



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 Last week

96.9%

Attendance This Year

97.55%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th September – Ocean Class Sharing Assembly

Thursday 2nd October - Solent Class to The Science Museum in London

Friday 26th September – Mufti Day for the shoe appeal

Tuesday 30th September – Open Day for new parents – more details to follow

Friday 3rd October – Harvest Worship

Friday 10th October – Solent Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 10th October – Go Yellow Day in aid of Mountbatten Hospice

Thursday 16th October - Individual photographs

Friday 17th October – Last day before half term

Monday 3rd November – Children return to school

Menu for the week ahead

Week 3

Monday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Chilli No Carne

Flapjack

Tuesday – Sausage Hot Dog or Veggie Sausage Hot Dog

Peach and Ginger Pudding

Wednesday – Roast Gammon or Roast Quorn

Oatie Cookie with Fruit

Thursday – Chicken Quesadilla and Meatless Shepherd's Pie

Vanilla Ice Cream

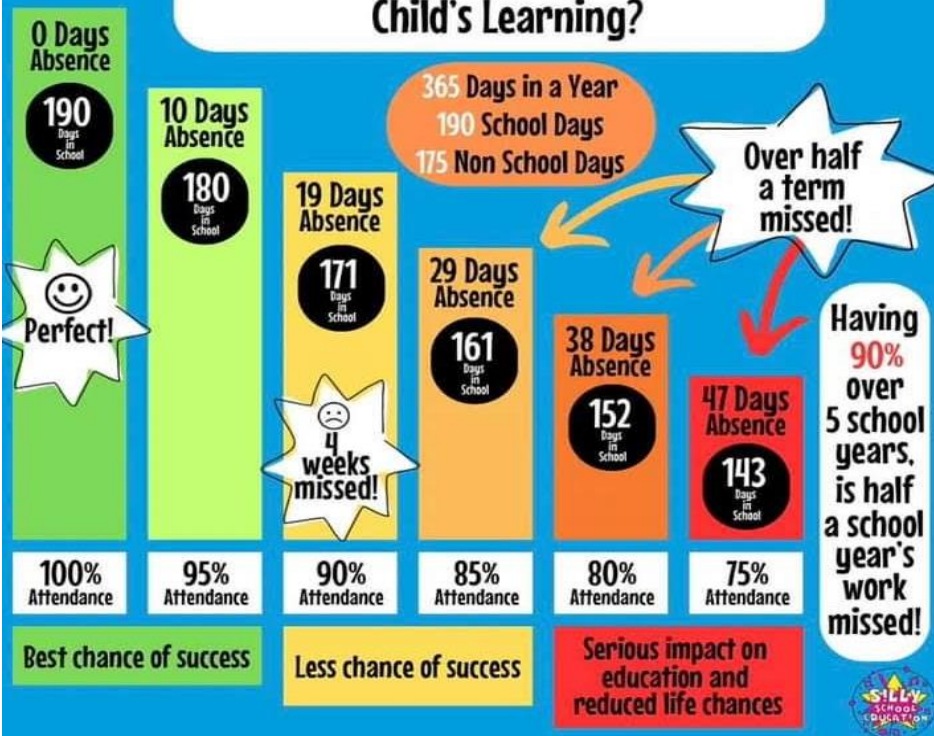
Friday – Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers

Crunchy Chocolate Mousse

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



'Let the Lord be your guide into the future.

Trust him and he will help you'

Psalm 37:5

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

- 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

Resilience

- 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?

Relationships

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.

In situations ask yourself and others...

- 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...

We are open

We ask questions

We are honest

We speak up

We listen

We respect privacy

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.

Absences

Please could you email yarmouth@fosay.co.uk by 8.50am for each day of absence, listing your child's name, year group and reason for absence. Written confirmation will provide us with the information needed to record the absence. If you do not have access to email, please call the school.

Phone number

When calling the school on 760345, you will hear an automated recording, the options are as follows:

Option 1 - Little Stars

Or stay on the line for the school office

School office

Please use yarmouth@fosay.co.uk to contact the school office

Muffi Day

We will be having a mufti day on Friday 26th September in exchange for items for the Rotary shoebox scheme.

We would be very grateful to receive small items such as toothbrushes, toothpastes, flannels, soaps, small toys, stationery and hats & gloves with a £1 donation.

