



Shalfleet C.E. Primary

The purpose of the Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet, Freshwater and 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

Letters Home

- Year 1 School Trip Fort Victoria
- Year 2 School Trip - Yarmouth

Attendance Matters



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

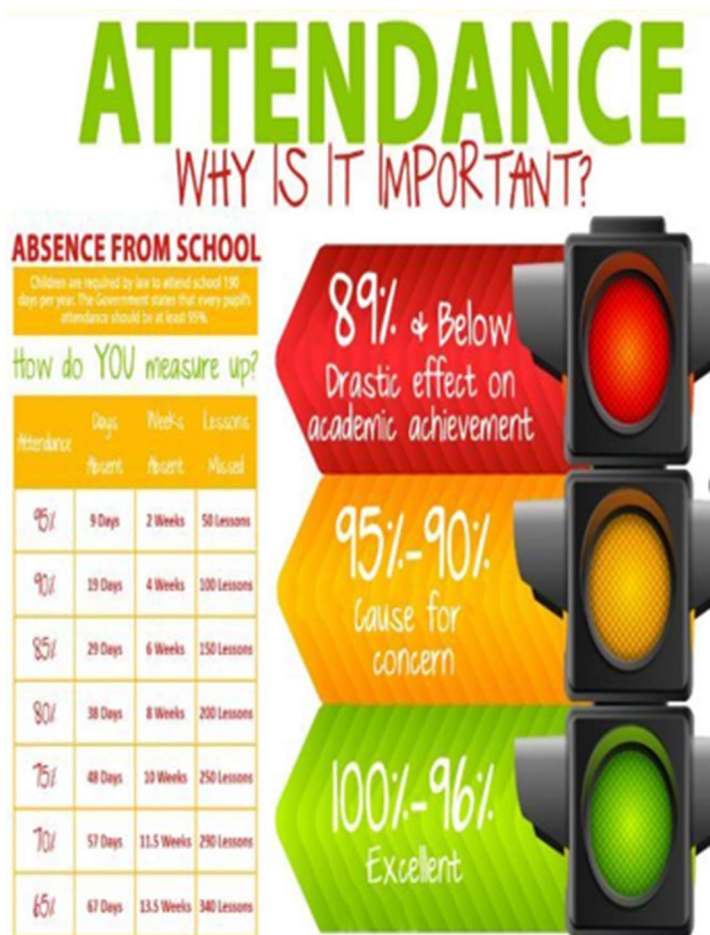
100%

Attendance Last Week

94%

Attendance This Year

95%



- **Important Information**

Dates for your Diary

10th October – Go Yellow Muffin Day Mountbatten Hospice

13th October – Individual School Photos'

15th October – Year R - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 1.45pm – 2.45pm

17th October – Year 5 Sharing Worship

12th November – PTFA School Disco

14th November – Year 4 Sharing Worship

28th November – Year 3 Sharing Worship

28th November – Year 4 Harry Potter

5th December Christmas Tree Decorating Worship

5th December – Year 6 Seacity Trip

10th December – Federation Music Evening

11th December – PTFA School Fayre

12th December – Christingle Service

17th December Christmas Jumper Day

19th December – Christmas Worship



In the Community

Lost Property

Please could parents/ carers ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

We have a growing amount of lost property without names, if you think this could be yours please pop into the school office to have a look.

Many thanks

Federation Mission Statement and Values

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

Respect

Resilience

Relationships

Together for a Brighter Future

'The earth is the Lords and everything in it'

Psalm 24

Gold Awards

This week's gold award winners are:

Reception – Ellen, Carter, Amelie

Year 1 – Amy, Alonzo, Wynter

Year 2 – Lillian, Rory

Year 3 – Flora, Archie

Year 4 – Aurora, Lexi, Logan

Year 5 – Whole Class

Year 6 – Albert, Baxter, Charlie



5th – 10th October

Charlie G Lillian

Ruby Baxter

Happy birthday to you!



Hello, my name is Mr McCarty and I am taking over from Ms Gates as the new Outdoor Learning Leader. I have been doing my training over the last twelve months, as well as being a Scout leader for the last 7 years at 1st Yarmouth Sea Scouts.

I am very much looking forward to taking Outdoor Learning within the federation and cannot wait to see everyone.

Sports Tokens

This week's sports token totals are:

Lighthouse – 20

Needles – 19

Lifeboat – 19

Osbourne – 21

Well Done everyone!

