



# 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**

## Letters Home

Year 6 – Residential Letter

## 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 8.35am 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%**

**Attendance This Year**

**95%**

**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

- **Important Information**

Dates for your Diary

**17<sup>th</sup> October** - Year R – Freshwater and Yarmouth School Trip

**17<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5 – Winchester Science Museum

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October break up for Half – Term**

**Return to School Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November after Half – Term**

**11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Worship

**15<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 Sharing Worship

**29<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 3 Sharing Worship



**In the Community**

**Federation Mission Statement and Values**

**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**

**Respect**

**Resilience**

**Relationships**

*Together for a Brighter Future*

**Lost Property**

Please could parents/ carers ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

We have a growing amount of lost property without names, if you think this could be yours please pop into the school office to have a look.

Many thanks

*Psalm 118:1*

*‘O give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever’*

## Gold Awards

This week's gold award winners are:

Reception – Thomas, Lola, Theo

Year 1- Whole Class

Year 2 – Noa, Priscilla, Hugo

Year 3 – Frank, Tyler

Year 4 – Lenny, Lilly-Mae

Year 5 – Whole Class

Year 6 – Henry, Emilia

**Well Done Everyone!**



## Birthdays

12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October

Eli W Mia

Oliver E

**Happy birthday to you!**

## Outdoor learning Golden Wellie

Golden Welly

Alma

**Keep up the great work!**



## Sports Tokens

This week's sports token totals are:

**Lighthouse** – 19

**Needles** – 22

**Lifeboat** – 20

**Osbourne** – 23

Well Done everyone!

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.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

## The Conscious Community

**What is the conscious community?**  
Every person in our Federation – including you and all staff – has an important responsibility. Part of it 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:

<h3>Respect</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Celebrate your skills and talents</li><li>Recognise what makes you great</li><li>Be proud of what you achieve</li><li>Celebrate other people's skills and talents</li><li>Recognise what makes other people great</li><li>Be proud of what other people achieve</li></ul>	<h3>Resilience</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Making mistakes are great - it's how we grow</li><li>It is important we always respect them and learn from them</li><li>Ask yourself these questions about your actions or the actions of others...<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Why do I/they feel this way?</li><li>Did I/they handle this situation in the best possible way?</li><li>What could I/they do to improve the situation?</li><li>Did I/they do the best I/they could?</li><li>What can we learn from this situation?</li><li>How can we move forward positively?</li></ul></li></ul>	<h3>Relationships</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>In situations ask yourself and others...<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What is my/their point of view?</li><li>What are my/their reasons?</li><li>How are I/they feeling?</li><li>What are I/they bringing to this situation?</li></ul></li></ul>
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**In a conscious community...**

We are open	We are honest	We listen
We ask questions	We speak up	We respect privacy

## 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 everyday 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.

## 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.

## Chartwells

From the 4<sup>th</sup> September the Chartwell school lunches will increase as follows:

Child's meal £2.97 (for key-stage 2 – Years 3,4,5,6)

Outdoor Learning Video Link

Creative Critters and Web Weavers

<https://youtu.be/Qhc1MjrUxlc>



### Short Story Writing Competition 2024

*A funny thing happened when... (8's and over)*  
*Write a story about a favourite animal or pet (under 8's)*

Write a story, using the above criteria, for a chance to have your story recorded and published by a celebrity plus other great prizes to be won!

**ENTRY FEE (per story)**  
ADULTS £8.00 (1500 - 2000 words)  
12 - 17's **FREE** (up to 750 words)    8 - 11's **FREE** (up to 500 words)  
Under 8's **FREE** (up to 250 words)

**ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM**  
Waterstones | Sight for Wight, Newport | Dress for Less, Newport  
admin@iwsb.org.uk | sightforwight.org.uk

**CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2024**  
**AWARD CEREMONY ON FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024**  
RIVERSIDE CENTRE, NEWPORT @7pm



STEVE POWER    CHESNEY HAWKES    RICHARD CADELL    JOE PASQUALE    SELINA ROSS

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### YOUTH VOICE CONFERENCE 2024

Age 13 - 25 & Want your voice to be heard?  
The Youth Voice Conference 2024 will take place on Saturday 12th October.





Newport Minster  
St Thomas' Square  
Newport  
PO30 1SL

From 09:30am - 15:30pm.  
Refreshments and lunch will be provided!

