



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 for the last week
before half term**

90.3%

Attendance This Year

92.92%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4th March – Pancake Day races in Yarmouth Square

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Friday 7th March – Ocean Class Sharing Assembly

Thursday 6th March – River Class to Dinosaur Isle

Monday 10th March – Beach Class to Amazon World

Wednesday 12th March – Solent Class to Dimbola Lodge

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief – More details to follow

Wednesday 19th March – Community Connector Drop In service with Adam Tucker 9am – 12pm

Friday 21st March – Solent Class Sharing Assembly

Wednesday 26th March – Parent Forum

Friday 4th April – Easter Worship

Friday 4th April – Last Day of Term

Monday 21st April – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April – Children return to school

Menu for the week ahead

Week 3

Monday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza or BBQ Quorn Fillet

Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slices

Tuesday – Pork Sausages or Quorn Sausages

Pancakes (special menu)

Wednesday – Roast Chicken or Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice

Oat Cookie with Fruit

Thursday – (Special World Book day Menu) Hotdog or Veggie Hotdog

Rocky Road

Friday – Fish Fingers or Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette

Vanilla Ice Cream

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Development Days

Our last remaining development days will be on

Monday 2nd June

Monday 28th July

Tuesday 29th July

School we will closed on these days

Take delight in the Lord, and
he will give you the desires of
your heart

Psalm 37:4

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 Federated Church Schools of
Skelton, Freshwater & Yarmouth

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	Resilience	Relationships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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? 	<p>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.</p> <p>In situations ask yourself and others...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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...

<p><i>We are open</i></p> <p><i>We ask questions</i></p>	<p><i>We are honest</i></p> <p><i>We speak up</i></p>	<p><i>We listen</i></p> <p><i>We respect privacy</i></p>
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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.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March. Children may come to school dressed as any character/thing/letter from a book of their choice.

Also, your child will come home with a £1 book token on this day.

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.

Parking is for school staff and Little Stars staff only.

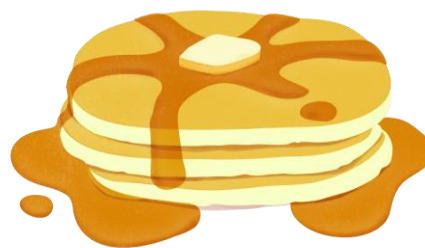
Pancake Races

We are pleased to let you know that our annual trip to Yarmouth for the Pancake Races is fast upon us!

On Tuesday 4th March, Freshwater & Yarmouth CE Primary will be taking part in the time-honoured Yarmouth Pancake Races. Our children have always enjoyed participating in the traditional races and it is a wonderful community event.

A letter has been sent home via email, Dojo and a hard copy with all the details of the morning.

Please return the slips to the school office and if you have any queries, please pop into the office.



Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

I accidentally glued myself to a copy of my autobiography.
Mrs Westhrope didn't believe me
But that's my story and I'm sticking to it!

Upcoming Sports Fixtures

Wednesday 5th March – U11's V Wootton

Tuesday 11th March – U11's Girls V Gatten and Lake



BEFORE HALF TERM'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Beach Class: The Whole Class

Cove Class: Teddy, Lola, Amelia, Thea Cr, Hadley and Tarique

Bay Class: Isla, Katie, Alfie and Vera

River Class: NK, Lola, Ella, Moyin, Daniil and Leighton

Coast Class: Ava, Amelia and Ronan

Solent Class: Eden, Kassi, Talliss, Scarlett and Amelia

Ocean Class: Logan, Ellie-Mae, Owen and Eli



Class Attendance last week

Well done to
Ocean Class for
receiving **95.77%**
attendance for
the week before
half term.

Well done
everyone!



Birthdays

24th Feb – 2nd March

Bonnie

Gia

Reggie B

Mia

**Happy birthday
to you!**

Outdoor learning Golden Welly

Well done to Mia for
winning the week
before half term's
outdoor learning
golden welly.

Keep up the good
work!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 35

Lifeboat - 42

Needles - 36

Lighthouse - 31

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

Well done!

What have Little Stars Pre School been up to!

Wrapped up warm we set off on an adventure with Reception Class! It's a good job we put on our wellies, as some children ventured into the stream for a little paddle!

We found the perfect spot by a bridge to share our morning story and snack. Can you guess what story we shared? Of course, it had to be The Three Billy Goats Gruff! The children created lots of trip trap, trip trap sounds as they went over the bridges!

As we continued on our adventure bird boxes were spotted high up in the trees, so we paused to see if we could hear any birds. We did hear birds and a squeaky pushchair wheel that sounded just like a bird too!

On the ground daffodils are beginning to appear and some beautiful yellow and purple crocuses were spotted. A quick game of 'Pooh sticks' before heading back to school via the shop. With some pennies in hand the hunt for strawberries was on! Thankfully the children found and purchased some - ready to use later in the week with our fondue machine in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Other things we have been up to: - making Valentines cards, fun with strawberries, marshmallows and fondue, writing love letters, mixing up love potions, making Valentines cookies and much more.



School Details

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THE HILARIOUS COMEDY PLAY!

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

BY ALAN BENNETT

ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK BY KENNETH GRAHAME

SHANKLIN THEATRE
6TH - 8TH MARCH
SHANKLINTHEATRE.COM

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

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

Please do not give your child any nut containing products for their snack or in their lunch box. This includes Nutella or any other chocolate nut spreads and Kinder Bueno bars.

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

MARVEL RIVALS

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it is important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a \$10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

AGE RESTRICTION

PEGI 12

ESRB advises nobody under the age of 13 should play

Violent Content

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful contact.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.

UNDER 13

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.

DISCONNECT

DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including iStock, Techradar and plenty more.



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Young Artists' Summer Show 2025

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 years living and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts either onsite or online.

How to enter

From 6 January 2025, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, teachers and parents/guardians can submit artworks via the RA website until 5 March 2025.

Important dates

6 January – 5 March 2025

Registration and submission open

May 2025

Judging

15 July 2025

Online exhibition opens

15 July – 10 August 2025

Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more

royalacademy.org.uk/youngartists

#RAYoungArtists

Made possible by Robin Hambro

We've got a few questions!



The Anglican churches of the West Wight Benefice are thinking about our local churches and communities. We are keen to hear your views which will help us shape the role of the church in your community.

You can access the questionnaire by using the QR Code below or contacting fytparishes@gmail.com for the link. Paper copies are available in your local church.

Please complete by the 30th March 2025



Thank you for taking part in our survey

J Maw

Rev Jackie Maw
Team Rector
West Wight
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SUNDAY 2 MARCH 10AM TO 4PM



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- ✓ Referrals for financial & energy support

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/community-connector-west-wight-103551394011>



For one-to-one advice, contact Adam:
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Scouts

1st Freshwater/
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Don't forget to **bring an adult** with you so we can talk to them about next steps!



When? Thursday 6th March 18:30 - 19:30



Where? Totland Recreation Ground, The Broadway, PO39 0AS



Any questions? Email Mandy on
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Sign up here!



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