



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

95.76%

Attendance This Year

96.62%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

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

Thursday 6th November – Flu Clinic 1pm-3pm

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 Chicken or Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast

Flapjack with Fruit

Thursday – Beef Bolognese or Vegetable Fajita Wrap

Chocolate Ice Cream

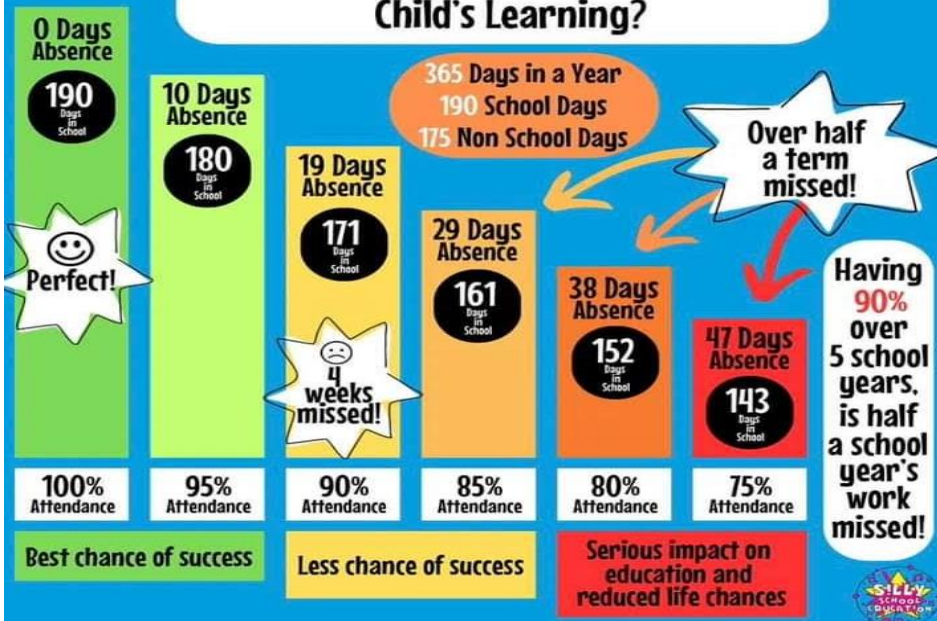
Friday – Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers

Lemon Cake

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



Development Days

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

To be confirmed

To be confirmed

Monday 27th July 2026

They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest;

Psalm 107:37

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.

Morning Club

We'd like to thank you for your continued support of our Morning Club provision. As part of our regular review, and to help us maintain the quality of care and staffing, we will be making a small adjustment to the pricing from Monday 3rd November 2025.

Morning Club runs from 7.45am to 8.30am, and the new charges will be:

7.45am – 8.30am: £1.50

8.00am – 8.30am: £1.00

We understand that any change can have an impact, and we've worked to keep the increase as minimal as possible.

Go Yellow Day

We will be taking part in Go Yellow Day on Friday 10th October in aid of Mountbatten Hospice.

Your child may come to school wearing something yellow for a small donation.

Chartwell's are offering a special menu for GO Yellow Day

Please see Dojo for the menu choices.

If you would like your child to have the meal on this day, please book in via Scopay

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Worship on Friday the 3rd October at 2pm

We will be collecting donations for The Foodbank and would be grateful for any donations of the following:

- Tinned foods
- Packet rice
- Curry sauce
- Fruit juice (not apple)
- Tea / Coffee
- Packet custard
- Washing powder / tabs
- Nappies
- Toilet rolls
- Shampoo / Conditioner

We look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival Worship.

Individual School Photos

This year's individual school photos will take place at school on Thursday 16th October.

Please make sure your child is in full uniform on this day.

Autumnal Weather

Now the weather is starting to become more inclement, please can you make sure your child has a coat in school every day.

Also, please can you make sure your child has waterproofs/wellies in school on their forest school day.

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

Sugar is the only word in the dictionary where the Su is a Sh sound.....

I'm sure that's correct!



Last week's Gold Award winners were:

Beach Class: Toby, Nico, Roman, Skylah, Harlow and George

Cove Class: Ava S, Elaina, Talliah, Willow and Rihan

Bay Class: Thea C, Olivia and Sophia

River Class: Piper, Daisie and Archie

Coast Class: Jacob, Savannah and Austin

Solent Class: The Whole Class, Arya, Leif and Mia

Ocean Class: The Whole Class, Scarlett and Eden



Class Attendance last week

Well done to **Cove Class**
for receiving **98.89%**
attendance for last week

Well done everyone!



