



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

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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 Last week

94.56%

Attendance This Year

94.63%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Friday 4th October – Harvest Worship
 Wednesday 9th October – Individual school photos
 Friday 11th October – Solent Class Sharing Worship
 Friday 11th October – Flu Clinic
 Friday 11th October – Go Yellow Day in aid of Mountbatten Hospice
 Thursday 17th October – Solent Class to Winchester Science Museum
 Friday 18th October – Last day before half term
 Monday 4th November – Return to school

Menu for the week ahead

Week 2

Monday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetarian Bolognese

Chocolate Cookie

Tuesday – Beef Bolognese or Veggie Burrito

Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice

Wednesday – Roast Chicken or Quorn Roast

Orange Jelly

Thursday – Butter Chicken Curry or Macaroni Cheese

Chocolate Shortbread with Fruit

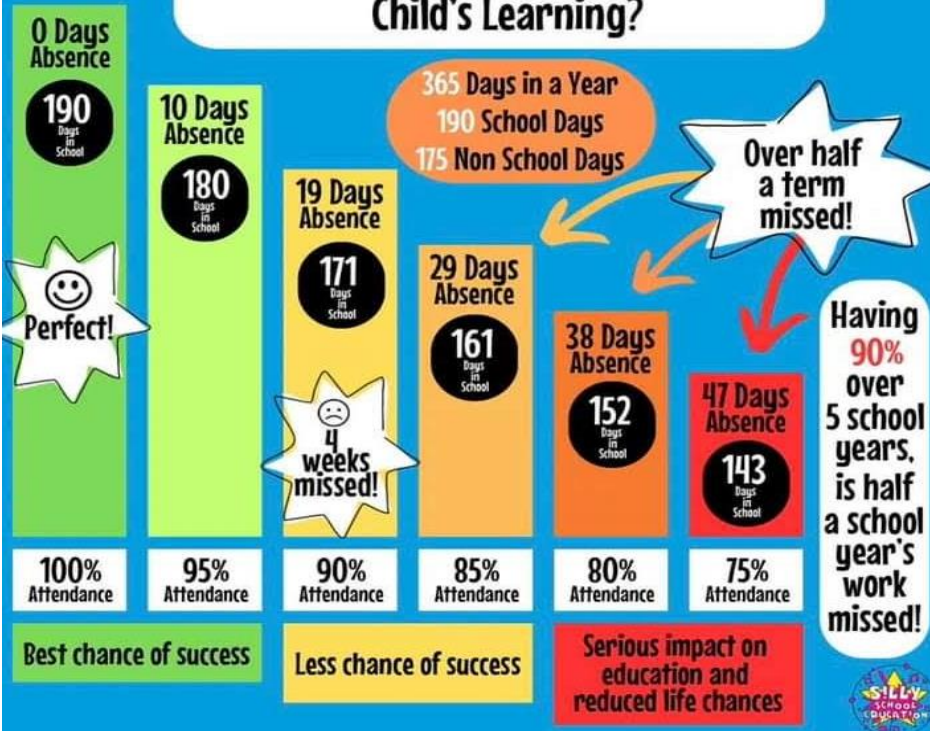
Friday – Southern Fried Chicken or Veggie Fingers

Orange Drizzle

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



Jesus said,

'I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.'

John 4:35

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

- 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

Resilience

- 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?

Relationships

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 am I/they feeling?
- What am I/they bringing to this situation?

In a conscious community...

We are open

We ask questions

We are honest

We speak up

We listen

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.

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Harvest Festival Worship

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Worship this Friday 4th October at 9am. We will be collecting donations for The Foodbank and would be grateful for any donations of

the following:

- Tinned foods
- Sponge puddings
- Tea / Coffee
- Packet custard
- Washing powder / tabs
- Nappies
- Toilet rolls
- Shampoo / Conditioner

We look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival Worship.

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.

Open Day

Thank you to all the new families who came to visit us on Wednesday for our open day.

It was lovely to meet you all

Your PTA needs you!

We are looking for some new volunteers and committee members on the PTA. We will be holding a drop in session on Wednesday 9th October between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

During this time you can ask questions, write down suggestions and sign yourself up as a volunteer or new committee member. There will also be an opportunity to register your interest in becoming the chair, treasurer or secretary of the PTA. Once we have the names of people who wish to have these roles it will then go to a vote 21 days later and positions will be confirmed.

We will be offering free teas and coffees and we hope to see lots of you there.

Go Yellow Day

We will be taking part in Go Yellow Day on Friday 11th October in aid of Mountbatten Hospice.