Please hand all items and money in on the mufti day

Football Report

The under 11s girls and boys football teams travelled to Northwood for their first league fixtures of the year. The girls played first and comprehensively defeated Northwood 9-0 with Scarlett, Ettie and Amelia scoring hat tricks, special mention to Eden who marshalled the defence brilliantly. The boys U11s was a very competitive match with Northwood starting very well, one of Northwoods players was outstanding and scored 5 goals. Callum, Paddy and Ewan responded with goals but Northwood came out winners 7-3.
Well done Everyone!

Staff Car Park

Please can we remind you that the school car park is for school staff and Little Stars staff only unless you hold a blue disability badge.

If you need a new parking permit for Moa Place, please visit the school office.

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

I went to the beekeeper to get 12 bees.

He counted and gave me 13.

'Sir, you gave me an extra'

'That's a freebie!'

Update details

If you have recently changed mobile numbers, moved house or any other personal circumstances have changed including authorisation pick up, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



Last week's Gold Award winners were:

Beach Class: The Whole Class

Cove Class: George, Norah, Reggie, Marshall and Hugo

Bay Class: Teddy and Marlee

River Class: The Whole Class

Coast Class: William, Moyin and Jack

Solent Class: The Whole Class, Ava, Freddie and Lily

Ocean Class: Larry, Luke, Talliss and Olivia



Class Attendance last week

Well done to **Bay Class**
for receiving **100% attendance** for last week

Well done everyone!



Birthdays

15th Sept – 21st Sept

Alfie

Happy birthday to you!

Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 30

Lifeboat - 6

Needles - 18

Lighthouse - 15

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

Well done!

24 APPS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

This list is not exhaustive, and will be updated each year to reflect new risks and dangers

THESE APPS CAN EASILY BE USED AS GROOMING TOOLS BY ONLINE PREDATORS LOOKING TO MEET UP & SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN. (UPDATED 2021)



FACEBOOK



FACEBOOK allows you to connect with others and share comments, photos and videos. You can add friends, write on people's pages and posts, join groups and play games.

SNAPCHAT



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. Whilst the app promises that photo's, videos and stories disappear, others can take screenshots of private photo's.

INSTAGRAM



INSTAGRAM Kids are creating fake accounts to hide content from their parents, according to police. Messages are also deleted once a user leaves a conversation.

WHATSAPP



WHATSAPP allows you to send messages, images and videos in 121 and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.

KIDSCHAT



KIDSCHAT.NET is a free online messaging app for children. You can talk to people you don't know on public forums and via private message. You can access the site as a guest.

SKYPE



SKYPE is a platform and app that lets you make audio and video calls to other people around the world. You can also send instant messages.

WHISPER



WHISPER is an anonymous social media app that promotes sharing personal secrets with strangers, (new people). It reveals a users location so people can meet up

CALCULATOR %



CALCULATOR % is only one of SEVERAL social media apps disguised as a calculator, the app is actually a secret photo vault to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.

HOT ON NOT



HOT ON NOT Strangers rate a user's 'attractiveness' with the aim of real-world meet ups in your local area.

ASK.FM



ASK.FM An app where users can anonymously ask questions and receive answers. The app has been featured in a number of cyber bullying cases.

YUBO



YUBO Similar to Tinder, the app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other.

KIK MESSAGING Kik



KIK MESSAGING Kik is a messaging app that allows content normally filtered on a home computer.

BURN BOOK



BURN BOOK Anonymous rumours can be posted about people through audio messages, texts and photos.

WISHBONE



WISHBONE This app allows users to compare kids and rate them on a scale.

GRINDR



GRINDR Is a dating app geared towards gay, bisexual and transgender people. The app allows people to chat, share and meet up in person based on a GPSS location.

SKOUT



SKOUT is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.

MEET ME



MEET ME Is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. The app encourages people to meet in person.

TIK TOK



TIK TOK Is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.

TELLOMYN



TELLOMYN anonymous messenger app. It calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." Age controls are inconsistent and sexual explicit material can be found.

Zoomerang



Zoomerang Is a popular app that looks like a harmless messaging app however it allows private anonymous messaging and is location enabled.

BUMBLE



BUMBLE is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts

FACEBOOK MESSENGER



FACEBOOK MESSENGER Is one of the most popular message apps in the world. It has already heavily been used by predators and the end-to end encryption will make it even more unsafe.

BAD00



BAD00 is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.