Birthdays

29th Sept – 5th Oct

Henry

Rihan

Tyler

Rufus

Happy birthday to you!

Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 24

Lifeboat - 69

Needles - 19

Lighthouse - 22

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

Well done!

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.

Football report

Freshwater and Yarmouth U9s football team started their league campaign this week as we travelled to Shalfleet to play both Shalfleet and Brighstone. The team included several players that hadn't played football before and a splattering of more experienced footballers. The first game, we played Brighstone and played very well with Evie and Stanley amongst the goals in a 3-2 win. The second game was against a strong Shalfleet and despite losing everyone tried very hard throughout and all had great fun. We look forward to the next challenge and thank parents for their continued support with fixtures.

Well done to everyone!

Mr Westhrope's Golden Boot Award

Well done to **Stanley** for teamwork and resilience shown within football during PE



Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme

If you would like to fill a shoe box for the Rotary Shoebox Scheme this year, please pop in to the school office to collect a box and leaflet.

All filled boxes will need to be returned to school by Wednesday 15th October ready for collection

Be inclusive | Anyone can excel
Share what is best | Enjoy the challenge

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding an Open Month for Year 6 to Year 7 admissions from Monday 29th September until Friday 24th October.

Our Open Month replaces an Open Evening and we are excited to show you around our fantastic school, giving you a first-hand experience of what it is like to be a pupil at Cowes Enterprise College.

Rather than a formal talk, we offer 40-minute tours which take place both during and after the school day, ensuring families can choose a time that is most convenient. These are led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will show you around our building, where you will have the opportunity to witness school life here at Cowes Enterprise College. We will also be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

If you wish to visit the academy for a tour please call 01983 203103.



T: 01983 203103 | E: info@cowesec.org | www.cowesec.org



White-tailed eagles art exhibition



1st October -31st October 2025

Quay Arts Cafe

Mon-Sun 9am-5pm

Amazing art created by children from the Island's primary and special schools celebrating the reintroduction of White-tailed eagles on the Isle of Wight.



FREE
White-tailed eagle family
art drop in sessions
Mon 20th & 27th Oct
10am-3pm
Quay Arts Seminar Room

Join Emma and Kay from the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary for...

- large scale mark making
- tile paintings
- artefact touch table
- Steve the WTE Puppet!



Kindly supported by



This drop-in is suitable for all ages.
 All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

QUIZ NIGHT



7PM QUEENSGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

MAX 6 PEOPLE PER TEAM

£5 PER PERSON

PIZZA AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS MOUNTBATTEN 'GO YELLOW'



MOUNTBATTEN HOSPICE



The Footprint Trust

Riverside Centre, Newport

10am - 1pm

16th October 2025

WINTER IS COMING

Free Help Event

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| ❄️ ENERGY | ❄️ HOUSING | ❄️ EMPLOYMENT |
| ❄️ FOOD | ❄️ BENEFITS | ❄️ HEALTH |
| ❄️ FAMILIES | | |

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 01983 82 22 82 OR INFO@FOOTPRINT-TRUST.CO.UK**

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

WESTOVER

FARM PUMPKINS

PICK YOUR OWN PUMPKIN PATCH

Hot & cold refreshments
Free entry & parking
Photo opportunities
Kids scavenger hunt
Play area
Pumpkin carving
Face painting
Pick your own sweetcorn

October 2025

4th - 5th

10th - 12th

17th - 19th

22nd - 26th

29th - 31st

@WestoverFarmIW

www.westoverfarm.godaddysites.com

Westover Farm, Calbourne, IW. PO30 4JW

Please note: Patch may close in bad weather, updates are posted on social media.
Friday mornings are ticket only-payable in advance.



AQUARIUS SCHOOL OF DANCE

Saturdays: 4:10-4:55pm

£5 per person

Based in Yarmouth



TO BOOK CONTACT MICA:

Email - micasampson.dance@gmail.com

Phone - 07946643814

Messenger - @micasampson or

@Aquariusschoolofdance

YARMOUTH DANCE CLASS

FOR AGES 7-12 YEARS

Come join a friendly team
with a range of abilities!

There's a spot for YOU at
Aquarius school of dance



Priory School

Independent 4 - 16 Co-educational School

Open Mornings

9.30am - 12.00pm

2 October 2025 | 5 February 2026 | 30 April 2026

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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.

KIDSCAT



KIDSCAT.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.

TELLOYMN



TELLOYMN 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.

BADOO



BADOO 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.

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