



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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Headteacher: Mrs. E Grainger

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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 for the Last week
before half term**

86%

Attendance This Year

93.02%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th January – Bay Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 24th January - Cove Class Sharing Assembly

Tuesday 28th January – Parent Forum

Wednesday 29th January – Community Connector Drop in Service with Adam Tucker 9am-12pm

Wednesday 5th February – Mufti Day in aid of Arlo Lambie

Friday 7th February – Beach Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 7th February – Coast Class to Brading Roman Villa

Friday 14th February – Last day of term

Monday 24th February – Back to School

Menu for the week ahead

Week 3

Monday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza or BBQ Quorn Fillet

Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slice

Tuesday – Pork Sausages or Quorn Sausages

Bread and Butter Pudding

Wednesday – Roast Chicken or Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice

Oat Cookie with Fruit

Thursday – Fish Fingers or Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette

Vanilla Ice cream

Friday – Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake or Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta

Lemon Shortbread

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Staff Car Park

Please can we remind you that the school car park is for **school staff and Little Stars staff only** unless you hold a blue disability badge.

If you need a new parking permit for Moa Place, please visit the school office.

Menu Change

On Thursday 16th January 2025 the lunch will be fish fingers and chips. Chicken and broccoli pasta bake will be on Friday instead.

Baguettes will still be available on Thursday

Please book your child's school meal via Scoapy

'Let God grant what is in your heart and fulfil all your plans'

Psalm 20:4

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.

Uniform

Please can we remind you of our uniform and PE policy

PE

A pair of named trainers, black PE shorts and a royal blue PE t-shirt either with or without the school logo. For winter children have the option of wearing black/dark blue tracksuit bottoms and a crew neck sweater. Earrings should not be worn on PE days.

Uniform

White polo shirt (either with or without the school logo)

Grey trousers/skirt/skort/shorts/pinafore (black jogging bottoms are acceptable uniform for Reception class).

Royal blue jumper/cardigan (either with or without the school logo)

Black shoes or plain black trainers (no colour)

Royal blue gingham sundress

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a brand new year here at Freshwater and Yarmouth CE Primary!

As we embark on another exciting journey of growth and learning in 2025, we want to express our gratitude for your continued support and partnership. Your dedication and involvement are vital to creating a positive and enriching environment for our children.

We are looking forward to another successful year filled with new experiences, challenges, and achievements. Together, let's make this year a memorable one for your child, filled with growth, curiosity, and a passion for learning.

Mr Cook



Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

To ride a horse or not to ride a horse?

That is equestrian!

Earrings

Please can we remind you that if your child wears earrings to school they can only wear small plain studs and where possible taken out for PE. If this is not an option, then the earrings will need to be taped up during their PE session.



Gold awards will continue this Friday in Collective Worship.

Please join us from 9am



Class Attendance last week

Which class will receive the highest attendance this week?

Find out in next week's newsletter!



Birthdays

6th Jan – 12th Jan

Layla C

Abel

Darcie F

Happy birthday to you!

Outdoor learning Golden Welly

Who will receive the Golden Welly this week?

Find out in next week's newsletter!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 24

Lifeboat - 40

Needles - 20

Lighthouse – 31

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

Well done!

Little Stars Pre School

We just wanted to share a few photos of some of the Christmas fun we got up too during the last week of term!

It was a very exciting week, a highlight being a very special visit from Santa and his helpful elf! Santa's Elf wasn't the only elf about, in fact there were elves everywhere! So of course, we had to have an elf party! Little Stars & Reception had a lovely festive time!

Little Stars, Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 got together to perform the Christmas Nativity. Everyone done a great job getting up on stage singing and dancing! Super proud of all the children! What an amazing performance!

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! Lots more fun coming up in 2025!



School Details

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WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school.

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WHAT DOES FRESHWATER MEAN TO YOU?



Come and see art work by the EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Children

Public Consultation Saturday 25th January 2025
11am to 19.00 at Freshwater Memorial Hall.

Working in collaboration with Freshwater and Yarmouth Primary School



SHORT BREAKS



needs you to join fun activities



- and also to become a Young Inspector!

For children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs

Find out more at our new season event

- Tuesday 14 January 2025 from 4.30pm to 6pm
- Council Chamber, County Hall, High Street, Newport PO30 1UD
- Free refreshments available



iow.gov.uk/shortbreaks



Isle of Wight Council

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call, exclusive stickers, a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber, and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact; this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username, in theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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