



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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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

96.55%

Attendance This Year

93.71%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th June – Cove Class Sharing Assembly

Tuesday 1st July – Solent Class to Medina Theatre

Thursday 3rd July – Solent Class to Tapnell Farm/Aqua Park

Thursday 3rd July – Ocean Class to Calshott for Residential

Friday 4th July – Coast Class to Harry Potter World

Tuesday 8th July – Move Up Day

Wednesday 9th July – Community Connector Drop in with Adam tucker 9am-12pm

Wednesday 9th July – Cove Class to Blue Reef Aquarium

Thursday 10th July – Mufti Day for the Summer Fair

Friday 11th July – Beach Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 11th July - Ocean Class to Portsmouth Cathedral

Friday 11th July – Bay Class to Windsor Castle

Wednesday 16th July – Leaver's Play – 1.30pm and 5pm

Thursday 17th July – Summer Fair

Monday 21st July – Ocean Class Leaver's meal

Friday 25th July – Leaver's Worship

Friday 25th July – School finishes at 1.30pm for the Summer Holidays

Monday 28th July – Development Day – school closed

Tuesday 29th July – Development Day – school closed

Monday 1st September – Development Day – school closed

Tuesday 2nd September – Development Day – school closed

Wednesday 3rd September – Children return to school for the new academic year

Chartwell's Menu for the week ahead

Week 1

Monday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Cheesy Bean Tortilla Toastie

Chocolate Brownie

Tuesday – BBQ Chicken or Macaroni Cheese

Fruits of the Forest Jelly

Wednesday – Roast Pork or Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake

Banoffee Pie

Thursday – Classic Beef Burger or Quorn Burger

Strawberry Ice Cream

Friday – Fish Fingers or Veggie Fingers

Ginger Biscuit with Fruit

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

‘May you be strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience’

Colossians 1:11

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.

School Nurse

The school nurse will be offering a drop in service on Thursday 10th July

8.30am – 12pm

Please contact the school office to book a slot.

Sunny Days

Please can you make sure your child comes to school with a sun hat and water bottle. Please make sure sun cream has been applied before school.

Development Days

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Children return on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 for the start of the new academic year.

Mr Westhrope's Golden Sports Shield Award

Well done to **Leonardo** for showing great resilience during sports day



Celebrate Nature at Wight Nature Fund's Biosphere Day in Yarmouth

Wight Nature Fund is hosting a free community event on Saturday 5th July 2025 at Yarmouth Community Hall (CHOYD), celebrating the Isle of Wight's UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status as part of the Biosphere Festival.

The Biosphere Day runs from 10:30am to 3:00pm and includes a Woodland Scavenger Hunt (10:30am–12:00pm) and a guided walk to Mill Copse (1:30pm–3:00pm). At CHOYD, there will be a wildlife photography display by Terence Hart, stalls, displays, quizzes, and refreshments throughout the day. For the outdoor activities we will meet at CHOYD to walk up to Mill Copse, please note there is some uneven terrain so suitable footwear is needed.

There's still time to enter the Mill Copse Photography Competition. Entries are open until 28th June, with selected photos displayed during the event. Please send your best photo of Mill Copse to competitions@wnf.org.uk with your name, contact details and age if 12 or under. Visit www.wnf.org.uk for more details.

No booking is needed and the event is open to all ages. CHOYD is fully accessible, and parking is available in Yarmouth town car park.

"This is a chance to enjoy nature, learn something new, and celebrate the islands Biosphere" said a WNF spokesperson.

More info: www.wnf.org.uk

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

My neighbour rang my doorbell at 3am

Can you believe it?

No way! How inconsiderate!

I know!

Luckily, I was still playing the drums!



LAST WEEK'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Beach Class: Rihan, Polly, Jasper and George

Cove Class: The Whole Class

Bay Class: Evie, Ashleigh and Dougie

River Class: Austin, Grace, Skylar and Arabella

Coast Class: Arya, Emerson and Freddie

Solent Class: On a Trip

Ocean Class: Nina, Tilly and Ellie



Class Attendance last week

Well done to
Cove Class for
receiving **99.52%**
attendance for
last week.

Well done
everyone!



Birthdays

23rd June – 29th June

Talliss

**Happy birthday to
you!**

Outdoor learning Golden Welly

No Golden Welly
Award last week.
Who will win it this
week?

Keep up the good
work!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 38

Lifeboat - 101

Needles - 87

Lighthouse - 81

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

Well done!

What have Little Stars Pre School been up to!

There's always some great role-play when the soft play comes out. Often revolving around making a house with beds and a kitchen.

Just recently the children added babies and pushchairs, pretending to go on walks to the chip shop to get dinner! Of course, it's only natural that we should follow the children's lead enhancing their creativity by getting them some real fish and chippies! The children loved having a fish and chip picnic in their soft play house!

Other things we have been up too: reading Jack and the Beanstalk, planting runner beans, learning about different parts of a plant, designing our own flowers, exploring spray bottles and much 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.

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.

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6pm – 8pm

Saturday 28th June

Christ Church, Totland
Alum Bay New Road, PO39 OES

Drinks available in the interval

Free Entry (donations welcomed in aid of
Island Dementia Charities)

Supported by:
West Wight Dementia Friendly Choir



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

NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Honkai* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetics items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 18 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Joyd Coombes is the Games Editor of *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 understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including *BMJ*, *TechnoRadar*, and plenty more.



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- Free impartial and confidential advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Peer support, talking to others who may be experiencing a similar journey
- Free beverages and biscuits

**25
JUNE**

09:30 – 11:30
Ryde Family Centre
PO33 2JF

12:30 – 14:30
East Cowes Family Centre
PO32 6PA

**17
JULY**

12:30 – 14:30
Newport Family Centre
PO30 2AX

16:00 – 18:00
West Wight Family Centre
PO40 9XH

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AUG**

09:30 – 11:30
Sandown Family Centre
PO36 9EQ

11:30 – 14:30
Ventnor Family Centre
PO38 1EX

**No booking
required**

Any questions email:
info@iowsendiass.org.uk

A huge thank you to Barnardo’s Family Hubs for the use of their family centres for our in-person sessions across the island.



JOLLY JARS NEEDED!

For our School Summer Fayre



What’s a Jolly Jar?

- A decorated jar (jam jar, coffee jar, Pringles pot – anything with a lid!)
- Filled with sweets, small toys or both
- Decorated with stickers, ribbon, glitter – whatever you have at home!

Children can make them at home and bring them into school.

Deadline for donations: Friday 13th July

The class that brings in the most Jolly Jars could win a fun treat (like a movie afternoon)

Thank you for your support – let’s make this a summer to remember!