Want to know more? Contact us via email:  
[taskforce@iowyouthtrust.co.uk](mailto:taskforce@iowyouthtrust.co.uk)



## COMMUNITY WINTER CRICKET TRAINING

Isle of Wight Cricket Board

**£20 FOR 5 SESSIONS**    **SIGN UP NOW!**

All Stars & Dynamos Sessions!  
All Stars 5-8 Year Olds  
Dynamos 8-11 Year Olds

Ventnor CC Mondays	Ventnor CC Tuesdays	Ryde School - Wednesdays
All Stars 5-6pm	All Stars 5-6pm	All Stars 5.30-6.30pm, Dynamos 6.30-7.30pm
18 November	19 November	20 November
25 November	26 November	27 November
2 December	3 December	4 December
9 December	10 December	11 December
16 December	17 December	18 December

<https://forms.gle/c25vawtXj1Ljmd167>  
Google Form for sessions at Ventnor



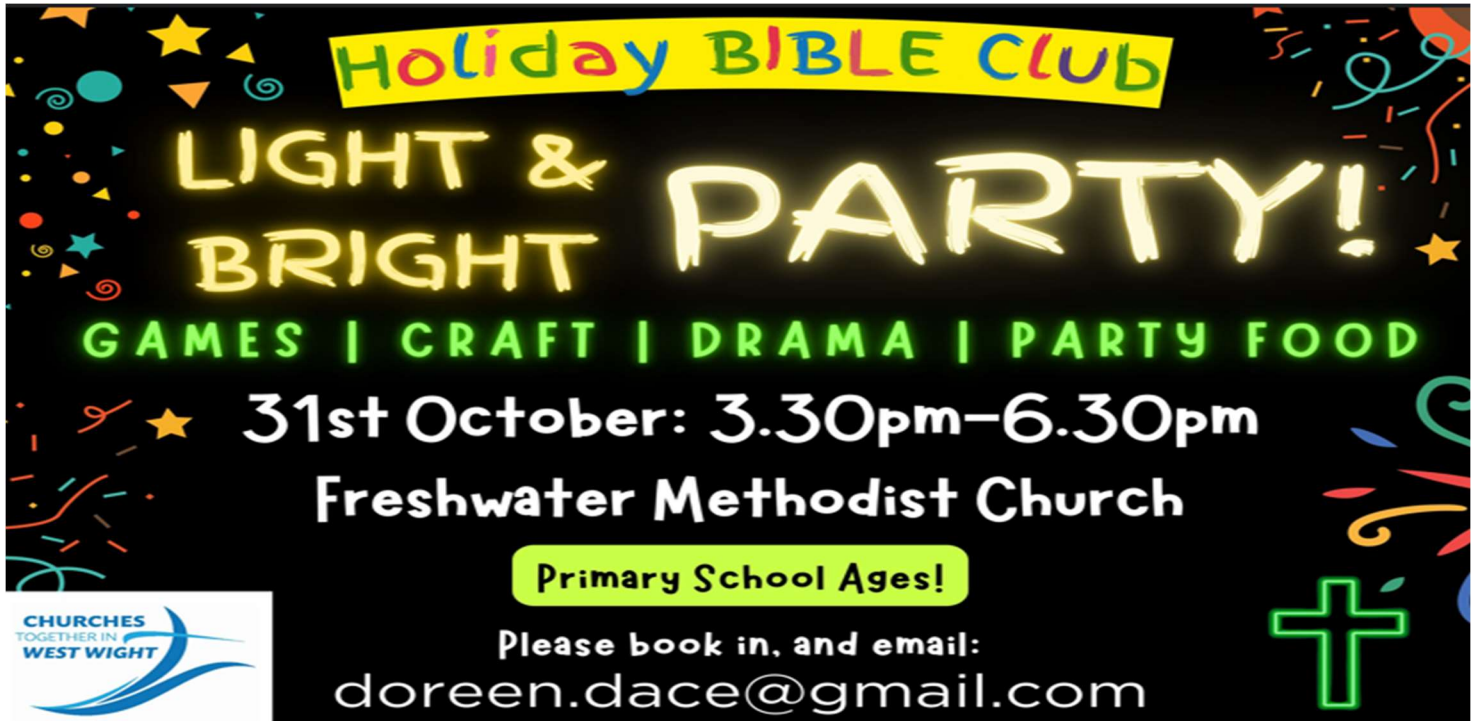
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Google Form for sessions at Ryde School

Asda are currently running their Cashpots for School scheme, whereby spending in store or online converts to a cash pot for school.

If you are happy to join the scheme (there are no costs attached), you can join via the app and help to build a spending pot for school.

Here is a link below if you need any further information.

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>



**Holiday BIBLE CLUB**

**LIGHT & BRIGHT PARTY!**



**GAMES | CRAFT | DRAMA | PARTY FOOD**

**31st October: 3.30pm-6.30pm**

**Freshwater Methodist Church**

**Primary School Ages!**

Please book in, and email:  
[doreen.dace@gmail.com](mailto:doreen.dace@gmail.com)



**FREE BOOKS FOR 0-5 YEAR OLDS**

If the child you care for has a social worker or is living in kinship care they are eligible to receive a FREE book every month until their 5th birthday!

**Sign up here!**



In partnership with  
Isle of Wight Local Authority



**Naturezones**

**Wise Owl Holiday Club**

8 - 14 yrs



Come and have a great time outdoors! Go on a nature safari, look for wildlife in our ponds, woods and meadows. See if you can charm worms out of the ground. Get creative in our guided art sessions and try some crafts using willow and other natural materials. Play games based around wildlife and tackle a challenge! Various different fun activities during each session.

