



Freshwater & Yarmouth Church of England Primary School

Together for a Brighter Future

9th June 2025

Mission Statement/Our Core Purpose:

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.

Dear Families,

We can barely believe that another academic year has almost come to a close. As we look forward to the new year, we always take time to reflect on the past year – the celebrations, the challenges and all we have learned – children and adults alike.

We want to reach out and thank all of our families for their support and thank the children for bringing such joy, curiosity, questions, laughter, care and happiness into school with them each day. It is a privilege to serve the children and families in our community and to do all we can to support them and provide a meaningful, enriched curriculum where every child has the opportunity to flourish.

It has been an exceptionally busy year at Freshwater and Yarmouth, driving school improvement and working with existing and new families. We have been very pleased with the progress we have made this year and the many opportunities provided for the children. As we continue with our final half term of this academic year, we wanted to update you on the staffing structure for next year.

We are very fortunate across the Federation to have an exceptional team of highly skilled staff who continue to want to be part of what the Federation can offer. As our teachers develop within their professional development, we want to provide them with challenge, change and opportunity. As a result, we have been able to carefully match staff skill to the dynamics of each class across the Federation and affect some positive changes with the children at the heart of all we do.

Therefore, we have some staffing changes to make you aware of as we move into the next academic year.

Leadership

Mrs Westhorpe continues to be the Federation Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion and Behaviour Management. Mrs Westhorpe will work closely alongside myself to drive Federation improvement. Within the Inclusion team, we are ably supported by Mrs Heather Eggleton as the Inclusion Officer. I know many families have worked closely with Mrs Westhorpe and Mrs Eggleton this year, they look forward to developing this work into 2025/26.

We will also continue with our model of School Lead positions on each site. The School Leads will drive aspects of Federation improvement and be on call in the absence of the Head teacher and/or Deputy Head teacher to ensure the smooth running of our schools.

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Mr Cook will remain the School Lead at Freshwater and Yarmouth with Mrs Thompson continuing in this role at Shalfleet. Across the Federation, Mrs Thompson has responsibility for the Church Ethos and Mr Cook for oversight of Teaching and Learning.

Farewells

We are very sad to announce that Ms Gates (Outdoor Learning Leader) has made the difficult decision to retire after a long and successful career. It has been a pleasure to have Ms Gates with us over the years. She has been instrumental in setting up our Outdoor Learning offer, making the children aware of the wonders of nature and developing their social and physical skills.

This year, we also say farewell to one of the longest serving members of staff of the Federation, as Mrs Smith has decided to retire. Mrs Smith has served the school since 2012, she has taught in all the classes across the Federation and was instrumental in the transition for children at All Saints to Freshwater and Yarmouth C.E. Primary School. Through her time, she has supported the learning of hundreds of children, been essential to the smooth running of the school and served as a Staff Governor.

We wish both members of staff the very best for a long and happy retirement.

Finally, we say thank you and farewell to Mrs Grieve, who is a Teaching Assistant at the Freshwater site. Mrs Grieve has worked at the Federation for many years, across both schools and year groups – she has supported so many children from their first steps into school life until they leave us ready for the next chapter. Mrs Grieve is looking forward to utilising her gardening skills and enjoying her work surrounded by nature. We wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

Welcomes

We are going to interview for a new Apprentice to the Federation who is going to be working with the Inclusion Team and supporting children in class. As soon as we know who we have appointed, we will, of course, let you know.

We are also looking to appoint an HLTA across the Federation to support teaching and learning, again, we will let you know who that is as soon as we have appointed.

Go Green!

We are pleased to announce that Mr McCarty will be continuing with the Outdoor Learning model into next year. I know this is a popular area of the curriculum and many children have developed their motor skills, team building skills and confidence through these lessons. We have refined the structure of the sessions to ensure that the younger year groups receive regular Outdoor Learning and the older children receive a meaningful block of learning throughout the year. The timetable for this will be released prior to the end of term.

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We are delighted to continue developing our PE curriculum with our Sports Coach, Mr Westhorpe, who will be leading PE sessions and organising extracurricular events and competitions alongside our PE leader.

Freshwater Staffing:

Class	Teacher	Support Staff Range of roles – 1:1, Interventions, TA support
Reception	Mrs Haisell	Miss Sampson (HLTA) Mrs Bird Mrs George
Year 1	Ms Powell	Mrs Bristow Mrs Wildish
Year 2	Ms Poulton	Mrs George Mrs Dunleavey Mrs Taylor (2026) Miss Chiverton
Year 3	Mr Napier	Mrs Burton Mrs Beesley Mrs Brett Hill
Year 4	Mrs Whitehead	Miss Chiverton Mr Westhorpe
Year 5	Mrs Reid	Mr McCarty Mrs Cuff (HLTA) New Appointment
Year 6	Mr Cook Mrs Taylor (2026)	Mrs Harris Ms James

We are looking forward to starting a new, positive academic year with our wonderful children and families. We hope you have a wonderful Summer.

With warmest regards,

Mrs Grainger
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