



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

92.86%

Attendance This Year

93.54%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17th July – Summer Fair

Monday 21st July – Ocean Class Leaver's meal

Wednesday 23rd July – Federated EYFS Picnic Lunch

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

Federation Summer Music Video

If you are a musician and play instruments or sing outside of school we'd love to hear from you! Whether you do so for fun, or take lessons, Harriet and Mr Cook are putting together this year's end of year Federation Summer Music Video and we'd love to include as many children as possible, particularly any who play outside of school.

If you'd like to take part then please ask a parent or guardian to film you playing a piece and then send it over to either Mr Cook or Harriet- this will then be edited together with all the other videos we get and put up on Class Dojo at the end of the year. Videos need to be sent over by Friday 18th July to

either s.cook@fosay.co.uk or harrietbates92@gmail.com. We're looking forward to showing the federation all the amazing musical talent we have across both schools!

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

'The Lord is my strength and my shield'

Psalm 28:7

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 Meals

The price of school meals will be increasing from September.

The new meal price will be £3.10 per meal for children in years 3,4,5 and 6.

Lost Property

We have a growing amount of lost property. If you think your child has misplaced an item, please pop into the school office.

Many thanks

Development Days

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

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

Mr Westhorpe's Golden Sports Shield Award

Well done to **Lowen** for fantastic cricket skills



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.

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

Why are Ice creams so bad at tennis?

It's because they have a soft serve!



Last week's Gold Award Winners were:

Beach Class: The whole class and Reggie

Cove Class: The whole Class and Mrs Burton

Bay Class: On a trip

River Class: The whole class

Coast Class: The whole class

Solent Class: The whole class

Ocean Class: On a trip



Class Attendance last week

Well done to **Bay Class** for receiving **95.71%** attendance for last week.

Well done everyone!



Birthdays

14th July – August 31st

Ewan Piper Ellie-Mae
Sophia Albie

Eliza Barnabas Ashleigh

Daisie Orin Lily S Ella
Jason Lacey Hugo

AJ Layla T Alaina
Emerson Jack W

Austin Skylar Lola S
Hadley William

Outdoor learning Golden Welly

Well done to **Marley** for winning last week's **Golden Welly** award

Well done!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 21

Lifeboat - 1

Needles - 1

Lighthouse - 1

Well done to **Osbourne** for collecting the most tokens this week!

Well done!

What have Little Stars Pre School been up to!

Hooray we Graduated!

What a wonderful day with even more happy memories made!

Happy Graduation 2025!



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.

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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FRESHWATER AND YARMOUTH PRIMARY SUMMER FAYRE

17TH JULY 2025
3PM - 4:30PM



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

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.

2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.

3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.

4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies arise when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.

5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.

6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Shore advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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Isle of Wight SENDIASS Drop in Sessions

- 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

26 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.



Follow MHST on Facebook for upcoming workshops and support

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mental health support TEAM

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

SUMMER FUN DAY!

Games Crafts Drama Music

Thursday 31st July
10am-1.30pm
(Please bring your own lunch!)

Freshwater Methodist Church

£2

All Primary School Ages Welcome!

Please Email to Book In:
doreen.dace@gmail.com

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FANCY YOURSELF AN ARTIST?
AGED 5-25?

We are looking for young people to design the logo of Hear Me!

A podcast in collaboration with Youth Trust IOW focussing on mental health and young people.

Hear Me!

To enter create a logo that you think would best suit Hear Me! Your submission can be drawn by hand or created digitally.

Our favourites will be posted on the Youth Trust socials for you to vote your winner.

GOOD LUCK!

Entries close 20th July 2025

EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO: hearmepodcastYT@gmail.com

Summer Sports Activity Days



Premier School Sport Coaching

Barton Primary School

Furrlongs, Newport PO30 2AX

Booking is Essential please use this link

<https://easysportbook/premier-sports-haf-fun-clubs-at-barton-with-premier-school-sports-coaching-limited-16059>

Or use this QR Code



Monday 11th August

Tuesday 12th & 26th August

Wednesday 13th & 27th August

Thursday 14th & 28th August

Friday 15th & 29th August

Cost: £FREE

(if on income related Free School meals) – LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED!!!

Funded by the Department of Education
OR
£15 per day

9.00am till 3.00pm each day.

The activity days are for children at primary school to have fun, make new friends and enjoy physical activity in a safe and structured environment.

The activities will be a mixture each day of:

Team games - Football, Handball, Basketball, Cricket etc.

Individual sports - Tennis, Athletics, Soft Archery, Tri Golf etc.

Alternative sports - Dodgeball, New Age Kurling, Boccia etc.

There will also be a chill out zone for your child to play board games and relax.

Staffing:

All Coaches are experienced in working in Island Schools, have an enhanced DBS, first aid and attended safeguarding training.

What to Bring:

Plenty to drink
Wear suitable clothing for physical activity.
Suncream, hat or warm clothing for outside activities

For more information

Email Andy Day – psscldtd@gmail.com or
phone/text 07970009509

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Dates:

**August: Thur 7th, Fri 8th,
Wed 13th, Thur 14th, Wed 20th,
Thur 21st, Thurs 28th.**
HAF free, non-HAF £20

Where: Blackwater

www.naturezones.org.uk



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SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025

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