



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 last week

95.76%

Attendance This Year

93.43%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Friday 2nd May – Mufti Day

Friday 2nd May – Coast Class Sharing Assembly

Sunday 4th May – Randonee

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday – school closed

Sunday 11th May – Walk the Wight

Monday 12th May – SATS week starts for Year 6

Thursday 15th May – Coast Class to Ventnor Botanic Gardens

Friday 16th May – River Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 16th May – Ocean Class to Paulton's Park

Tuesday 20th May - Parent Forum – All welcome

Thursday 22nd May – Beach Class to Beaulieu

Friday 23rd May – Last day before half term

Monday 2nd June - Development Day

Tuesday 3rd June – Children return to school

Chartwell's Menu for the week ahead

Week 3

Monday – Closed

Tuesday – Sausage Hot Dog or Veggie
Sausage Hot Dog

Peach and Ginger Pudding

Wednesday – Roast Chicken or Roast
Quorn

Oatie Cookie with Fruit

Thursday – Chicken Quesadilla or
Meatless Shepherd's Pie

Vanilla Ice cream

Friday – Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers

Crunchy Chocolate Mousse

**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

But the Lord stood with me
and gave strength

-2 Timothy 4:17

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><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>In situations ask yourself and others...</i></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.

Muffi Day – Friday 2nd May

We will be having a muffi day on Friday 2nd May in aid of the Randonee. In return we are asking for donations of cakes for us to use for our cake stall. Our cyclists are particularly keen on flapjacks, loaf cakes and cereal bars after their long bike ride. We really appreciate your support with this, it is our biggest fundraiser of the year and all money raised goes towards the children of our school.

Children may come to school in non-uniform clothing. Thank you.

The school nurse Drop in Clinic will be held on Tuesday 20th May from 8.30am.

Please book in via the school office



NHS
Hampshire and
Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

The school nurse will be offering drop-in sessions each term bookable via school

Your school nurse can support with the following health concerns:

Physical Health concerns related to school absences: not chronic or persistent absenteeism.

Long term conditions e.g. asthma, eczema, impacting on schooling.

Support for healthy lifestyles- diet and exercise.

Growth concerns

Support around Sleep

Continence i.e. night/daytime wetting, soiling, constipation

Randonee – Sunday 4th May

Save the date!

The Randonee is a yearly cycling event following a route around the Island. The word Randonee 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.

Sunny Days

Now the sun has decided to make an appearance, please can you make sure your child has a hat in school every day and comes to school wearing sun cream



Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

Apparently to start a zoo you need a least two pandas, a grizzly and three polars

It's the bear minimum!



LAST WEEK'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Beach Class: Leonardo, Willow, Iliya, George, William, Darcie S, Tobias and Jasper

Cove Class: Amelia and Hadley

Bay Class: On a Trip

River Class: The Whole Class

Coast Class: Lily, Ronan and Arya

Solent Class: The Whole Class

Ocean Class: The Whole Class, Charlie and Autumn



Class Attendance last week

Well done to **Bay Class** for receiving **99.55%** attendance for last week.

Well done everyone!



Birthdays

28th April – 4th May

Isla K

Ava B

Vinnie

Maddison

Lily B

Happy birthday to you!

Outdoor learning Golden Welly

Welly award will start again next week!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 62

Lifeboat - 14

Needles - 90

Lighthouse - 12

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

Well done!

What have Little Stars Pre School been up to!

Recently we hopped on the open top bus and set off on adventure! We ended up at Alum Bay for the day! We arrived just in time to see how sweets are made. Not only did we see how they're made but we got to try one to see how they tasted. Yummy!

A ride on the Carousel was super fun before we went to the view point to look at the Needles lighthouse.

There were lots of smiles as the children had a go at hooking the ducks, thankfully everyone won a prize!

After talking about the colourful cliffs, we went into the sand shop to explore the coloured sand, everyone was super proud of their glass sand stars they made.

After our amazing adventure there was just time for an ice lolly before hopping back on the open top bus to head home!



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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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 Shalfleet Parish Council and Tesco's 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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Modeling 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practice double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead, moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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Hovercraft Drawing Competition

Dear junior hovercraft architects

Hovertravel is celebrating 60 years of service – ferrying foot passengers across the Solent between the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth – and we want your students to be part of the celebration!

We're inviting young creatives to take part in an exciting drawing competition to design their version of the next generation of hovercraft for Hovertravel!

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Amazing Prizes to Be Won!

1st place: A free group day return on the hovercraft for the winner's class (30 children plus teachers)*

2nd place: A behind-the-scenes tour of Hovertravel for the winner's class (up to 30 children plus teachers)*

3rd place: A family day return ticket for the winner's family.