**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](http://www.naturezones.org.uk)



### Curious Squirrel's Weekly Round Up!

It has been another week of fun here in the Curious Squirrel's room. It has flown by!

This week the children enjoyed participating in a magnetic fishing game. The fishing game is always well loved by the children and they usually will stay engaged with it for quite some time. On Friday, we used the game as an opportunity to focus on practicing and developing our patience and turn taking skills. Supported by the key practitioners in the room, the children were firstly encouraged to come and sit around a lovely, shiny, blue piece of material which we were using as the deep pond! The children were all very intrigued! We all then each had a turn to use the wooden fishing rod and attempt to catch a fish. Each fish has got a different colour and a different number on it. We shared some lovely conversations about the colour of each fish and some of the children were able to recognise some familiar numbers, 2 was the most well-known number! This experience also supported the development of the children's speech, language, communication and interaction skills. We discovered some new words to build on our vocabulary, for example 'shiny' and 'shimmery' when talking about the pond. The adults in the room also modelled simple, key phrases throughout the activity... Such as; 'my turn' and 'your turn' which further supports the children to continue to share positive interactions with their peers.

This week, come rain or sun, we have had some fantastic playing and exploring opportunities in our garden! The children have been loving using our seesaw recently and singing songs such as 'row your boat' and 'see saw margery daw' whilst rocking back and forth. Another outdoor favourite this week has been the water play! Particularly soapy and bubbly water which was used to bath the dollies!

Some other activities that we have enjoyed this week have been; exploring the indoor soft play, mark making with our fingers in the coloured sand and building amazing towers with the sensory blocks!

Well done everyone, another lovely week!

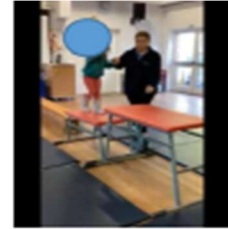
Happy October half term! ❤️





Wise owls weekly round up 7/10/24

What a busy week we have had in the wise owl's room this week!



Throughout our very busy week the children have enjoyed learning opportunities through there play based on a backdrop to learning of vehicles and transport as this seems to have been a super big interest throughout the room! This week the children have enjoyed making role play buses, cars, planes and pirate ships using the loose parts resources within the garden and in the room.... This is a great way for children to improve their social skills, make new friendships, use their imagination, as well as language enrichment through singing lovely songs - such as of course, the wheels on the bus! Through the week the children have also enjoyed activities such as making passports and pane tickets using some brilliant mark making skills, practicing their letter and number writing using great fine motor skills and pen control, making car washes, using guttering making road tracks, rolling cars and different vehicles in paint and marking down how far they got- great for our mathematical skills! This then took a turn into foot printing which the children all had great fun doing!

A great way to further children's language and development in several areas is through circle times and story times. This week we have introduced the children to a circle time game of 'silly soup' where the children have to find the rhyming word cards and make them into a magical soup! This has been lots of fun and the children have really enjoyed learning which words rhyme and which don't and thinking of other silly rhyming words!

continuing our busy week, the children have begun our tooth brushing program! We have spoken with the children about the importance of tooth brushing and how we keep our teeth clean and healthy. We've had lots of fun playing with our dentist kit and children have been given the opportunity to join in tooth brushing at preschool. We know as parents we all have busy lives and we here at little explorers are always trying to find new ideas to help and support our parents and we feel tooth brushing is super beneficial to our children in helping promote self-care skills, independence and hygiene routines!

This week over at the hall, we have been focusing a lot on balance and gross motor movements. Following this, the children today have had a great go at using the bench balance beams and gymnastic beams to balance, climb and jump! The children all did a great job and showed some wonderful careful risk taking skills! The children enjoyed some time spent doing yoga, the children listened and watched carefully and followed instructions and stretched their bodies! The children have also been enjoying using bean bags and cones! Firstly, we used the bean bags for a balancing game to see if the children could balance beanbags on their heads whilst walking and then try to balance them on different parts of their body! we had such a fun time doing so! After this, the children then enjoyed a game of 'what's the colour Mr. wolf?' Where they had to listen to the colour shouted and then run to find the correct coloured cone. Well, what a super jam packed busy week we've had preschool, I can't wait to see what we get up too next week!





**Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Form**  
**2024-25 Open Day/Evening dates**  
**(as at 20 June 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 <sup>th</sup> Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	1 <sup>st</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024  November 2024	<b>Year 6</b> 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 <a href="tel:01983203103">01983 203103</a> from the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</i>  <b>6<sup>th</sup> Form</b> 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 <a href="tel:01983203103">01983 203103</a> from the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</i>
Island Free School	12 October 2024	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm  Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Medina College	26 September 2024	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm
Ryde Academy	9 October 2024  20 November 2024	Y6 Open Evening  6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	5 October 2024	Y6 and 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 2024	4-7pm  4-7pm  Open Day  4-7pm  Open Day  Open evening tbc
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: <a href="mailto:mail@prioryschool.org.uk">mail@prioryschool.org.uk</a>

- Please note St Georges is not offering open days. Places are allocated via the SEND department.