



# 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**

**94.87%**

**Attendance This Year**

**93.52%**

## Important Information

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Coast Class sharing Assembly  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Mufti Day  
 Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Randonee  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – School closed  
 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Walk the Wight  
 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – SATS week starts for Ocean Class  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Community Connector Drop in with Adam Tucker 9am-12pm  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Ocean Class to Paultons Park  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – River Class Sharing Assembly  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – River Class to County Show  
 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Parent Forum  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last day before half term  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Development day  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Return to School

### Menu for the week ahead

#### Week 1

**Monday** – School Closed

**Tuesday** – Classic Beef Burger or Vegetarian Burger

Raspberry Jelly

**Wednesday** – BBQ Chicken or Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic

Shortbread and Fruit

**Thursday** – Turkey Lasagne or Chilli No Carne

Vanilla Icecream

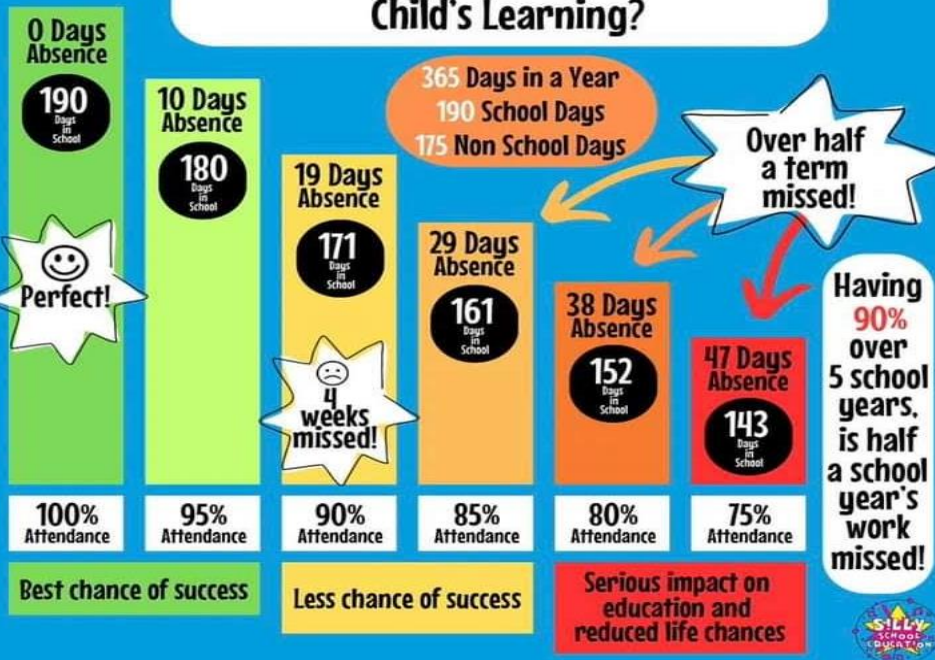
**Friday** – Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers

Original Flapjack

**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 can do all this through him who gives me strength'

-Phillippians 4:13

# 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

- 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 24<sup>th</sup> May.

The school will be closed on this day.

## Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

How do you know the difference between a crocodile and an alligator?

Easy, one you will see later, the other in a while!

## Second hand uniform rail

Our second hand uniform rail is now up and running. 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.

## Parent Forum

Please come along to our parent forum on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 1.45pm

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

We have had an increasing number of parents who arrive at school to speak to a member of staff without an appointment. This inevitably causes some upset if the member of staff is unavailable due to other commitments.

To avoid this, please call school ahead of any visit to arrange a meeting. Our inclusion team have multiple meetings and commitments every day; whilst they always do their level best to accommodate you, they do need advance notice of any visits or meetings.

## Outdoor Learning Video

Please find attached the link for our Outdoor Learning Spring Video

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK2HeVwRf-q675w0\\_XwEqONOaMNcyY4M9](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLK2HeVwRf-q675w0_XwEqONOaMNcyY4M9)



**LAST WEEKS GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:**

**Beach Class:** Lola, Amelia, Tarique, Theos and Kira

**Cove Class:** Katie and Ada

**Bay Class:** The Whole Class, Millie, Keira and William

**River Class:** Tommy, Sophia and Freddie

**Coast Class:** Benji, Callum, Frankie, Freddie, Amelie, Eden and Scarlett

**Solent Class:** Olly, George and Isaac

**Ocean Class:** Harry, Sophie and Dylan



**Class Attendance  
last week**

Well done to

**Bay Class**

for achieving

97.69%

attendance last  
week.



**Birthdays**

29<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May

**Ava**

**Vinnie**

**Maddison**

**Happy birthday to  
you All!**

**Outdoor learning  
Golden Welly**

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

**Keep up the great  
work!**



**Sports Tokens**

**Osbourne**

**Lifeboat**

**Needles**

**Lighthouse**

No tokens this  
week!

Will start again next  
week!

## Little Stars Pre School

There's been a real mix of things going on this week! One of the highlights was our new mud kitchen arriving. Safe to say the children have been in the mud kitchen ever since it got put up. Plenty of mud pies for everyone!

Whilst digging around outside the children were excited by all the insects they found, the favourites being wiggly worms & colourful lady birds. Adding some props to the play-dough the children made their own insects too.

