



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.

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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

94.94%

Attendance This Year

93.46%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd May – Coast Class to Ventnor Botanical Gardens
 Friday 3rd May – Coast Class sharing Assembly
 Friday 3rd May – Mufti Day
 Sunday 5th May – Randonee
 Sunday 12th May – Walk the Wight
 Monday 13th May – SAT's week starts for Ocean Class
 Wednesday 15th May – Community Connector Drop In with Adam Tucker 9am-12pm
 Friday 17th May – Ocean Class to Paultons Park
 Friday 17th May – River Class Sharing Assembly
 Tuesday 21st May – River Class to County Show
 Wednesday 22nd May – Parent Forum
 Thursday 23rd May – Last day before half term
 Friday 24th May – Development day
 Monday 3rd June – Return to School

Menu for the week ahead

Week 3

Monday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta

Chocolate Brownie with Fruit

Tuesday – Pork Sausages or Vegetarian Sausages

Strawberry Jelly

Wednesday – Roast Beef or Cheese and Onion Pasty

Banana Cake

Thursday – Chicken and Broccoli Pasta bake or Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce

Lemon Sicilian Cookie

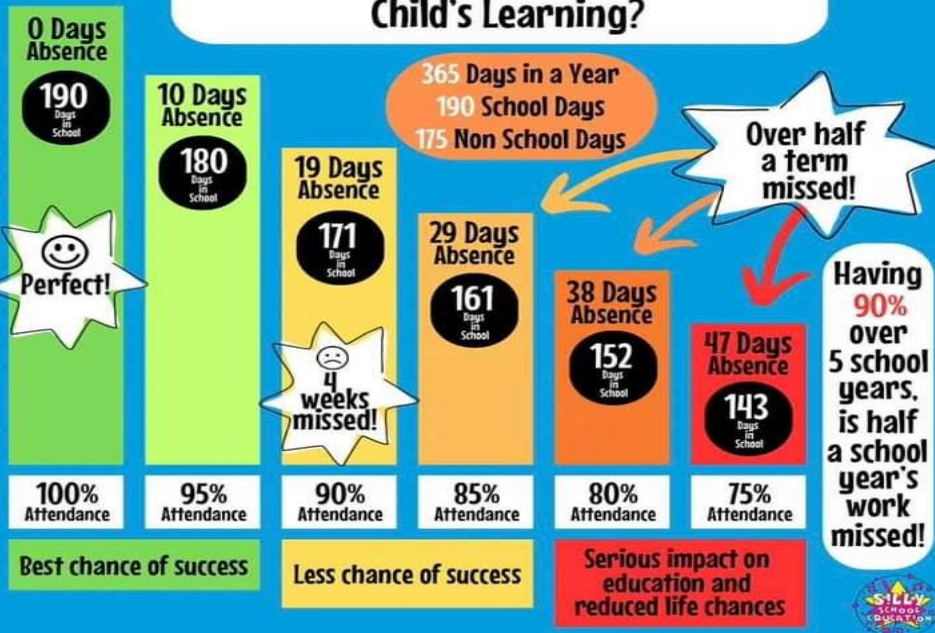
Friday – Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers

Chocolate 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?



Beloved

Let us love one another, for love is of God

1 John 4:7

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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Randonee

As you are aware, each year at Freshwater & Yarmouth we host a checkpoint for the Randonee cyclists. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year, raising thousands for our school.

This year the event will be held on Sunday 5th May and we will be desperately seeking parent volunteers to support during the day. Even if you are able to spare an hour, this would be greatly appreciated. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact the office who will forward your details to Rachel Dunleavey.

On Friday 3rd May, we will be having a muffin day in exchange for cake donations to sell at the Randonee. The cyclists tend to prefer flapjacks, large cakes that we can slice, donuts, loaf cake and large cupcakes.

Please help support this event as we are raising money for the next phase of our playground equipment.

Many thanks for your support

Development Day

Our final development day will be on Friday 24th May.

The school will be closed on this day.

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

Nearly all garden gnomes have red hats.....

It's a little gnome fact!

Parent Forum

Please come along to our parent forum on Wednesday 22nd May at 1.45pm

Mrs Grainger would love as many parents to join her. She will be offering tea, coffee and even Jammie Dodgers!!!

