



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

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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 8.40am 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

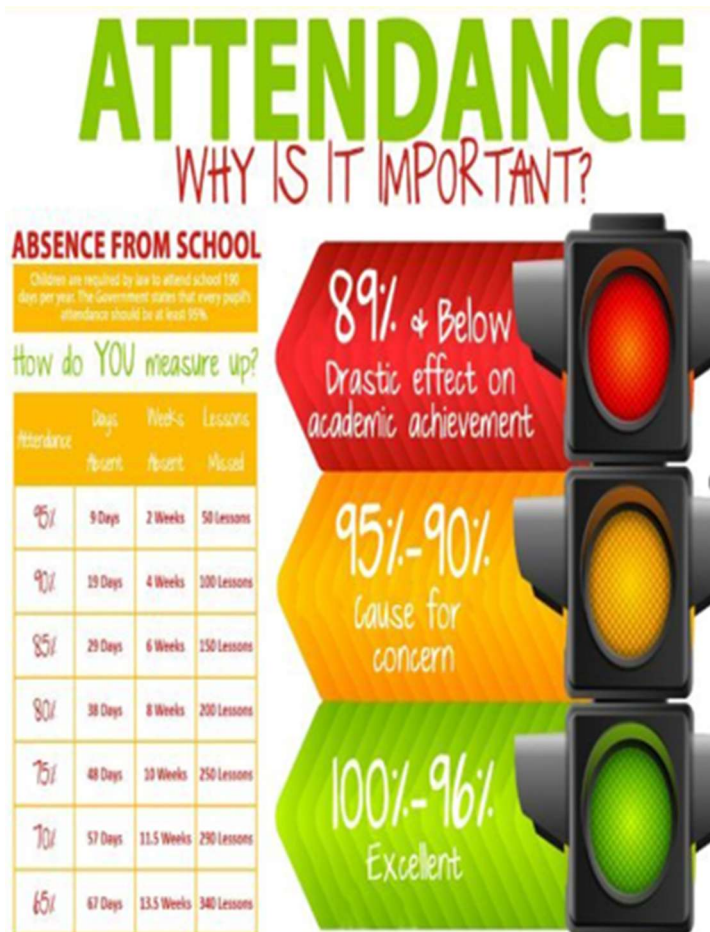
100%

Attendance Last Week

95%

Attendance This Year

94%



- **Important Information**

Dates for your Diary

11th December – PTFA School Fayre

12th December – Christingle Service 9am

16th December – Year 5 & 6 – Shalfleet Church 2pm

17th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner

19th December – Christmas Worship 11am

19th December – Last Day finish at 1.30pm – No After School Club this day

Pick – up Times Last Day of Term

1.30pm – Years 3,4,5,6

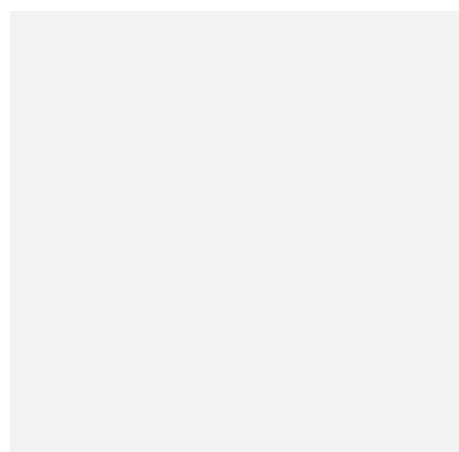
1.40pm – Year R, 1, 2 and siblings

1.40pm – Independent Leavers

5th January – **DEVELOPMENT DAY**

6th January – Return to School after Christmas Holidays

"Christmas Flyer", please refer to your Arbor app for the emailed Christmas Flyer sent to all primary carers on 19th November 2025"



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.



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you all when we return on Tuesday 6th January

'A Savior has been born.....he is

Christ the Lord'

Luke 2:11

Gold Awards

Will resume after the Christmas Holidays



Birthdays

6th December – 2nd January

Verity Amelie M Dafne

Hollie Cedar Hagen

Eliza Hanna Thomas

Doris Mckenzie Otto

Ralph Jonny Prudence

Axel Lacey Tiffany

Happy birthday to you!

GOLDEN WELLY AWARD



**Golden Welly winner will
continue after the
Christmas Holidays**

Sports Tokens

This week's sports token
totals are:

Lighthouse – 26

Needles – 22

Lifeboat – 24

Osbourne – 22

Well Done everyone!

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 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 talentsRecognise what makes you greatBe proud of what you achieveCelebrate other people's skills and talentsRecognise what makes other people greatBe proud of what other people achieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Making mistakes are greatIt's how we growIt is important we always respect them and leave them aloneAsk yourself these questions about your actions or the actions of others...Why do I 'they' feel this way?Are they happy that situation is the best possible way?What could I 'they' do to improve the situation?Are they doing the best they can do?What can we learn from this situation?How can we move forward positively?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 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!

The Year 5s had an amazing adventure when they were treated to a unique experience - a trip to

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



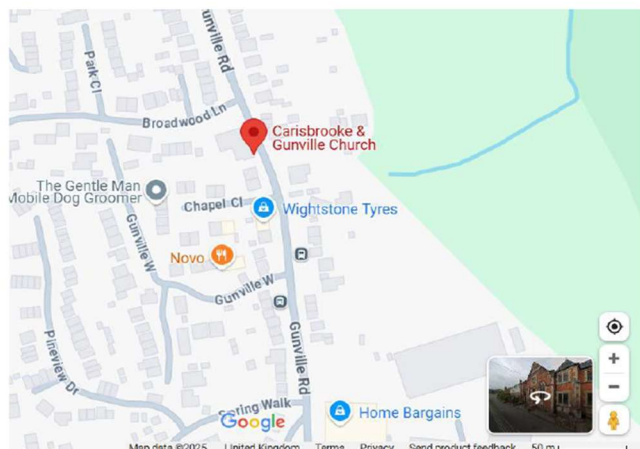
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Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Sessions

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.

