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# Early Years Newsletter

## **News Focus: Reading -Links to learning and later life.**

- Early literacy development gives children lifelong benefits. Stories, rhymes and songs help with children's language and vocabulary development. They also develop children's emotional understanding. Early literacy is linked to better academic achievement, mental well-being and empathy.
- Babies and young children love sharing books with adults: it is an intimate and pleasurable activity that can help with their social and emotional development. [\[footnote 1\]](#) As they share books, babies and young children enjoy rhythms and rhymes and hear rich vocabulary and language. For older children in the EYFS, shared reading is a powerful context for conversation. When adults use a book as the focus for conversation, it helps children to learn new vocabulary and more complex forms of language. Children in early years settings relish both traditional and new stories, rhymes and songs. They benefit in the long term from the vocabulary and language that they learn.
- Shared reading at home, together with activities like visiting the library, is associated with better achievement throughout schooling, regardless of family income.

Sign up for free to become a member of Freshwater Library.

### **Opening Times:**

#### **Freshwater Library Opening Times (Isle of Wight)**

- **Monday:** 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- **Tuesday:** 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM & 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- **Wednesday:** 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM & 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- **Thursday:** Closed
- **Friday:** 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM & 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM
- **Saturday:** 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- **Sunday:** Closed

**Location:** 41 School Green Road, Freshwater, PO40 9AP.

**Phone:** 01983 752377.



## **Community Links:**

Barnardo's offer a wide range of support for families including courses and workshops for parents/carers of children from 0-19. For full information on the range of support available, please see our website.

[Welcome To Isle Of Wight Family Centres : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

We also have 'Pop in's' this term at our Family Centre where parents/carers can drop in for a friendly chat and to find out more.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** West Wight Family Centre, Moa Place, PO40 9XH, 01983 529208.