Our Mission Statement

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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 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
- 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	- Making mistakes are great - It's how we grow - It is important we always respect them and leave them alone - Ask yourself these questions about your actions or the actions of others... - Why do I 'they' feel this way? - Are they feeling that situation in the best possible way? - What could I 'they' do to improve the situation? - Are I 'they' do the best I 'they' could? - What can we learn from this situation? - How can we move forward positively?	- 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 are I 'they' feeling? - What am I 'they' bringing to this situation?

In a conscious community...

We are open	We are honest	We listen
We ask questions	We speak up	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.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an increasing number of parents who arrive at school to speak to a member of staff without an appointment. This inevitably causes some upset if the member of staff is unavailable due to other commitments. To avoid this, please call school ahead of any visit to arrange a meeting. Our support/pastoral staff have multiple meetings and commitments every day; whilst they always do their level best to accommodate you, they do need advance notice of any visits or meetings.

We also understand that sometimes emergencies happen that can delay you from collecting your child at the end of their school day.

If this should occur, we ask that you contact the school office as soon as possible to inform us of your delay. Children not collected by 3.15pm will be taken to Little Explorers After School Club.

Please note that if your child is taken to our after-school club, there will be a charge applied for the care of your child from 3.15pm and until you collect.

Many thanks for your help and understanding.

Chartwells

From the 3rd September the Chartwell school lunches will increase as follows:

Child's meal £3.10 (for key-stage 2 – Years 3,4,5,6)

We are an Allergy Aware School

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school, we cannot guarantee this 100%
Please do not give your child's any nut containing products for their snack or their lunch box. This includes Nutella or any other chocolate nut spreads and Kinder Bueno bars.

Healthy Lunch Box

We encourage everyone to pack nutritious lunches and snacks for children – think fruits, veggies, whole grains and protein packed options. We're aiming to keep sugary snack and processed foods to a minimum to help our children stay energized and focused throughout the day.

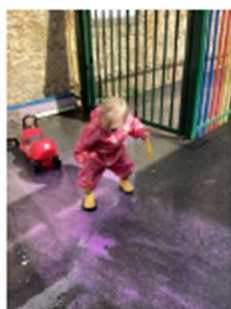
Thank you so much for supporting our health school goals and helping children make good choices!

Curious Squirrel's Newsletter September 2025

What a busy and brilliant few weeks we have had in the Curious Squirrel's room. We wanted to share some photos of the exciting experiences we have shared recently. The most exciting thing of all has been welcoming and getting to know our new babies and their families during their settling in periods and 'all about me' sessions. Everybody has settled in beautifully and are already beginning to make new friends, form strong bonds with practitioners and confidently explore our environment.

Recently, the Curious Squirrel's have loved exploring water play in the garden, including rain water puddles to splash in, pots and pans to tinker around with in the water tray, and an animal boogie water tray with soapy water and sponges for the children to wash the animals, all developing their wonderful fine and gross motor skills, their understanding of the world and their early mathematic skills. Some other things we have enjoyed include... lining up small world cars, exploring the trim trail, making marks in the sand, sensory dinosaur painting, shared play in the Wise Owl's garden, taking care of dollies and building fantastic train tracks!

Thank you Squirrel's for the best few weeks!



2025/26 Webinar Schedule (Autumn Term)

<u>Navigating Neurodivergence</u>	<u>Breakthrough Behaviour</u>	<u>Feel without Fear</u>	<u>Re-establishing Routines</u>	<u>CPVA</u> (Child to Parent Violence and Aggression)	<u>Sleep</u>	<u>Accepting Adolescence</u>	<u>Seasonal Sensory Awareness</u>
4th September 9:30am	9th September 9:30am	11th September 9:30am	16th September 9:30am	18th September 9:30am	23rd September 9:30am	25th September 9:30am	
30th September 9:30am	2nd October 9:30am	7th October 9:30am	9th October 9:30am	14th October 9:30am	16th October 9:30am	17th October 9:30am	17th October 11:30am
4th November 9:30am	6th November 9:30am	11th November 9:30am	13th November 9:30am	18th November 9:30am	20th November 9:30am	25th November 9:30am	27th November 9:30am
2nd December 9:30am	4th December 9:30am	9th December 9:30am	11th December 9:30am	16th December 9:30am	18th December 9:30am	19th December 9:30am	19th December 11:30am

Please email katrina.austin1@iow.gov.uk to join any of the webinars noted above. All webinars are delivered online via Teams. A link to the webinar will be sent to you 24 hours prior.

