



# 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

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 for Last week**

**90%**

**Attendance This Year**

**93.14%**

## Important Information

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Coast Class to Brading Roman Villa

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Cookies for sale at break time – 25p

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Valentine's Disco

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Beach Class Sharing Assembly

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Last day of term

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – Back to School

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

### Sports update

The U11's had an indoor cricket competition this week at Ventnor Cricket club, the competition has been run by the Isle of Wight cricket board. The competition has been set up this year to increase participation within cricket on the Island. The team played very well in both matches, Gatten and Lake, the opposition, had some good cricketers and won both matches in close games. Joseph and Ted showed their skills nicely on the day, Freshwater and Yarmouth school will have close links with Freshwater Cricket club this coming year, who both boys already play for.

### Development Days

Our last remaining development days will be on

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

School will be closed on these days

### Menu for the week ahead

#### Week 1

**Monday** – Macaroni Cheese or Cheesy Bean Burrito

Flapjack with Fruit

**Tuesday** – Classic Beef Burger or Quorn Burger

Apple Crumble with Custard

**Wednesday** – Roast Gammon or Roast Quorn

Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt

**Thursday** – BBQ Chicken Pizza or Cheese and Tomato pizza

Raspberry Jelly

**Friday** – Fish Fingers or veggie Fingers

Chocolate Brownie

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

**Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays**

He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

Psalms 23:3

# 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.

## School Disco

The PTA and Central Disco are holding a valentine's disco on Tuesday 11th February

KS1 (Rec, Year 1 and Year 2) - 4pm - 5pm

KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) - 5.15pm - 6.30pm

The cost will be £3 per child. This will include a squash refill station (please bring an empty bottle!), nails, tattoo and a snack.

**If your child would like to attend then please book them in via the office.**

## SAVE THE DATES!

We have secured some sessions with the Mental Health Support Team to support you in supporting your child / children with anxiety, how this manifests or presents and strategies to support your child with their anxiety and in attending school.

Introduction to Child Anxiety

Monday 10th February @9am - 10.30am

Monday 24th February @9am - 10.30am

Monday 10th March @9am - 10.30am

Monday 17th March @9am - 10.30am

At Freshwater & Yarmouth CE Primary School due to availability of onsite parking. Open to all parents across the federation.

**Please let the school office know if you would like a space**

## Parking on site

Due to unauthorised parking onsite, the FYT bus is finding it increasingly hard to safely maneuver the bus at drop off and pick up times. Parents and Carers are only allowed to park on site if they have a valid blue badge (and the blue badge holder is either the school child or driver), or if you have sought permission. We are going to monitor the parking and sadly, if we do not see an improvement, we will need to consider installing a barrier to prevent parking on site.

## Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

**How do lumberjacks keep track of how many trees they cut down?**

**The keep a log!**

## Chartwell cookies

To help raise more funds for Arlo, this Friday Chartwell's will be selling chocolate and vanilla biscuits at breaktime for 25p

Please bring your pennies along for a great cause!

Keep an eye out on dojo for the total raised!



## LAST WEEK'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

**Beach Class:** Ava, Norah, Poppy, William and Winter

**Cove Class:** The whole class

**Bay Class:** The whole class

**River Class:** Skylar, Alaina and Keira

**Coast Class:** Kai, Darcie and Emerson

**Solent Class:** The whole class

**Ocean Class:** Jack, Maddie and Ted



### Class Attendance last week

Well done to  
**Cove Class** for  
receiving **95.54%**  
**attendance** for  
**last week**

Well done  
everyone!



### **Birthdays**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Morgan**

**Beatrice**

**Olly**

**Happy birthday  
to you!**

### Outdoor learning Golden Welly

Well done to  
**Jasper** for winning  
last week's  
outdoor learning  
golden welly.

Keep up the good  
work!



### Sports Tokens

**Osbourne - 16**

**Lifeboat - 39**

**Needles - 22**

**Lighthouse – 33**

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

Well done!

## What have Little Stars Pre School been up to!

Turns out Nian the dragon was no match for the children in Little Stars and Reception Class! Working together as a team they built a house, hung up red paper lanterns, created red hats and shakers and scared that dragon away!! If you talk to the children I'm sure they'll tell you how Nian hates the colour red, but even more than that how he hates loud noises! Of course, the children are experts at loud noises and needed no practice there ha ha!

