



# 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**

**93.48%**

**Attendance This Year**

**93.65%**

## Important Information

### Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Ocean Class sharing assembly
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Gardening Day with Miss Gates – see poster below
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Beach Class and Little Stars to Monkey Haven
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Cove Class to Amazon World
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent Forum
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Solent Class sharing assembly
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Little Stars Easter Breakfast
- 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** – Back to School

### 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

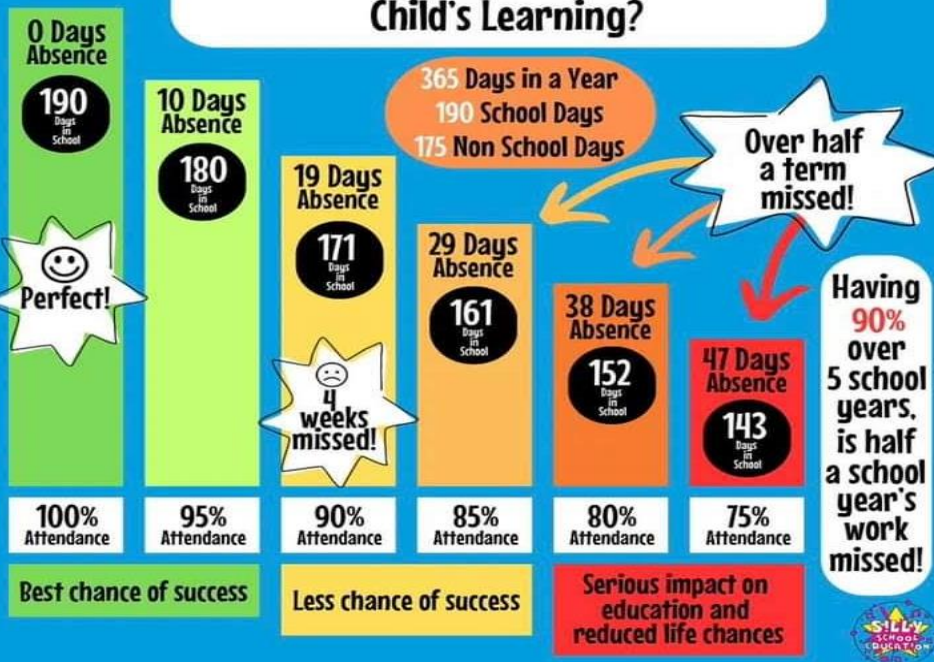
**Friday** – Fish fingers and chips or crispy Quorn nuggets and chips

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?



**'I will give you rains in their season, and the land will yield it's produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit.'**

**Leviticus 26:4**

# 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.



## Parent Questionnaire

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-8MQMZIZhVma891zfm7ZzVi29xAORg/viewform>

**Closing date Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

## World Book Day

This year World Book Day will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

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

As part of World Book Day, we would like to invite you or a family member to come and read and share your favourite stories from home with your child / children and friends in class.

It would be from 2.30pm until 3pm.

If you would like to join please email the school office on [yarmouth@fosay.co.uk](mailto:yarmouth@fosay.co.uk) so we have an idea of numbers.

## Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

We will be supporting Comic Relief this year on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Your child may come to school wearing something red for a small donation.

Come in Mufti wearing something red or come top to toe in red!

## Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week!

**Why can pirates never finish the alphabet?**

**Because they always get lost at C!**

## Football Fixtures

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Home v Newchurch

TBC – Northwood v Home (Girls)

TBC – Home v Newchurch (U9's)

## Rotary on the Wight Easter card competition

Your child has come home with an Easter card to decorate for the Rotary on the Wight Easter card Competition.

The design must be in the form of an Easter greeting card. Please see the rules on Dojo.

All entries need to be handed into school by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Good Luck!