Isle of Wight Neurodiversity Team

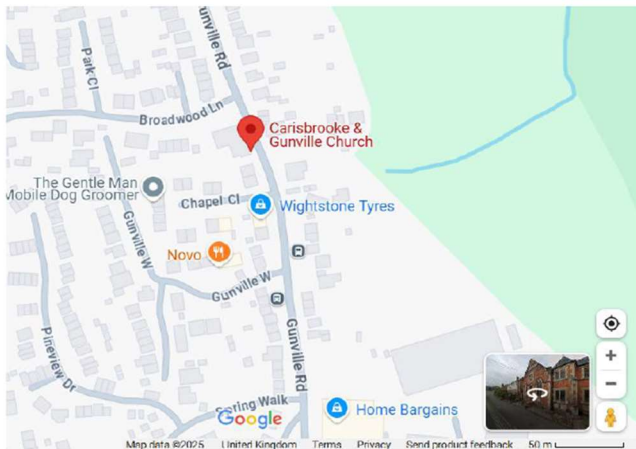


Isle of Wight Neurodiversity Team



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.

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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The Clangers, The Jungle Book and
many more



Made by Jane and Ian Good

SATURDAY 25th October

WILBERFORCE HALL BRIGHSTONE

10am – 2pm

ADMISSION FREE

DONATIONS WELCOME IN AID OF
BRIGHSTONE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

LIGHT & BRIGHT PARTY!

GAMES | ACTIVITIES | CRAFT | PARTY FOOD

31st October: 4.30pm–6.30pm

Freshwater Methodist Church



Primary School Ages!



Please book in, and email:

doreen.dace@gmail.com



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.

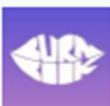
CALCULATOR %
 **CALCULATOR %** is only one of SEVERAL social media apps disguised as a calculator, the app is actually a secret photo vault to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.

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.

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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 CHILD ABUSE RESOURCES
WWW.CHILDAUSEHELP.ORG.UK

NSPCC HELPLINE
0800 800 5000

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





You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers.**

First Tuesday of every month
7pm - 8.30pm
Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

Food distribution from Sainsburys is available at the following places:

Mondays to Oasis drop in Centre at FMC - Freshwater Methodist Church 10am - 12 noon.
Saturdays to WWSCC

From Oct 3rd there will be a food drop off available each week to Totland Parish Hall at 1.30pm and this comes from the Aspire Centre in Ryde.



If your pet is too shy or cannot be at the service, bring along a photo or picture and we will put the pictures on the walls so all the pets can be part of the service.

🐾 Celebrating All Creatures Great and Small! 🐾

Please join us in your local rural church for a **Pet Blessing Service** at **Church of The Holy Spirit, Newtown on Sunday 19th October at 3pm** and/ or **St. Swithin's Church, Thorley, this half-term on Sunday 26th October at 2.30pm**. Bring along your much-loved pets (dogs, goats, micro-pig and friends on leads please, and small animals in safe pet carriers). If you don't have a pet, don't worry – your favourite soft toy is just as welcome! If you're missing a pet who has died, you can leave a special message on one of our prayer cards. Together we'll give thanks for the joy animals bring into our lives, With love and blessings from Rev Charlotte & your church teams. (Alpacas are attending Thorley Church only on this occasion)

🐾 Celebrating All Creatures Great and Small! 🐾

Please join us one and all,
At church where pets both big and small,
Will gather together to be blessed,
Each furry/ feathered friend, our special guest!

Dogs and goats on leads, please do,
Small pets in carriers will feel safe too.
No pet at home? Don't feel blue,
Bring a cuddly soft toy, to comfort you!

Together we'll say thank you for the joy animals bring!



WELLY WEDNESDAYS THIS HALF TERM!



EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING HALF TERM
£5 CHILDREN, £10 ADULTS

Looking for a family adventure this half term? Bring the children along 2pm-4pm for an afternoon of fresh air, learning and farmyard fun.

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Discover where milk comes from
Fun hands-on activities for children
Don't forget your wellies!

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Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form

2025-26 Open Day/Evening dates

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
Medina College	23 September 2025	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Ryde Academy	8 October 2025 19 November 2025	Y6 Open Evening 6th Form Open Evening
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.