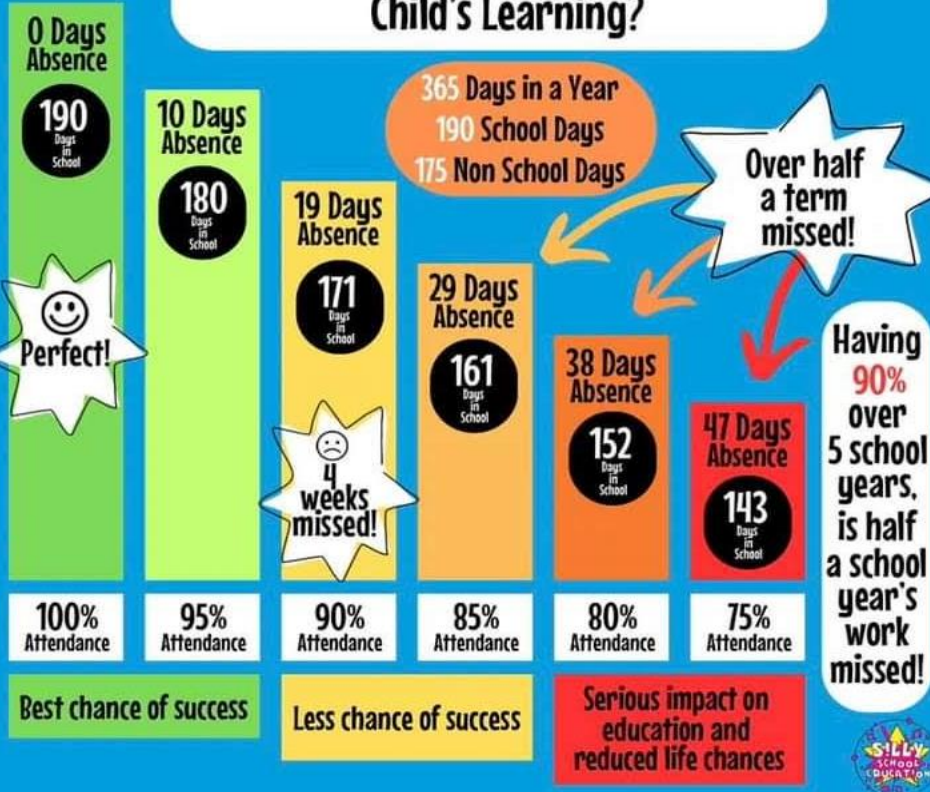
**Friday** – Fish fingers and chips or crispy Quorn nuggets and chips

Strawberry Ice cream

**Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.**

**Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays**

### How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power

-1 Corinthians 6:14

# 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

- 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.

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## The Churchyard Project



Last Friday some children from years 4 and 5 visited All Saints' Church in Freshwater. This was their second visit and they did a grand job of helping keep the graveyard clear of fallen branches and decorations that have been scattered around by the wind. Around the churchyard, spring flowers are coming into bloom and the sound of birdsong fills the air. It's a wonderful place for a wander and to feel a special sense of peace. Inside the church, the children created some watercolours of special objects and wrote acrostic poems. Outside, they put together some birdboxes to put up around the church - maybe there will be some residents by the next visit in summer!



## Parent Forum

Please come along to our parent forum on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Mrs Grainger would like as many parents to join her. She doesn't like to be lonely!!

## Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to Red Nose Day.

**We raised £92.45**

## Mr Westhorpe's Easter jokes!

What's big, white and can't climb trees?

A Fridge!

Why was the Easter Bunny good for the job?

He had the most eggs...perience!

## Easter Service

We will be holding our Easter service at All Saints Church on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am

Your child will need to arrive at school at normal time for registration. The children will then walk to the church with their class.

If you would be able to help walk the children to the church and back, then please contact your child's class teacher.





**LAST WEEK'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS ARE:**

**Beach Class:** Jason, Theos, Orin, Henry and Marlee

**Cove Class:** The whole Class and Miylah

**Bay Class:** Jacob, Bonnie and Daniil

**River Class:** Arya, Ryan, Lily and Emerson

**Coast Class:** Freddie, Callum, Kaiden and kassi

**Solent Class:** Isaac, Ted, Isla, Eli and Maddison

**Ocean Class:** Jacob, Harry, Will and Pehr



**Class Attendance  
this week**

Well done to

**River Class**

for achieving  
97.50%

attendance this  
week.