After all that chasing of Nian, the children built up an appetite and soon got stuck into some Chinese foods! Yummy!

Listening to some Chinese music the children learnt a dragon dance, and even how to sing in Chinese!

Other things we have been up to: - Exploring noodles, playing drums, making dragons, dressing up, parachute games, putting on puppet shows and more.



## 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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## GET YOUR GROOVE ON

SCHOOL DISCO TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY  
KS1 4PM TO 5PM  
KS2 5.15PM TO 6.30PM

£3 ENTRY TO INCLUDE REFIL SQUASH, SWEETS OR BISCUITS, NAILS, TATTOOS AND GLITTER FACEPAINT

PLEASE BOOK YOUR CHILD IN VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF THEY WISH TO ATTEND.



At The National College, our [WakeUpWednesday](#) guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

### "CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

### SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

### YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies; it could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and so on. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

### HAPPENS NEXT?

### FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

### PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

### FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are false or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

### ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit [OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk](http://OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk) for more.



### TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

### BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, fake information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Source: See full reference list on guide page 6. <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fake-news-and-scams>

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# DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM! Thursday 20th to Saturday 22nd February

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Come and see me at Quay Arts in February!

Tickets are now on sale for the IW Story Festival at Quay Arts during February half term from [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com). It's a chance to meet performers and writers like **Maz Evans** (pictured on the left) creator of **Who Let the Gods Out**, who will be with us on Friday 21st Feb.

After wowing audiences at our Stories in Schools in June, poet Paul Lyalls returns for the main festival



## There is so much to do at the IW Story Festival!



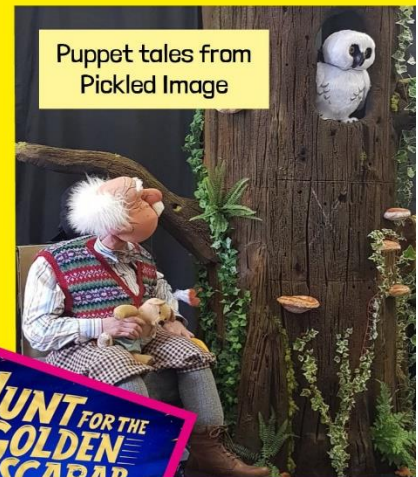
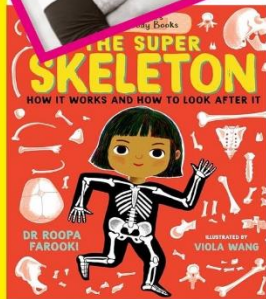
Find out how top authors like **M G Leonard**, **Naomi Ishiguro**, **Roopa Farooki** (left), and **Gareth Peter** create their books



Be inspired by performances including **Woodland Tales with Granddad** (pictured on right); **Brutal**, **Pinocchio** and **Asian Dance**



Imagine new characters in the **Secret Library** or with the roll of dice, and picture the stories created by storytellers **Steph Brittain**, **Holly Medland** and **Sue Bailey**



Puppet tales from Pickled Image



Pick up a programme from Quay Arts or any library

### SOME QUESTION YOU MAY WANT TO ASK...

**Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?**

**A:** It's a good idea –they're selling fast! Go to: [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com) to buy yours now.

**Q: How much are tickets?**

**A:** Some are **TOTALLY FREE**, others cost £4 to £6

**Q: Is it just for people who like reading?**

**NO!** The IW Story Festival isn't just about books! There are lots of **hands-on activities** for you to try, including the art of **paper folding**, **drawing dastardly cartoons**, **creating a book scene** and many others.

More information from: [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com)

Registered charity number: 1198024





## West Wight Family Centre Weekly Pop in Chat and Information Sessions

Our doors will be open from 8.30am to 12.30pm on Mondays. Open for parents/carers (including those expecting a baby) to pop in to chat with our team and find out about support and services available for them. Follow us on social media to find out about any themes or topics being covered but pop along any week with any questions you have.

West Wight family centre Mondays 8.30am-12.30pm

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