Your child may come to school wearing something yellow for a small donation.



Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme

If you would like to fill a shoe box for the Rotary Shoebox Scheme this year, please pop in to the school office to collect a box and leaflet.

All filled boxes will need to be returned to school by Friday 11th October ready for collection.

Individual School Photos

This year's individual school photos will take place at school on Wednesday 9th October. Please make sure your child is in full uniform on this day.

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

I woke up this morning laughing.....

I must have slept funny!



LAST WEEK'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Beach Class: Tobias, Reggie, Marshall, Morgan, George and Jasper

Cove Class: Lola and Marlee

Bay Class: Miylah, Max and Ada

River Class: Jacob and Layla T

Coast Class: Sophia, Amelia and Tommy

Solent Class: Rufus, Olivia and Octavia

Ocean Class: Esme, Jay and Isla



Class Attendance last week

Well done to
Cove Class for
receiving 97.37%
attendance last
week

Well done
everyone!



Birthdays

30th Sept – 6th Oct

Tyler B

Daniil

Rufus

**Happy birthday to
you!**

Outdoor learning Golden Welly

Well done to
Teddy for winning
the **Golden Welly**
Award last week

Keep up the good
work!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 11

Lifeboat - 14

Needles - 29

Lighthouse - 8

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

Well done!

Little Stars Pre School

With things feeling more autumnal every day, the past few weeks have been a big celebration of all things autumn. It's great to hear the children chatting about 'autumn' and sharing their knowledge of the different seasons.

Whilst out and about the children collected a huge bucket full of conkers which we took back to school to explore! Conker painting proved popular, rolling the conkers through paint to create some awesome patterns! A few conkers might have gone flying but that only added to the fun!

Drawing a big tree on some large paper, it was decided the best way to add autumn leaves to the tree would be to paint them on.... With our feet! I'm sure bath times before bed caused some excitement when little orange, yellow, red, and gold toes appeared!

We now have the most beautiful autumn tree picture up on the wall for all to see!

Developing our scissor skills, we cut up some red, yellow & orange paper to resemble autumn leaves. Popping these into a bottle we then blew up a balloon and attached it to the other end of the bottle. Singing our autumn leaves song, the anticipation grew as the end of the song neared and the balloon was released! Little paper leaves went flying everywhere! Lots of smiles, and a few autumn leaf angels were the result!

We have also been learning some history and geography by visiting some local landmarks in our community.

Other things we have been up too: looking at pumpkins, designing pumpkin faces, apple painting, collaging some spaghetti hedgehogs and much more.



School Details

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Dates: Thursday, October 24th and 31st

Cost: £25/session

Time: 10am - 3.30pm

Bring one snack and a packed lunch

MUST BOOK - Limited places

Full details on booking form

Where: Blackwater

www.naturezones.org.uk



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.

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat, a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals online. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers, emphasising that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These trolls often lean on racial slurs, anti-gay sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident prying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent was unfairly or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

Meet Our Expert

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CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Source: See full references in our guides page @ nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat

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Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form

2024-25 Open Day/Evening dates

(as at 9 August 2024)

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	1 October 2024	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Christ the King College	19 September 2024 07 November 2024	Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm 6 th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	1 st to 24 th October 2024 November 2024	Year 6 45-minute bookable tours will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be led by a member of the senior leadership team who will be able to answer any specific questions you have about year 7, our curriculum and enrichment opportunities. Tour times to be confirmed. <i>Bookings can be made by calling the academy on 01983 203103 from the 2nd September 2024</i> 6th Form Open Month. Tours will take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays around the sixth form campus, providing a first-hand experience of what it is like to be a student at Cowes Sixth Form. <i>Bookings can be made by calling the academy on 01983 203103 from the 2nd September 2024</i>
Island Free School	12 October 2024	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Ryde Academy	9 October 2024 20 November 2024	Y6 Open Evening 6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	5 October 2024	Y6 and 6 th Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm
The Bay CE School	3 October 2024	Y6 Open Evening: 5-8pm
The Island VI Form	14 November 2024	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm
The Isle of Wight College	26 June 2024 24 September 2024 16 November 2024 8 January 2025 1 February 2025 24 April 2025	4-7pm Open Evening 4-7pm Open Evening Open Day 4-7pm Open Evening Open Day 4-7pm Open Evening

Ryde Academy Open Evening

October 9th
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Parent Presentations 5:00pm and 6:00pm



Holiday BIBLE CLUB

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31st October: 3.30pm-6.30pm

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Primary School Ages!

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