



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

91.4%

Attendance This Year

94.94%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Friday 28th November – Coast Class to Harry Potter World

Friday 28th November – River Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 28th November – Christmas Decoration Morning

Thursday 4th December – Beach Class to the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church

Friday 5th December – Ocean Class to Sea City Museum

Thursday 11th December – EYFS Nativity Performances

Friday 12th December – Christingle Service

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Fair – More details to follow

Friday 19th December – Christmas Worship

Friday 19th December – Last day before we finish for the Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January – Back to school for the new term

Christmas Decoration morning

Parents are welcome to join us in making Christmas decorations to make to school look magical.

Come along this Friday at 9.30am for the morning to make a decoration with your child.

Development Days

~~Monday 1st September 2025~~

~~Tuesday 2nd September 2025~~

To be confirmed

To be confirmed

Monday 27th July 2026

Menu for the week ahead

Week 2

Monday – Macaroni Cheese or Veggie Burrito

Chocolate Caramel Crunch

Tuesday – Pork Sausages or Vegetarian Sausages

Banana Flapjack

Wednesday – Roast Chicken or Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast

Chocolate Brownie

Thursday – Chicken and Vegetable Korma or Cheese and Tomato pizza

Raspberry Jelly

Friday – Battered Fish or Quorn Dippers

Strawberry Ice cream

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Christmas countdown!

How many weeks until Christmas Day?

4 Weeks!



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.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Our Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 16th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner, please book in via Arbor **before Friday 5th December**. We will not be able to take anymore bookings after this date.

There will be no option of jacket potato or pasta on this day. Please provide your child with a packed lunch if they are not having the main meal.

Also, your child may come to school in a Christmas Jumper on this day.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who brought a poppy or a poppy accessory for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We raised £93.45



Mr Westhrope's Golden Boot Award

Well done to **Annaleigha** for showing resilience and performing well in a team.



Christmas Holidays

School will finish on Friday 19th December at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays.

Monday 5th January 2026 – Return to school

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the holy spirit

Romans 15:13

Outdoor learning Golden Wellie Award

The Golden Wellie Award goes to Shalfleet this week.



Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

What do you call an igloo with no bathroom?

Ig!!



Gold Awards for last week were:

Beach Class: Colby, Maddison, Margot, George and Riley

Cove Class: Morgan, Jasper, Leonardo, Ava S and Winter

Bay Class: Amelia, Eli and Albie

River Class: The Whole Class

Coast Class: Keira, Layla T and Arabella

Solent Class: Tommy, Amelia and Leif

Ocean Class: Ruby, Annaleigha and Benji



Class Attendance last week

Well done to **Cove Class** for receiving **99.26% attendance** for last week.

Well done everyone!



Birthdays

24th Nov – 7th Dec

Frankie **Lowen**

Skylah L **Paddy**

Ollie **Luke**

Elizabeth **Peter**

Stanley

Happy birthday to you!

Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 1

Lifeboat - 16

Needles - 7

Lighthouse - 11

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

Well done!

School Details

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Merry Christmas!

December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

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.

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.	KIDSCCHAT KIDSCCHAT.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 GPS 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.	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.

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CHILD ABUSE RESOURCES
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NSPCC HELPLINE
0800 800 5000

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



Santa's Grotto

and Winter Wonderland

Friday 12th, Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th December
3:30 - 6:30pm



**Yarmouth Guide and Scout Hall,
Mill Road, Yarmouth**

**£5
per
child**

+All funds raised go to the running of the Guide and Scout Hall+

New Carnival Presents

Merry & Bright Festival of Light

Fri 5th Dec
5-8pm

FREE

Late Night Shopping
Entertainment
Music
Craft Market
Illuminations
Activities

RYDE TOWN

**Lantern
Parade**
6-7pm



SCAN FOR PROGRAMME:

www.newcarnival.co.uk





CHRISTMAS FOOD AND FUN

10am-2pm last entry 11am
Monday 22nd/Tuesday 23rd December
Monday 29th/Tuesday 30th December

IT'S A FREE ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 WHO ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.
PARENTS MUST BE WITH THERE CHILD/CHILDREN DURING WHOLE SESSION

SLIME
SAND ART
PARTY
CRAFTS

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