



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

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. G Westhorpe

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

95.84%

Attendance This Year

93.76%

Important Information

Dates for your Diary

Friday 13th December – Christingle Service at 9am – Parents invited

Saturday 14th December – Carols in the Square in Yarmouth

Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Fair

Thursday 19th December – Beach Class Elf Day

Friday 20th December – Christmas Worship

Friday 20th December – Last day of school before Christmas – finishing at 3pm

Monday 6th January – Return to school



A big Thank you

A huge thank you to Rosie Lister and her team for raising funds for the PTA and All Saints church with her wreath making events.
She's raised £217.50 for our PTA



Menu for the week ahead

Week 1

Monday – Macaroni Cheese or Cheesy Bean Burrito

Flapjack with Fruit

Tuesday - **Christmas Dinner Day – pre order only**

Wednesday – Classic Beef Burger or Quorn Burger

Apple Crumble and Custard

Thursday – BBQ Chicken or Meatless Feast
Cheesy Pizza

Raspberry Jelly

Friday – Fish Fingers or Veggie Fingers

Chocolate Brownie

Jacket potatoes and pasta are available every day.

Baguettes are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

'When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great joy!'

Matthew 2:10

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.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Our Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 17th December. Dinner numbers have now been sent to the kitchen.

There will be no option of jacket potato or pasta on this day.

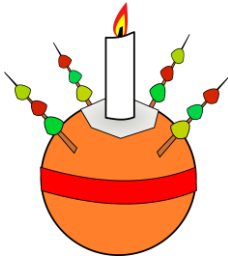
Please provide your child with a packed lunch if they have not been booked in for the main meal.

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

If you have any queries, please contact the school office

Christingle service

Please join us for our Christingle Service this Friday at 9am



We would like to wish all our families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year 2025

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th January

Football Round up

Freshwater & Yarmouth girls had their 3rd league fixture against Shalfleet last week. Having won the previous matches convincingly the girls were confident. Nina again leading the way, scoring regularly through the match was excellent, eventually scoring 7! Scarlett, also having scored in previous matches, scored again.

8-1 the final scoreline.....

Special mention to Eden and Talliss who played their first matches and did very well.

Well done girls!



Mr Westhorpe's joke of the week

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?

Tinsel-it is!!



LAST WEEK'S GOLD AWARD WINNERS WERE:

Beach Class: Talliah, Hope, Ilya, Polly and Darcie

Cove Class: Theos, Lacey and Marlee

Bay Class: Annabelle, Leo, Alfie, Isla and Bella

River Class: Millie, Lola, Noah, Skylar, Jack, Bonnie, Layla T, Jacob, Arabella, Leighton and Layla C

Coast Class: Leif, Lowen, Sophia and Lily

Solent Class: Talliss, Ewan, Octavia, Amelie, Gia, Rohan

Ocean Class: Ellie-Mae, James, Esme and Isla



Class Attendance last week

Well done to **River Class** for receiving **99.55% attendance** for last week

Well done everyone!



Birthdays

16th Dec – 5th Jan

Jasper **Owen**

Freddie P

Eden

Emilia

Happy birthday to you!

Outdoor learning Golden Welly

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

Keep up the good work!



Sports Tokens

Osbourne - 16

Lifeboat - 16

Needles - 14

Lighthouse - 16

Well done to **Lifeboat**, **Osbourne** and **Lighthouse** for collecting the most tokens this week.

Well done!

Little Stars Pre School

It was a bit of a blustery day but Reception and Little Stars set off on an adventure to visit All Saints Church for the Christmas Tree Festival! There were some beautiful trees to look at, decorated by many different people in the community. One of the favourites of the children's was the tree decorated by the skatepark! It was covered in miniature skateboards and Santa riding a skateboard! Another one that caught their eye was decorated by the sports centre, the tree was covered in shuttlecocks made to look like angels! On discovering a naked tree, the children of Little Stars and Reception Class set to work decorating it with their handmade decorations!

What a beautiful sight!