**Birthdays**

18<sup>th</sup> March – 14<sup>th</sup> April

**Odin, Herbie, Emma, Kara,  
Miylah, Evangeline,  
Athena, Leif, Leighton,  
Esme, Thea Co, Kaiden V,  
Logan, Charlie, Octavia,  
Eli D, Lucas Mc, Scarlet  
and Rohan**

**Happy birthday to  
you All!**

**Outdoor learning  
Golden Welly**

Well done to  
**Tarique** for winning  
the Outdoor  
Learning **Golden  
Welly** last week

**Keep up the great  
work!**



**Sports Tokens**

**Osbourne – 29**

**Lifeboat - 55**

**Needles - 22**

**Lighthouse – 30**

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

## Little Stars Pre School

With Easter fast approaching what better way to introduce the children to the meaning of Easter than a trip to All Saints Church. Little Stars & Reception Class had great fun taking part in lots of Easter activities set up by Reverend Leisa, collecting sticks & making crosses, creating dioramas, decorating some Easter pictures and sharing an Easter story.

Outside the church there were lots of signs of spring, the children were quick to point out all the beautiful flowers & blossom on the trees. It was so peaceful we took time to just listen to all the birds singing & the wind whistling through the trees. Other things we have been up to: forming & decorating clay nests, using water sprayers & tissue paper to make marbled eggs, washing the babies, muddy walks, hot cross bun snack with Reception and lots more.



**Holiday BIBLE CLUB  
FUN DAY!**

**Games + Crafts + Drama + Music**

Friday 12th April  
10am-3pm  
Freshwater Methodist Church

**£1**  
Bring your own lunch!

Please Book by 22nd March:  
doreen.dace@gmail.com

All Primary School Ages Welcome!

CHURCHES  
TOGETHER IN  
WESTWIGHT

**Arts with Alicia**

**Friday Evenings**  
From 17th May

Freshwater Memorial Hall  
2 Avenue Rd  
PO40 9UU

**Class Times**  
5.15-6.00pm : Junior Aerial & Performing Arts  
Ages 5-10 Years  
6.15-7.15pm : Senior Aerial & Performing Arts  
Ages 11-17 Years  
7.30-8.30pm : Adults Aerial Fitness  
Ages 18+

*For bookings please visit  
<https://bookwhen.com/artswithalicia>*

**ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND**

**QUAY ARTS CENTRE**  
5TH APRIL '24  
DOORS 13:45 | PERFORMANCE 14:00  
TICKETS £10.50 EACH

BOX OFFICE: 01983 822490 | WWW.QUAYARTS.ORG

\*BOOKING FEE APPLIES - ALL ATTENDEES MUST PURCHASE A TICKET

isle of Wight  
**foodbank**

**Freshwater Foodbank Opening**

FRESHWATER METHODIST CHURCH  
**Every Tuesday**

OPENING:

DAY	TIME	WHERE
19 MAR	3:30PM-5:30PM	2 BROOKSIDE CL PO30 1JU

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Registered Charity in England & Wales (1144644)



*Easter*  
**Aerial Workshop**

12 April 2024 - 2:30-4:30pm  
Ages 6+ - £12.50

Freshwater Memorial Hall,  
2 Avenue Road,  
Freshwater,  
PO409UU

<https://bookwhen.com/artswithalicia>



**Easter Scurry**  
**Egg Hunt**

**NATUREZONES**  
**Blackwater**

**Sunday 31st March**  
**Tuesday 2nd,**  
**Thursday 4th,**

Adult £8, Concession £6 Child £4 under 4's free

**PLEASE BOOK**

**WWW.NATUREZONES.ORG.UK**

**IW Fostering** 

Island children need local homes

**Fit to Foster?**


Many people think that they are either too young or too old to foster. The truth is that you must be at least 21 years of age. There is no upper age limit, as long as you are physically fit and healthy.



If you don't think you are suitable to foster, think again! Foster carers come from a variety of different backgrounds. There are children in care who may need you. Explore fostering with the IW Council.



Apply online at [iweight.com/fostering](http://iweight.com/fostering)  
01983 823160

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**JJ's Parties & Events**

**EASTER**  
half term  
**Inflate-a-Days!**

**Racetrack Obstacle Course** **Ride-On's Ball Pool 6 Slides**

**10th & 11th April @ Rew Valley Sports Centre**  
**4 x 90 minute sessions per day**

**disco sessions available**

**Easter Egg Hunt - Meet Bouncer the Bunny - loads of fun inflatables**

FREE entry for parent/carer & child parking!