## 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!!



Last week's Gold Award winners are:

**Beach Class:** Henry, Kara, Thea C, Olivia, Kitty and Marlee

**Cove Class:** Bella, Lucas and Ashleigh

**Bay Class:** Layla T and Charlie

**River Class:** Leo, Paddy, Tommy, Ava and Olivia

**Coast Class:** Gia, Octavia, Kaiden V and Lily

**Solent Class:** James and AJ

**Ocean Class:** Jacob, Harry and Mya



## Birthdays

26<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Gia

Mia

**Happy birthday to you!**

## Outdoor learning Golden Wellie

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

**Keep up the great work!**



## Sports Tokens

**Osbourne – 23**

**Lifeboat - 37**

**Needles - 44**

**Lighthouse – 42**

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

## Little Stars Pre School

Quite often we end up changing our plans for the day because of something that excites the children. This week it was some wiggly worms that drew the children's attention! They discovered if they stamped their feet on the wet grass worms would appear! After collecting some wiggly worms, the children had a close look at how the worms wiggled. With lots of giggles the children sang 'There's a worm at the bottom of my garden'. Of course, morning story had to be 'Super worm'!

Another cause for excitement was a little one getting excited about an upcoming American Night she was having with friends & family. This excitement spilt over to the other children, with children looking at globes & atlases to find out where America is. This led to some great conversations about different countries around the world. Children looked at flags & made their own ones using a variety of media.

Other things we have been up to: looking for nests, bird spotting, dancing, hall time, bikes & trikes, measuring, Mother's Day crafts, hand painting, making lemonade, shop play and lots more.



## Easter Duck Race

Yarmouth Duck Race is taking place on Saturday 30th March. The children have been invited to take part in a competition to design a duck for the race. Please find the template on Dojo or pop into the school office.

All entries will need to be in by Thursday 14th March. The entries will be judged by Yarmouth Carnival Committee member, Anne Kyle. The winning ducks will then be made into a real duck and represent the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth in the Duck Race!

# ADULT LEARNING



## International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. **#Inspireinclusion**

Come and celebrate with us, workshops open to adults 19+ with one accompanied child over 10 years. Please note that only adult bookings and payments can be made on our website, so please call us if you would also like to book for a child.

**Sunday 10 March, 10.30am to 12.30pm, cost £10 adults/£5 children**

### Brush lettering

Learn the technique and apply it to make greeting cards.

### Springtime wreath

Produce a decoration for your door or table.

### Macrame bracelets

Create colourful bracelets with beads and decorations.

**For more information and to book your place.**

[www.iow.uk/ACLCourses](http://www.iow.uk/ACLCourses)

**01983 817280**

[acl@iow.gov.uk](mailto:acl@iow.gov.uk)

[Facebook IWCACL](#)

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# FREE Training for Parents and Carers living on and/or visiting The Isle of Wight 'EYES-WIDE'

## Increasing your Awareness of Gangs, Youth Violence & Criminal Exploitation

### When?

Monday 4th March 2024

Doors open 615pm.

630 pm - 8pm

Please arrive promptly for start of session

This training will increase your awareness of street crime, including signs and symptoms of gang involvement and youth violence.

Do you want to find out more about County Lines, Child Criminal Exploitation and knife crime?

Then come along to this informative, proactive session.

### Where?

Bay CE Secondary School site, The Fairway, Sandown, PO36 9JH

Please enter via main entrance.  
Free parking on site

There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to ask questions at the end of the main information session.



## BEETLE DRIVE

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024

7.00 PM

AT CALBOURNE RECREATION CENTRE

IN AID PROSTATE CANCER UK

ENTRY: £8.00 PER ADULT/£4.00 PER CHILD TO INCLUDE HOT DOG and probably cake!

Please phone Debs on 07876887678 or send a message to book your place

CASH BAR OPEN.

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

## Burgers, Chips and Quiz Fundraising Night At the Sun Inn, Calbourne

In aid of Daisy Chains Childrens Charity



Daisy Chains IW helps children who have been diagnosed with a life limiting illness or any long-term health condition or disability to include Prem babies  
[www.daisychainsiw.wix.com](http://www.daisychainsiw.wix.com)

SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2024

7PM

PRICE IS £10 PER PERSON

to include a burger, chips and the quiz.

If you want to add cheese, bacon etc. you can order on the night at pub prices.

If you would like to come along please book with the pub on 722711.

Donation of raffle prizes would be gratefully received on the night.

Thank you for your support of such a wonderful Isle of Wight Charity.



