



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.

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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

95.26%

Attendance This Year

94.77%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

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 3

Monday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta

Chocolate Brownie with fruit

Tuesday – Pork Sausages or Vegetarian sausages

Strawberry Jelly

Wednesday – Roast Beef or Cheese and Onion Pastry

Banana cake

Thursday – Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake or Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce

Lemon Sicilian Cookie

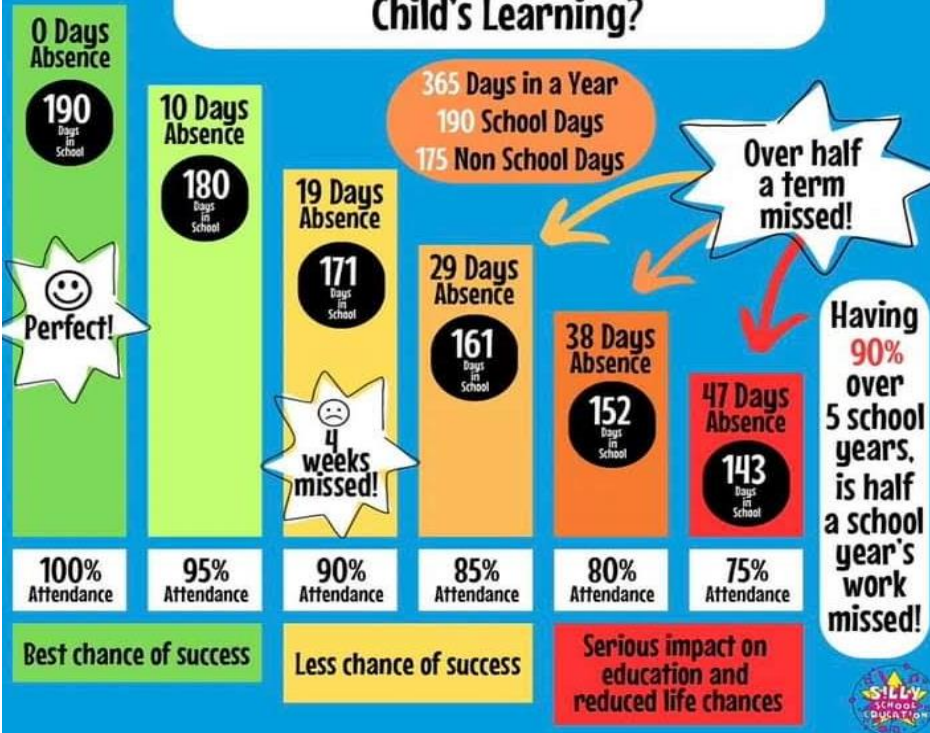
Friday – Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers

Chocolate Icecream

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



‘Rejoice in hope

Be patient in tribulation

Be constant in prayer’

Roman 12:12

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 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... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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...

<i>We are open</i>	<i>We are honest</i>	<i>We listen</i>
<i>We ask questions</i>	<i>We speak up</i>	<i>We respect privacy</i>

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.

Football Round up

Freshwater & Yarmouth U11's travelled to Brighstone for a friendly football match recently. In the first half the team played nicely and went 2-0 with George and Olly getting on the score sheet.

In the second half more goals came despite Brighstone coming back into the game. The score ended 5-3 with Olly completing his hat trick!

Well done Everyone!

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.

End of day

Please can we remind you that if somebody different is collecting your child at the end of the day, please contact the school office by 2.30pm

Morning Club

This will start from Monday 14th October

We are now offering morning club from 7.45am

If your child arrives before 7.45am the cost of morning club will be £1

If your child arrives after 8am the cost of morning club will be 50p

In January the cost of morning club will increase

If your child arrives before 8am the cost will be £1.50

If your child arrives after 8am the cost will be £1

Last entry to morning club will be 8.15am

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.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who donated an item for the food bank. The foodbank collected all the items on Wednesday and very much appreciated it.

Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

Why was the broom late for school?

It over swept!



LAST WEEK'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Beach Class: Ava, Poppy, George, Ilia, Ilya, Leonardo and Hugo

Cove Class: Lacey and Hadley

Bay Class: Dougie, Renat, Evie and Ida

River Class: No awards due to Harvest Festival

Coast Class: No awards due to Harvest Festival

Solent Class: No awards due to Harvest Festival

Ocean Class: No awards due to Harvest Festival



Class Attendance last week

Well done to
Cove Class for
receiving **97.89%**
attendance last
week

Well done
everyone!



Birthdays

7th Oct – 13th Oct

Jack S

Lily W

Tobias

Leo

**Happy birthday to
you!**

Outdoor learning Golden Welly

No Welly Award
this week due to
the Harvest Festival
Worship



Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 5

Lifeboat - 6

Needles - 9

Lighthouse - 7

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

Well done!

Little Stars Pre School

Some feathery friends visited us at school this week! It was a real treat being able to get up close to real chickens, feeling their feathers and looking at their features. Of course, this then led to us sharing the story of The Little Red Hen! This is a favourite of the children's and led to some great discussions about being kind and helpful.

After the story, we made scrummy bread rolls to take home! They smelt delicious! On our craft table we put out a big supply of feathers & everyone had some feathery fun making their own chickens! In the end we all looked like chickens with feathers stuck all over our fingers!

It may have been a week of showers, but that's ok as we just popped on our wellies and put up our umbrellas and went singing in the rain! We do love to have fun whatever the weather!

Hide and seek has also been frequently revisited through the week, with the children instigating the game, organising each other and taking turns to be the counter! Even though the hiding places were super awesome thankfully everyone has been found!

Other things we have been up to include: dancing with scarfs, bikes & trikes, clay exploration and much more



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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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any fireworks activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures—over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water—which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency—such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20-30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



Source: See full reference from guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety/>

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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



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10 December
17 December

Ryde School - Wednesdays
All Stars 5.30-6.30pm,
Dynamos 6.30-7.30pm
20 November
27 November
4 December
11 December
18 December

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Google Form for sessions at Ventnor



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Google Form for sessions at Ryde School



YEAR 6 TOURS

BREAKING NEWS

Still undecided in your Secondary School choice?

The College is offering a tour during the half term break on **Tuesday 22nd Oct at 10am**

Our new Year 7 students for 2025 will be provided with a New School blazer and PE top, paid for by the College.



Scouts

Our come and try it evening is open to all.

That means you too.

Tired of dull weekdays? Want to try something new, learn new skills and meet a whole new group of friends?

Why not come along to a taster session at 1st Freshwater/Totland Scout Group on Thursday 17th October at 6.30pm.

Each week we help young people enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills for life. Why not be one of them?

Join us at 6.30pm at 1st Freshwater/Totland Scout Group, Totland Recreation Ground, The Broadway, Isle of Wight, PO39 0AS or email mandy.holloway@isleofwightscouts.org.uk



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