



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



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

96.6%

Attendance This Year

93.39%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 28th March** – PTA Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Thursday 3rd April – Beach Class trip to Shalfleet Primary
Friday 4th April – Easter Worship – Everyone Welcome
Friday 4th April – Last Day of Term
Monday 21st April – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22nd April – Children return to school

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

Easter Worship

Please join us for our Easter Worship on Friday 4th April at 9am.

School will finish at 3pm on this day for the Easter Holidays.

School reopens on Tuesday 22nd April for the start of the summer term.



Chartwell's 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

NEW MENU COMING SOON

He is not here
For he has risen!

Luke 24:6

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.

Red Nose Day 2025

Thank you for everyone who donated for Red Nose Day

We raised £131.00

Well done everyone!

Randonnee – Sunday 4th May

Save the date!

The Randonnee is a yearly cycling event following a route around the Island. The word Randonnee actually means 'a long bike ride, usually over 100 miles'! This is a very popular event and has attracted over 3000 cyclists from all over the country!

For many years, the school have been asked to act as a checkpoint for the participants, providing refreshments for the cyclists. Each year this has raised thousands of pounds for our school, so it is a big fund raising event.

We are delighted to say that they will be acting as a checkpoint this year at Freshwater & Yarmouth, so we will be looking for volunteers who will be able to help out on the day.

Please keep an eye out for more information!

Rotary on the Wight Easter card competition

Don't forget to hand in your Easter card for the Rotary on the Wight Easter card Competition.

All entries need to be handed into school by Tuesday 1st April

Good Luck!



Medical/Dental Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment including the dentist please ensure you have notified the school office along with a copy of the medical letter or appointment card. If you have received a text message appointment please email it to

yarmouth@fosay.co.uk

Morning Club

Please can we remind you that if you need your child to attend morning club, please can you book in via Scopay. We have limited spaces available each day.

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

My horse's name is Mayo

Mayo Neighs!



LAST WEEK'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Beach Class: Polly, Talliah, Hope, Elaina, Emilia, Ava, Morgan and Poppy

Cove Class: The Whole Class

Bay Class: Aria, Max, Tyler and Herbie

River Class: Noah, Millie and Savannah

Coast Class: Ava, Darcie and Abel

Solent Class: Ewan, Lily S, Luke and Gia

Ocean Class: Ethan, Nina and Esme



Class Attendance last week

Well done to
River Class for
receiving **98.85%**
attendance for
last week.

Well done
everyone!



Birthdays

24th March- 21st April

Miylah **Leighton**

Athena **Elaina** **Logan**

Leif **Esme** **Charlie** **Kassi**

Thea Co **kaiden V**

Octavia **Eli** **Lucas**

Rohan **Makayla** **Isaac**

Happy birthday to you!

Outdoor learning Golden Welly

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

Keep up the good
work!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 4

Lifeboat - 17

Needles - 3

Lighthouse - 4

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

Well done!

What have Little Stars Pre School been up to!

With our walking shoes on we set off on an adventure to look for signs of spring! Lots of daffodils, buds and new shoots were spotted, we even saw some butterflies warming their wings in the sunshine.

When we arrived at the river there were lots of hungry ducks and swans waiting to be fed, thank fully we had some nice tasty treats for them. Circling overhead we spotted a big bird of prey and lots of noisy seagulls.

Other things we have been up to: swimming, washing the windows, exploring feathers, practicing our driving skills, getting out our Easter bits and lots more.



School Details

Email – yarmouth@fosay.co.uk

Phone – 01983 7603456

Website – fosay.co.uk



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

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

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Thursday 8th May 2025

VE Day Celebrations in Wellow

marking 80 Years since the end of WWII

3pm ~ 5pm Complimentary Cream Tea at Wellow Institute.

Bring your "Garden on a Plate" ~ judging at 430pm.

VE Day Flag Hunt on the Wellow Millennium Green from 3rd to 8th May; Flag Hunt forms in the Wellow Bus Shelter; prizes awarded to all who complete the form.

9pm Gather at the Wellow Millennium Green, bring a chair, a lantern and a bottle of something to raise a toast.

930pm VE Day Proclamation and Lighting of the Beacon

With grateful thanks to the *Shalflleet Parish Council* and *Tescos Freshwater*

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 BLUESKY SOCIAL APP



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.

INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being contacted by scammers, harassed by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real name.

TROLLING AND BULLYING

While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.

DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION

Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will probably be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.

ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE

Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.

RAPID GROWTH

At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unhelpful users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER

Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the "Moderation" section of the app's settings. The advanced Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist rhetoric, and even rude posts.

ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING

Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.

LOOK OUT FOR FAKES

Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, impersonators sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites; while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.

KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unsavoury. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Meet Our Expert

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Invitation

Isle of Wight Grand Final Young Enterprise Company Programme

Tuesday April 1st 9am to 12.30pm
Island Riding Centre, Newport PO30 2NB

- 9 Island school teams
- Trade stands: 9am to 10am
- Team presentations and awards: 10am to 12.30pm

Hear the student teams' business journeys and get inspired!

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Wild Art Club

Animal themed art sessions for young people aged 8 - 14 years old.

Selected Saturdays
14.00 - 15.30
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- Draw, paint and collage our amazing animals
- Have a go at model making
- Create your own animal themed sketch books

£5 per person, per session



EASTER SPORTS CAMPS

World Cup Days and Multi-Sports Days
COWES - Isle of Wight Community Club
RYDE - Haylands Primary School
EAST COWES - East Cowes Vics FC

8th April - World Cup	14th April - World Cup
9th April - Multi-Sports	15th April - Multi-Sports
10th April - Multi-Sports	16th April - Multi-Sports
11th April - World Cup	17th April - World Cup

10AM - 2.45PM

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FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

Week 1 Monday - Friday (7th-11th April)
Week 2 Monday - Thursday (14th-17th April)



Mini-Soccer camp for children. Aiming to provide a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing and improving players footballing ability!

10AM - 3PM

- ★ FA Qualified coaches with enhanced DBS and up to date first aid and safeguarding training.
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- ★ Win medals by becoming Penalty, Keepy-uppy, Crossbar or Speed Champion as well as our Best Attitude, Most Improved and Future Star awards!
- ★ Take part in the Sandown Soccer World Cup where one team will be crowned WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!