OMEGLE



OMEGLE is a video chat website where users are matched randomly with strangers.

#CHILDBUSEHELP
CHILD ABUSE RESOURCES
WWW.CHILDBUSEHELP.ORG.UK

NSPCC HELPLINE
0800 800 5000

NNECA
NATIONAL NETWORK TO END CHILD ABUSE
WWW.NNECA.ORG.UK



Little Stars Pre School

Autumn's arrived with all of its lovely autumnal treasures!

Meandering through the woods there were lots of beautiful coloured leaves tumbling from the trees and even a few spiky conker shells! Scattered across the floor there were acorns and shiny brown conkers a plenty for us to collect. We were even lucky to spot some juicy blackberries to sample.

What else have we been up to: junk modelling some fabulous creations, digging big holes to make muddy puddles, hunting for bugs, looking at the Isle of Wight and plotting some of our favourite places onto a map.



Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form

2025-26 Open Day/Evening dates

(as at 14 September 2025)

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	29 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Christ the King College	18 September 2025 06 November 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm 6 th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	1 st to 31 th October 2025 3 November 2025 – 8 December 2025	Year 6 Open Month 6th Form Open Month
Island Free School	11 October 2025	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Lift Ryde	8 October 2025 Open mornings 6-9 October 2025 19 November 2025	Y6 Open Evening: 4-7pm Presentations 4.30pm and 5.30pm Book through Reception for an am slot 6th Form Open Evening : 4-7pm
Medina College	23 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Ryde School	4 October 2025 7 February 2026	Y6 and 6 th Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm
The Bay CE School	2 October 2025	Y6 Open Evening: 5-8pm
The Island VI Form	13 November 2025	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm
The Isle of Wight College	23 September 2025 15 November 2025 10 January 2026 7 March 2026	4.30-6.30pm Open Evening 10-2pm Open Day 10-2pm Open Day Open Day
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk

- Please note St George's School is not offering open days. Places are allocated via the SEND department.

Dear Parents/Carers,

My name is Effie Whittle, and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new apprentice across the Federation. I am joining the team to support teaching and learning across the schools, and I am very excited to be part of such a welcoming community.

As part of my role I will be overseeing the After School Club at Freshwater and Yarmouth. My vision is to provide a safe, welcoming, and engaging space, where children can relax, explore, and continue to develop socially, emotionally and creatively.

The club will offer a variety of creative activities such as painting, drawing, junk modelling, seasonal crafts and longer term projects. As well as this, I believe it's important to provide quiet areas for reading, puzzles or general quiet activities which can be done individually or with friends. Throughout the year, I plan to introduce themed weeks with activities that appeal to different ages and encourage children to make new friendships.

The After School Club currently runs from 3:00-4:00pm, but we are exploring the possibility of extending it until 5:00pm if there is enough interest from families. If you would be interested in the possibility of your child staying till 5:00pm, could you please email me at e.whittle@fosay.co.uk . We will keep you informed of any changes.

The cost of this facility is currently £5 an hour. Bookings must be made via the Tucasi system and an 'in credit' balance is required to process the booking. We ask that all children are to be collected by the close time of After School Care, at the latest. Late collections up to 15 minutes after the booked time will incur an additional hourly charge. Late collections exceeding 15 minutes after the close of After School Care will incur a charge of a flat fee of £15 to cover the staff costs as staff numbers need to be sufficient to maintain the required staff-to-child ratio.

I look forward to meeting you all and working towards making the After School club a fun and valued part of your child's school day.

Kind regards,

Miss Effie Whittle

Drop-in Sessions

For parents of Early years children with emerging



SEND

Please scan the QR code for more information and to book

Come and join us for a friendly and informal drop in session, designed to provide support, advice, and a chance to connect with other parents and carers.

We often have Occupational Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists available to offer specialist advice.

10th September- Newport Family Centre

17th October- Sandown Family Centre

7th November- Ryde Family Centre

9th December- Newport Family Centre

9.30am - 10.30am or

10.30am - 11.30am



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BIRTHDAY PARTIES

LET'S GET THE PARTY STARTED!

Looking for a birthday celebration that's packed with non-stop action?

We've got the **ultimate party packages** that will have you buzzing long after the cake's gone!