Upcoming Sports Events

Cricket fixtures will be starting up very soon

Keep an eye out!

Second hand uniform rail

We will be starting a second hand uniform rail from next week. The rail will be displayed in the foyer each day.

Each item will be 50p. All monies will be put towards school resources.

Please come to the office to pay for an item. Please have the correct amount.

If you would like to donate any uniform that your child has grown out of and is in good condition, please hand it in to the school office.



LAST WEEKS GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Beach Class: Thea Cr, Eli, Lacey, Teddy, Thea C and Kara

Cove Class: Bella, Alfie and Vinnie

Bay Class: On a school trip

River Class: Ava and Emerson

Coast Class: Talliss, Olivia and Octavia

Solent Class: Isla, Emma and Jake



Ocean Class: Maddie, Tanya, Will and Summer



Class Attendance last week

Well done to

Beach Class

for achieving

98.42%

attendance last
week.



Birthdays

22nd April – 28th April

Max

Sophia

Joseph

Arrietty **Isla**

**Happy birthday to you
All!**

Outdoor learning Golden Welly

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

**Keep up the great
work!**



Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 15

Lifeboat - 43

Needles - 33

Lighthouse - 21

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

Little Stars Pre School

On returning to school after Easter there was much excitement when the children noticed some splashes of colour in the garden! There was genuine amazement when they discovered the flowers that had grown were actually from the bulbs they'd planted back in autumn! Beautiful, colourful tulips! This led to great conversations about growth & lifecycles. Thanks to the generosity of our parents donating lots of plants & soil the children have been potting up & adding even more splashes of colour to the garden. Amongst the plants there were some tomatoes & strawberries which the children are excited to care for & see grow.

During snack time some of the children pointed out seeds & pips they'd found in their fruit. We added other fruit & veg for the children to explore such as peppers. Using tools safely the children chopped up the different foods, collecting the different seeds they found. Next week they plan on planting these seeds & caring for them alongside our others to see what happens!

The lifecycle of a plant is not the only lifecycle the children have been looking at. Reception & Little Stars welcomed some new little friends into class...tadpoles!!! It's proving to be a fascinating experience caring for & watching the tadpoles as they grow! The anticipation is growing to spot the first sign of legs! After sharing stories & songs about frogs we learnt a new word, metamorphosis! Let's hope our happy tadpoles morph into Little frogs before they're released back into the wild.

Other things we have been up to: reading Jack & the Beanstalk & planting our own magic beans, creating cherry Blossom trees, painting ponds, bug hunting, swimming, exploring magnifying glasses and much more; we even rescued and released a little bird.



FLLT with Relax Kids



In a Relax Kids class we take children through seven steps to relaxation:

We start from a high energy state using games and dance, encouraging social interaction - through to stretching, to warm up and relax their muscles - helping them to feel quieter and still. We move them on through self-massage to remove any remaining tension and to increase a sense of self-care then onto slow, mindful breathing exercises. As we near the end of the session the children use positive affirmations to foster self-belief and build



relax Kids



The 6 weekly sessions include some focused time for parents to discuss & reflect as well as time to work on practical activities that are fun, varied & enjoyable with their children. A wide range of tips, techniques and strategies are provided for parents to try at home in partnership with their school.

Parents, Teachers and Pupils are required to complete an Emotional Literacy Checklist at the beginning and end of the programme to measure impact.



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- * **BRAIN TRAINING FOR CALM**
[understanding & managing strong emotions like stress & anxiety]
- * **TAMING THE EMOTIONS MONSTER**
[the theory and process for adults to successfully support children with practical proven strategies]
- * **SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR SENSES**
[understanding about sensory triggers & how senses affect our behaviour]
- * **RELAXING OUR KIDS**
[building confidence & resilience through relaxation]
- * **BUILDING RESILIENCE, CONFIDENCE & SELF-ESTEEM**
[understanding emotional intelligence, motivation, empathy]

Join us for

All Stars Cricket this summer at Newport CC's home, Newclose County Cricket Ground



Sundays at 9:30-10:30am
From 5 - 8 years old
Starting: Sunday 12th May, 8 week programme
£30
Includes personalised kit








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U8 FOR THE 24/25 SEASON
IF YOUR CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL YEAR 2**

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FOR THE 24/25 SEASON
IF YOUR YOUR CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL YEAR 1**

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