Our plants are doing really well with the children watering them every day, the beans are really sprouting now, almost as tall as the children! More potting up of seeds, this week pumpkins & sweetcorn. Our seeds are not the only thing growing; our tadpoles are too. No legs yet but they're certainly getting rounder!

In the hall the children have been showing off their ball skills, some budding football stars in the making for sure! We are fortunate to have a wonderful library in school which we can access daily but it was lovely popping to the local library where we admired the beautiful blossom tree before sharing some stories.



# SET SAIL TO RIVERFEST

THE QUAY • NEWPORT • ISLE OF WIGHT

SATURDAY  
11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024  
10:00 - 17:00

## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE (TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE)

- 10:00 - OPEN WITH WALKING PARADE AND VECTIS CORP OF DRUMS**  
Parade starts at St Thomas' Square at 09:50 - Arrives at The Quay for 10:00.
- 10:30 - HUXLEY MAGIC MAIN STAGE**  
Award-winning Magic and Comedy by the notorious Huxley!
- 11:00 - MEDINA MARCHING BAND**  
A fun and inclusive marching band for people ages 8 years + and all abilities.
- 11:30 - FLASH KIRBY MAIN STAGE**  
Entertainer and singer.
- 12:00 - EMILIA MAIN STAGE**  
Singer-songwriter from the Island.
- 12:30 - GEMMA HUNT SWASHBUCKLE SHOW MAIN STAGE**  
One of Cbeebies' most popular shows, aimed at interacting with young children.
- 13:15 - FAT SAMBA BAND**  
Based in Freshwater and Totland (FAT), with members from all over the Isle of Wight.
- 13:45 - ARI HINDE MAIN STAGE**  
Fitness Dancer.
- 14:00 - ASPIRE CREATIVE HUB STAGE TAKEOVER MAIN STAGE**  
A community platform for people to express their creativity.
- 17:00 - CLOSE**  
A raffle will be called shortly before Riverfest closes.

Any changes to the schedule should be announced on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/riverfestiw](https://www.facebook.com/riverfestiw)

MAIN STAGE 12:30

FEATURING **GEMMA HUNT** FROM BBC

**Swashbuckle**

Riverfest is a fun free community event which takes place every May in the heart of the Isle of Wight in Newport, the Island's capital.

The event has all the feel of a traditional village fête, on a larger scale, with many activities aimed at the whole family.

**SOME OF THE THINGS TO EXPECT:**

- BOUNCY CASTLES · ARTS & CRAFTS · STALLS
- FACE PAINTING · EMERGENCY SERVICES DEMONSTRATIONS
- FARGROUND RIDES
- FOOD & DRINK · LIVE MUSIC · PLAZA ICES
- SHOOTING GALLERY · WOLFSGUARD VIKINGS
- VECTIS CORPS OF DRUMS MARCHING BAND
- MEDINA MARCHING BAND · FAT SAMBA DANCERS & PERFORMERS
- MAGIC SHOWS
- 200 YEARS OF THE RNLI · BBC'S GEMMA HUNT
- ROCK CLIMBING WALL · TRACTORS & BIKES
- EAZI BAR · RAFFLE · TOMBOLA · PIRATE STALL

AND SO MUCH MORE!

NOMINATED **Best Island Event**

ISLE OF WIGHT

[RIVERFEST.ORG.UK/VOTE](https://www.riverfest.org.uk/vote)

**P** THERE IS NO PARKING AT RIVERFEST BUT THERE ARE MANY OF NEARBY CAR PARKS

**FUN & FREE FAMILY EVENT**

[RIVERFEST.ORG.UK](https://www.riverfest.org.uk)

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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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**ARTS**  
JAYDENE-LEE  
PRESENTS...

# EARTH

CONTEMPORARY DANCE • AERIAL SILKS SHOW

SUNDAY 30th JUNE | 2PM

MEDINA THEATRE

(Tickets can be purchased via the Medina Theatre website)

# Spring Concert

The West Wight Dementia-Friendly Choir

The Newchurch Male Voice Choir

Wednesday 8th May

7pm

Christ Church, Totland Bay  
PO39 0ES

Interval drinks

Admission free.

Retiring collection for Dementia-related causes - the Admiral Nurses and the IW Dementia Hub (Parklands)

# Introduction to behaviour

FOR PARENTS



## Workshop includes:

- Behaviour as a communication tool
- Ideas to help your child with their behaviour
- Top tips to encourage positive behaviours

**Location: Freshwater and Yarmouth Primary School**

**Date: Tuesday 7th May 2024**

**Time: 14.00**

mental  
health  
support  
TEAM



## Schools Walk the Wight Leaderboard

|     |  |        |
|-----|--|--------|
| 1st | Carisbrooke CE Primary                 | £1,350 |
| 2nd | Ryde School With Upper Chine - Juniors | £1,153 |
| 3rd | Nine Acres Primary                     | £1,000 |
| 4th | Lanesend Primary                       | £974   |
| 5th | Huntyhill Primary                      | £894   |

## Schools Walk the Wight with Mountbatten



**Sunday, 12 May 2024**

Register now: [mountbatten.org.uk/swtw](https://mountbatten.org.uk/swtw)