JUNIOR CLIMBER PACKAGE

from **£23.99** per child

Ideal for younger children who are at least 95cm and who love high-energy, adrenaline-fuelled fun (Min group size: 10)

PACKAGE INCLUDES
food and unlimited access

CLIP 'N CLIMB LOZONE

for minimum two hours (no exclusive access)

BOOK NOW

PICK 'N MIX TO SUIT YOUR BUDGET

Book individual activities or go all in with a full-zone adventure

Add in a party bag, ice cream van, DJ, cake or decs

Reserved private party area in Squirrels Cafe for one hour post-activities (outdoors during summer months)

Hot or cold meal: choose from burger, hot dog, goujons or veggie option, served with chips and a drink, or select a sandwich, packet of crisps, yoghurt or fruit and a drink

Free entry for accompanying adults if not using Adrenaline Zone

THRILL SEEKER PACKAGE

from **£35.99** per person

Ideal for children and adults who are at least 135cm and who love high-energy, adrenaline-fuelled fun (Min group size: 10)

PACKAGE INCLUDES
food and unlimited access

CLIP 'N CLIMB OZONE MAGMA ZOOM

for minimum three hours (no exclusive access)

Contact **info@robin-hill.com**
01983 527352

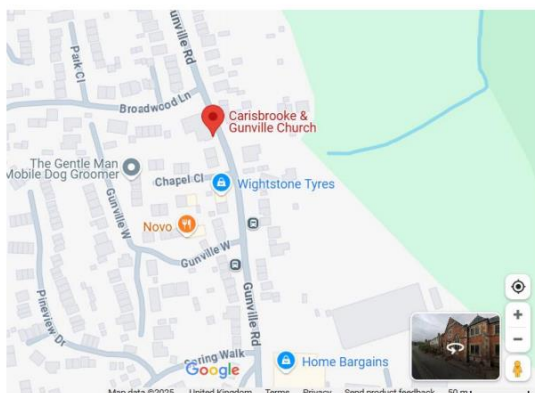
ROBIN HILL ADVENTURE PARK

Isle of Wight
Neurodiversity Team



Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions

Where: Gunville Methodist Church Hall



When:

11th September 2025 (10am - 12 noon)

6th November 2025 (10am - 12 noon)

15th January 2026 (10am - 11am)

5th March 2026 (10am - 12 noon)

7th May 2026 (10am - 12 noon)

Come along to meet with other parents / caregivers for an informal meet up and chat about your neurodiversity journey. Refreshments provided. No need to book, just turn up.

Free onsite parking.



The Footprint Trust

Riverside Centre, Newport
10am - 1pm

16th October 2025

WINTER IS COMING

Free Help Event

 ENERGY
  HOUSING
  EMPLOYMENT

 FOOD
  BENEFITS
  HEALTH
  FAMILIES

ISORROPIA
EMBRACING AGE
HEALTHWATCH
SOUTHERN HOUSING
VETERANS OUTREACH
SUPPORT

STOREROOM
SOUTHERN WATER
FOOTPRINT TRUST

LIVING WELL
COST OF LIVING
PAN TOGETHER
PARAGON
PYLE STREET PANTRY



CONTACT THE FOOTPRINT TRUST FOR MORE INFORMATION:
01983 82 22 82 OR INFO@FOOTPRINT-TRUST.CO.UK



Carisbrooke College



YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Monday 29 September 2025
5.00 - 8.00 pm

Please join us for

- a short presentation, repeated at 5.15, 6.00 and 6.45 pm
- tours of the school
- opportunities to meet staff (including SEND) and current students
- Subject demonstrations

Please visit our website for more details: www.carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk

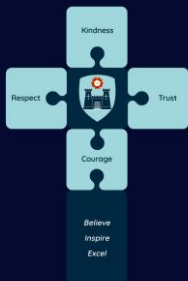


Christ the King College

Year 6 OPEN EVENING

Thu 18th September 2025 5.30pm - 7.30pm





THE BAY CE SCHOOL
Believe • Inspire • Excel



Year 7 Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025, 5.00-7.30pm

Presentation at 5.00pm and 6.00pm followed by tours of the Secondary School

Open Morning: Tuesday 7th October, 9.00-11.00am, please call to book an appointment.



Contact us for more information: Telephone: 01983 403284

Email: office@bayceschool.org

Website: bayceschool.org



Medina College

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Meet our
students, talk to
our staff, tour
the school and
see our
curriculum in
action!



Tuesday 23 September 2025
5.00 - 8.00 pm

www.medina.iow.sch.uk