



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.

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Headteacher: Mrs. E Grainger

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. G Westhorpe

### Attendance

Target – 100 %

This week – 94.6%

This Year – 94.9%

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.



## Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Wild heart Animal Trip – Year 2

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 Sharing Worship

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Brading Roman Villa – Year 4

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 5 Sharing Worship

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Owl and Monkey Trip - Year R

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Easter Service TBC

## Menu for the week ahead

### Week 3

**Monday** – Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Veggie Meat Feast Pizza

Chocolate Marble Cake

**Tuesday** – Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake or Marconi Cheese

Apple Crumble

**Wednesday** – Roast Gammon or Vegetable Pastry Slice

Lemon Cookie

**Thursday** – BBQ Chicken or Spanish Vegetable Rice

Crunchy Chocolate Mousse

**Friday** – Fish Fingers &

Strawberry Jelly

**Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.**

**Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays**

## 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.**

## School Details

**Email** – [shalfleet@fosay.co.uk](mailto:shalfleet@fosay.co.uk)

**Phone** – 01983 760269

**Website** – [fosay.co.uk](http://fosay.co.uk)

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

## 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.

## Our 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.

## 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**



**RESPECT**



**RESILIENCE**



**RELATIONSHIPS**

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.



### Gold Awards for this week were:



Reception Class: Michael, Clementine

Year 1: Savannah, Wynter, Astrid

Year 2: Brook, Grayson

Year 3: Archie, Max

Year 4: Oliver R, Alfie W, Frank, Aurora, Tyler

Year 5: Oscar, Bobby, Lenny, Otto

Year 6: Finley, Eli



### Outdoor learning Golden Wellie Award

Golden welly award goes to  
Freshwater & Yarmouth



### Class Attendance last week

Well done to Year 5 for receiving 95.2% attendance for last week.

Well done everyone!



### Birthdays

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February

Isaac S Tyler

Harrison

Happy birthday to you!

### Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 25

Lifeboat - 29

Needles - 24

Lighthouse - 27

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

Well done!

### 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.

## Central Discos

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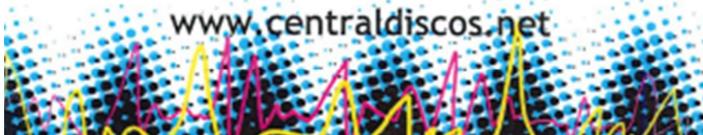
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## ARE YOU A WINNER?

Every Thursday, check under your plate for a winner sticker!

1. Clear your plate
2. Check if you have a sticker
3. If you do, show a member of kitchen staff
4. Collect your prize

Chartwells

Good luck!



# 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.

**#CHILDBUSEHELP**  
CHILD ABUSE RESOURCES  
[WWW.CHILDBUSEHELP.ORG.UK](http://WWW.CHILDBUSEHELP.ORG.UK)

**NSPCC HELPLINE**  
**0800 800 5000**

**NNECA**  
NATIONAL NETWORK TO END CHILD ABUSE  
[WWW.NNECA.ORG.UK](http://WWW.NNECA.ORG.UK)





# The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth

*Together for a Brighter Future*

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to write to you as the Governing Body and share some of the latest developments across our school community. We are continually encouraged by the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our children, and the strong partnership we enjoy with our families.

We are delighted to celebrate the newly expanded Little Stars Preschool, which sits alongside our established Little Explorers provision. Both settings are superbly led by Sadie Gooding and Lucy Millar, whose leadership continues to strengthen early years education across our schools. With Little Explorers receiving a superb recent Ofsted report.

Children from these teams—and indeed from all year groups—have been enjoying a rich variety of experiences within our local community and beyond. Recent visits, including trips to Harry Potter World and Butser Farm, have offered valuable opportunities for learning outside the classroom. These mainland visits form an important part of our commitment to ensuring every child can access a broad range of experiences beyond the Isle of Wight.

We are also pleased to share that we are now a 'My Happy Mind' school. This programme supports children's wellbeing and helps us nurture a culture of positive mental health across our community. Alongside this, we are embarking on the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey, which will transform our lunchtime provision and create enriched, imaginative play opportunities for all pupils.

Our strong links with the local community and our parish churches remain central to our identity as Church of England schools. Many of you joined us for the joyful Pancake Day races in the square, and it was wonderful to see such enthusiastic participation from the children.

While we await the appointment of a new incumbent to replace Rev. Leisa—who served as both an active governor and a valued worship leader—we are grateful for the support of clergy and volunteers from our local churches. We extend our thanks to Sister Charlotte, Ruth Witchard, Mike Shackleton, and the dedicated *Open the Book* team for continuing to enrich our worship life. We are also pleased to welcome a new governor, Sheila Best, a nurse and member of All Saints' Church, Freshwater, who brings valuable experience and insight to our board.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is a privilege to serve our schools community, and we look forward to the year ahead with hope and optimism.

With warmest wishes,

The Governing Body

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The Department for Education has released a new kids online safety website as part of a government campaign to help keep children safe online.

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

The website supports families and encourages regular conversations about what they're seeing online, asking simple questions, like "who shared this" and "why?". Based on parents' main concerns and needs, it provides:

- tips for parents' conversations with their children
- actions to support each stage of their child's life
- parental controls information

It also signposts parents/carers to trusted resources from charities and third parties, where parents can access other forms of support (like speaking to an expert).

The website will continue to grow and be developed this year, supporting the Online Safety Act and wider government aims.

 <b>FACE</b>	
<b>March 2026 Timetable</b>	
<small>All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long</small>	
<b>£24 each or FREE with School Membership</b>	
<small>Book online at <a href="https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk">facefamilyadvice.co.uk</a></small>	
<small>Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)</small>	
Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
<b>FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance</b>	26 Mar 7-8pm