How to Enter:

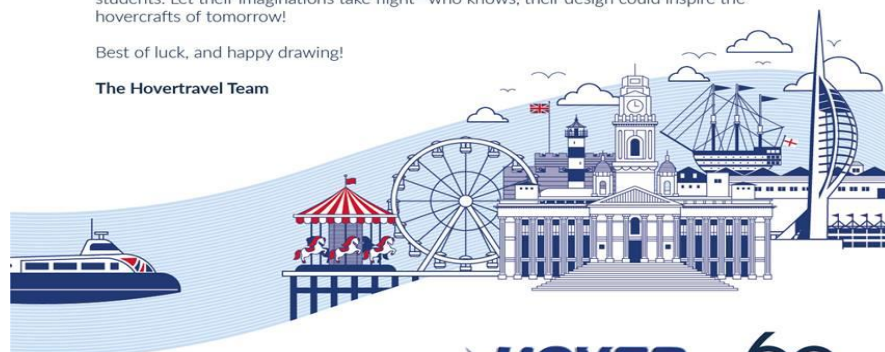
- Ask your students to draw their vision of a futuristic hovercraft.
- can/take a clear photo **OR** drop students masterpieces to one of our Hovertravel terminals.
- Submit all entries to marketing@hovertravel.com or our terminals by 23rd May 2025.

One of our Hovertravel Captains and a hovercraft crew member will carefully review all submissions, and winners will be announced week commencing 9th June 2025.

We cannot wait to see all your exciting drawings and discover the creativity of your students. Let their imaginations take flight—who knows, their design could inspire the hovercrafts of tomorrow!

Best of luck, and happy drawing!

The Hovertravel Team

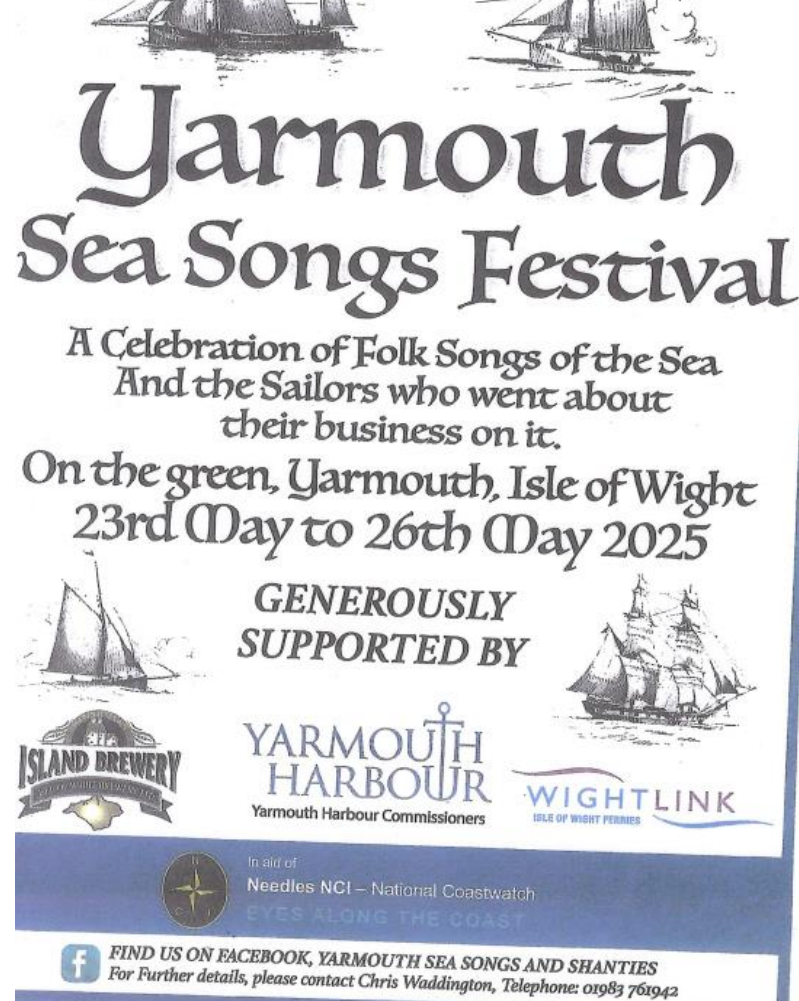


WEST WIGHT YOUTH FC U8S

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The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks - e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- Preschool / school readiness



Session Dates for 2025

(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 18 September, 16 October, 20 November
Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on **01983 534520** or via email to iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net

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