



# 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**

**90.26%**

**Attendance This Year**

**93.75%**

## Important Information

### Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Beach Class Christmas Themed afternoon
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - River Class Sharing Assembly
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas Tree Decoration Day- Parents welcome from 9.30am
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Little Stars Christmas Party
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Selected children to sing carols at CHOYD and Wightlink terminal
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Class to visit All Saints Church for Christmas Tree Festival
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Muffin Day
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas tree Decoration Ceremony within Collective Worship
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years/KS1 Nativity - 9.30am and 1.45pm
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Music Evening at Shalfleet School
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Early Years/KS1 Nativity – 9.30am
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle Service at 9am – Parents invited
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols in the Square in Yarmouth
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fair
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Beach Class Elf Day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Worship
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of school before Christmas – finishing at 3pm
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Return to school

### Menu for the week ahead

#### Week 2

**Monday** – Veggie Supreme Pizza or Vegetable Fajita

Crunchy Chocolate Mousse

**Tuesday** – Beef Bolognese or Chinese Vegetable Noodles

Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard

**Wednesday** – Roast Pork or Winter Vegetable Hotpot

Fruits of the Forest Jelly

**Thursday** – Chicken and Vegetable Pie or Macaroni Cheese

Chocolate Cookie

**Friday** – Crispy Chicken Burger or Quorn Dippers

Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding

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

**Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays**

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the holy spirit you may be rich in hope'

-Romans 15:13

# 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:

<b>Respect</b>	<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Relationships</b>
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Making mistakes are great</li> <li>- 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...</li> <li>- Why do I/they feel this way?</li> <li>- Did I/they handle that 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>	<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"> <li>- What is my/their point of view?</li> <li>- What are my/their reasons?</li> <li>- How am I/they feeling?</li> <li>- What am I/they bringing to this situation?</li> </ul>

*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.

### Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Our Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 17th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner, please book in via Scopay before Friday 6th December. We will not be able to take anymore bookings after this date.

There will be no option of jacket potato or pasta on this day. Please provide your child with a packed lunch if they are not having the main meal.

Also, your child may come to school in a Christmas Jumper on this day.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office

### Football Round up

The Freshwater & Yarmouth U9s football team played Brighstone in a friendly fixture this week at home. For a few of the team it was their first ever match so there was plenty of excitement at the thought of playing. Ronan and Paddy got on the scoresheet in a close match to clinch a 3-2 win,

Tommy performing well in goal and made some good saves to deny the opposition.

All of the team had great fun and are looking forward to the next fixture.

**Well done everyone!**

### Christmas Muffi Day

Friday 6th December will be a muffi day for all children in exchange for donations for the PTA's Christmas fair which is taking place on the 18th December (see poster below)

We need donations of:

Teddies

Toys

Gifts for a pocket money stall  
donations that we can make up a hamper for the raffle  
sweets/chocolate

**Thank you for your support**

### Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

What did one snowman say to the other?

Can you smell carrots?

### Brighstone Tree Festival

Please see the poster below for the upcoming Brighstone Tree Festival.

Freshwater and Yarmouth and Shalfleet will have tree on display at Calbourne Church. Please go along and take a look.

### Outdoor learning

**Please take a look at our latest federated outdoor learning video**

<https://youtu.be/2QwZD-BTqSc>



## LAST WEEK'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

**Beach Class:** Elsie, Ava, Willow, Hugo, Norah, Oliver, Leonardo and Elaina

**Cove Class:** Sophia, Tarique and Hadley

**Bay Class:** Evie, Ida and Zac

**River Class:** Keira and Jacob

**Coast Class:** Ryan, Emerson and Lily

**Solent Class:** Kaiden, Ruby, Kassi-Ann and Shanika

**Ocean Class:** Logan, Ted and Owen



### Class Attendance last week

Well done to  
Cove class for  
receiving 95.79%  
**attendance** for  
last week

Well done  
everyone!



### Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Paddy**

**Luke**

**Noah**

**Ilia**

Happy birthday to  
you!

### Outdoor learning Golden Welly

Well done to **Vera** for  
winning the outdoor  
learning golden welly  
award last week.

Keep up the good  
work!



### Sports Tokens

**Osbourne - 26**

**Lifeboat - 39**

**Needles - 40**

**Lighthouse - 40**

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

Well done!

## Little Stars Pre School

It's not every day you get to see snow! In actual fact it was the first time seeing snow for some! Wrapping up warm, the children went outside to catch snowflakes! Lots of fun & excitement by all! Other things we have been up to; teaming up with Reception Class every day to practice our Nativity songs, making Nativity costumes, developing our ball skills in the hall, making Christmas trees and lots more Christmas goodies.



## School Details

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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.

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## Family Photoshoots



Saturday 30th November from 10.30am,  
YARMOUTH Community Hall (CHOYD) PO41 0NU  
And

Sunday 1st December from 2.30pm, COLWELL Baptist  
Church Hall, Colwell Road, PO40 9NB

Call Roz on 07850 505977 to book your slot

Bring all the family from baby to granny.  
Friendly female photographer.  
15 minute photoshoot is free! Prints from £10

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](https://nationalcollege.com).

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.
- PREDATORS AND SCAMS**  
Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.
- MY EYES ONLY**  
Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.
- SCREEN TIME ADDICTION**  
Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.
- ONLINE PRESSURES**  
Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

- UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account, their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.
- BLOCK AND REPORT**  
If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.
- FAMILIARISE YOURSELF**  
Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS**  
Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

**#WakeUpWednesday** The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2021>

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New Carnival Presents

# Merry & Bright Festival of Light

Lantern  
Parade  
6-7pm

Fri 6th Dec 5-8pm  
RYDE TOWN

FREE

Entertainment  
Music  
Performance  
Illuminations  
Craft Market  
Digital Graffiti  
Games  
Craft Activities

# BRIGHSTONE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

## 5TH-8TH DECEMBER

OPENING WITH THE MOUNTBATTEN HOSPICE 'LIGHTS OF LOVE'  
CAROL SERVICE ON  
WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER -7PM AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BRIGHSTONE

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**December 6th 7-9pm**  
£10 per adult to include  
workshop, mulled wine/hot  
drink, nibbles and cake!  
Followed by carols at the Red Lion  
Pub from 9pm.

**December 7th 10am-  
12Noon for families**  
£10 per child (free adult)  
to include workshop,  
juice/hot drink and cake!

**All Saints Church, Church Place, Freshwater**

Tickets available from Eventbrite or by e-mailing  
rosie\_peake@hotmail.com



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Freshwater & Yarmouth School

# CHRISTMAS FETE

DECEMBER 18TH  
FROM 2PM - 4PM

*Raffle with wonderful prizes  
Teddy tombola  
Pocket money stalls  
Fun games  
Santa's Grotto  
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