Central Discos

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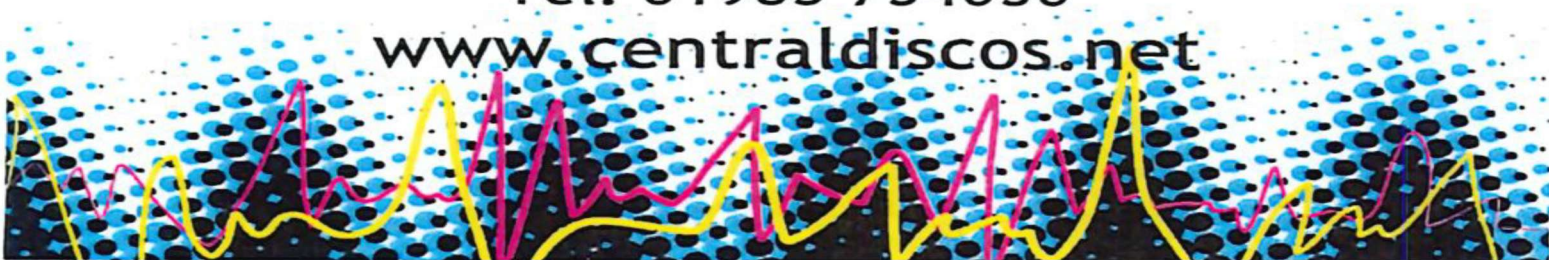
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www.centraldiscos.net



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+

Love singing? Age 7-12?
You should join

Choir Club




When? Every 1st Wednesday of the month
5.30 – 6.45pm

Where? St John's Church,
Newport
PO30 1LN

More info? Contact
info.choirclub@gmail.com
or visit our Facebook page!







IW STORY FESTIVAL

NO BATTERIES REQUIRED

Gift-giving problems solved

Draw along with Robi!






Stuck for present ideas?
Brighten up the grey days of February Half Term by ordering tickets for the IW Story Festival!

A fantastic line-up of authors and performers will be visiting our Island from Thursday 19 to Saturday 21 February 2026. Tickets for this whole-family event are available now at iwstoryfestival.com or directly from the Box Office at Quay Arts, Newport.

Inspire your young readers and writers by meeting:

Joseph Elliott Lucy Strange Emma Carroll Philip Reeve

CBeebies, CBBC and Horrible Histories

Add a Christmas book by one of these icons of children's fiction.

Have your book signed at the Festival

Get the NATIONAL YEAR OF READING off to a GREAT START with the IW STORY FESTIVAL

Available from Medina Books Doves, Waterstones Newport, and online retailers.

iwstoryfestival.com



Christmas Pebble Hunt



Explore the Wellow Millennium Green and hunt for pebbles.
Look high, look low, have some fun and have a go!



Open to all

1st ~ 31st December 2025

Pebble Forms are available from the
Wellow Bus Stop

Help yourself to a Pebble Form in the Wellow Bus Stop and find **25** decorated pebbles around the Wellow Millennium Green!

Post your completed Pebble Form back in the Bus Stop Post Box before the end of 31st December.


We will contact everyone in the new year ~ prizes for all forms completed correctly from Sunday 11th January 2026


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.

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

NSPCC HELPLINE
0800 800 5000

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



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.



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



CALLING OUR TALENTED ISLAND CHILDREN!

7TH – 21ST March 2026

If you have NEVER sung, danced or acted on stage, our Festival is for you. Live your dream!!

You may win a trophy or a medal. You will be given a certificate and notes on how to better your performance. Entry fee: £6.50

Any instrument, Pop, Musical Theatre, Disney, Rap, or Speech & Drama, there's a place for you to shine!

Open to children and adults. Experienced or Novice.

VENUES IN RYDE - ENTRIES OPEN UNTIL 15TH DECEMBER

USE QR CODE  OR <https://www.lii.org.uk/>

LIGHT UP IOW YOUTH THEATRE



BEGINNERS CLASS RYDE

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- DRAMA GAMES
- IMPROVISATION AND CHARACTER WORK
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- LOTS OF CREATIVE FUN

IDEAL FOR ANYONE WANTING TO TRY DRAMA OR DEVELOP THEIR DRAMA SKILLS

Starting Tuesday 11th November
Weekly 6pm-7pm
Ages: 6+
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£6 per class

Scan the QR code to book a free trial
Email: donna@lightupdrama.org.uk for more information





The Nurturing Programme

If you have a child aged 3 to 13 years, then this programme is for you.

The Nurturing Programme Workshop offers strategies to add to your parenting toolkit, giving you positive ways of helping children handle their feelings and behaviour. It also highlights what's available in our 10-week programme.

Monday 8th December

12pm till 2pm

Online via Teams

Please visit our Eventbrite page to book your free place:

<https://shorturl.at/Tps5z>

For any questions or support booking on, please email iowfamilycentres@barnardos.org.uk or call 01983 529208



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We have 2 new courses starting in January at our Newport Family Hub

Wednesdays - 7th January until 18th March

(no session in February half-term)

9:30am till 11:30am

Or

Mondays - 12th January until 23rd March

(no session in February half-term)

9:30am till 11:30am

Please visit our website and complete the contact us form to register your interest:

www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk/contact-us

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**BEE NETBALL BUZZERS
AGE 5-7 & FLIERS AGE 7-9
IOW RYDE ACADEMY**

**TUESDAYS
5.30pm-6.30pm**



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