



# 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**

**94.61%**

**Attendance This Year**

**93.52%**

## Important Information

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – River Class Sharing Assembly

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Ocean Class to Paulton's Park

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - Parent Forum – All welcome

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – River Class to County Show

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Beach Class to Beaulieu

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – last day before half term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - Development Day

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Children return to School

### **Year 6 SATs**

Well done Year 6!

We are so proud of all the hard work, focus and determination you have shown during your SATs this week.

Enjoy Paultons Park.

You deserve it!

### **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

### **Chartwell's Menu for the week ahead**

#### **Week 2**

**Monday** – Macaroni Cheese or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry

Apple and Golden Syrup Cake

**Tuesday** – BBQ Chicken Pizza or Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Strawberry Jelly

**Wednesday** – Roast Gammon or Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast

Flapjack and Fruit

**Thursday** – Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Fajita Wrap

Chocolate Ice Cream

**Friday** – Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers

Lemon Cake

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

**Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays**

‘And now these three remain:  
faith, hope and love. But the  
greatest of these is love’

1 Corinthians 13:13

# 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	Resilience	Relationships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Celebrate your skills and talents</li><li>- Recognise what makes you great</li><li>- Be proud of what you achieve</li><li>- Celebrate other people's skills and talents</li><li>- Recognise what makes other people great</li><li>- Be proud of what other people achieve</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Making mistakes are great</li><li>- It's how we grow</li><li>- It is important we always respect them and learn from them</li><li>- Ask yourself these questions about your actions or the actions of others...<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Why do I/they feel this way?</li><li>- Did I/they handle that situation in the best possible way?</li><li>- What could I/they do to improve the situation?</li><li>- Did I/they do the best I/they could?</li><li>- What can we learn from this situation?</li><li>- How can we move forward positively?</li></ul></li></ul>	<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"><li>- What is my/their point of view?</li><li>- What are my/their reasons?</li><li>- How am I/they feeling?</li><li>- What am I/they bringing to this situation?</li></ul>

**In a conscious community...**

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

## 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.

### Walk the Wight

Well done to all our families who Walked the Wight over the weekend.

What a beautiful day we had!



### Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that we are a healthy school. Please can you send your child to school with healthy snacks for them to enjoy – things like fruit, veggie sticks, rice cakes, yoghurt or cereal bars are perfect.

Thank you for your support

### School Car Park

One again, can we please remind Parents and carers to not use the school car park when dropping off and collecting children. **The car park is for staff, Little Stars staff and authorised vehicles only**, and using it during busy times creates safety risks for our children.

Parking permits are available at the school office.

### Sea Shanties

Sea Shanties is a celebration of folk songs of the sea and the sailors.

The opening will take place on the Green in Yarmouth on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 4pm.

All children are welcome to join us.

### Parent Forum

Please come along to our parent forum on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 1.45pm

Mrs Grainger would love as many parents to join her.

She will be offering tea, coffee and even Jammie Dodgers!!!

### Sunny Days

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



### Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

I just saw Mrs Westhorpe trip up and drop a basket full of clothes she'd just ironed....

I watched it all unfold!



## LAST WEEK'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

**Beach Class:** Rihan, Elaina, Reggie, Hope, Elsie, Norah, Talliah and Thomas

**Cove Class:** Orin, Henry, Kira and Albie

**Bay Class:** Vera, Athena and Archie

**River Class:** Ella, Alaina, Keira, Savannah and Jack

**Coast Class:** Abel, Mia and Darcie

**Solent Class:** Odin, Gia, Callum and Freddie

**Ocean Class:** Esme, Finley and the Whole Class



### Class Attendance last week

Well done to  
**Beach Class** for  
receiving **98.33%**  
attendance for  
last week.

Well done  
everyone!



### **Birthdays**

12<sup>th</sup> May – 18<sup>th</sup> May

**Amelia Mc**

**Happy birthday to  
you!**

### Outdoor learning Golden Welly

Well done to **Ryan**  
for winning the  
Golden Welly  
Award last week!

Keep up the good  
work!



### Sports Tokens

**Osbourne - 33**

**Lifeboat - 63**

**Needles - 49**

**Lighthouse - 38**

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

Well done!



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

We have been celebrating VE Day by talking about the brave soldiers of past and present.

A lot of the children made the connection to Remembrance Day and we rewatched the CBeebies Poppy Field animation.

We looked at our flag and compared it to flags from around the world. Using paint, the children skilfully made their own flags!

When making pizzas the children got to look at the Italian flag too!





## School Details

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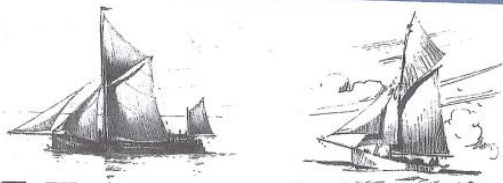
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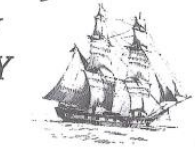
A Celebration of Folk Songs of the Sea  
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For Further details, please contact Chris Waddington, Telephone: 01983 761942

## 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 well-being, 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

# MINECRAFT



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

### SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of digital LEGO, certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

### GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by wasting hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

### PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £16. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft; hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material, online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

### PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Corbidge is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 8 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



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# Bay Wailers 10 Year Anniversary Concert

Celebrating 10 years of the Bay Wailers  
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6:30pm-9pm**

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Refreshments. Parking £5 per car. Free entry.

Sorry, no unaccompanied children & no dogs (except assistance dogs).