Sitting together at the front of the church everyone enjoyed a Christmas story. Then it was time for the big 'switch on'! All the tree lights were switched on and the children's little faces also lit up... with big smiles and a twinkle in their eyes. It only seemed right for the children to practice their Nativity songs whilst in church surrounded by twinkling trees! What better way to get in the Christmas spirit!



School Details

Email – yarmouth@fosay.co.uk

Phone – 01983 7603456

Website – fosay.co.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.

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Let's eat, drink & be merry together!

25TH DECEMBER • 1:00 PM - 4PM
THE HOLY FAMILY CENTRE,
ST SAVIOUR'S RC CHURCH, TOTLAND

BOOK ESSENTIAL
PHONE KELLY ON: 759662

For help with transport on
the day (West Wight area
only) or for more info,
phone: 759662 or email:
wccmas@gmail.com



This year, the meal is funded by the congregation of Christ Church, the fundraising efforts of Martine Burgess & friends, and generous donations from local businesses.

At the national college, our experts proactively guide, empower and equip parents, carers and educators with vital, confirmed and practical skills to be able to have meaningful one-to-one 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 SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke alarms are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labeling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/safety-over-the-festive-season>

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CRAFTY CHRISTMASSY

CAROL(ISH) SERVICE

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

11.15AM

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY, CHILDREN
MORE THAN WELCOME



MINCE PIES AND MULED WINE SERVED
IN THE CHURCH HALL FROM 11AM



Freshwater & Yarmouth School

CHRISTMAS FETE

DECEMBER 18TH
FROM 2PM - 4PM

- Raffle with wonderful prizes
- Teddy tombola
- Packet money stalls
- Fun games
- Santa's Grotto
- Pigs in blanket hotdogs & drinks
- And lots more!

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR A
FESTIVELY FUN AFTERNOON

All funds are raised for
FRESHWATER & YARMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Santa's Grotto and Winter Wonderland

Friday 13th, Saturday 14th, Sunday 15th December
4 - 6:30pm

Yarmouth Guide and Scout Hall,
Mill Road, Yarmouth



+all funds raised go to the running of the Guide and Scout Hall+

Free School Meal Sessions at Island Riding Centre

We are running our HAF sessions this half term on the 23rd, 27th, 30th & 3rd January 09:00 till 13:00 & 12:00 till 1600

For children who receive benefit related free school meals
Ages 6-16 years

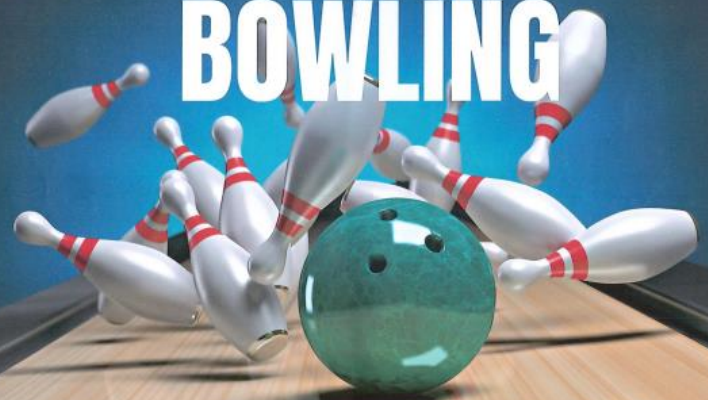
Sessions include stable management, games, a pony ride & a hot meal

Please send enquiries to info@islandriding.com



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FOOD AND FUN BOWLING



MONDAY
23 DEC
10AM TIL 2PM

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FREE



Food and Fun Ten Pin Bowling Session and Lunch for 11 - 16 year olds. Meeting at West Wight Sport Centre 10:00 o'clock travel to Ryde Superbowl, game of bowling and then lunch. Return to West Wight Sport Centre for 2:00 pm

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CHRISTMAS BARN

14th, 15th, 19th, 21st, 22th Dec'

Adult entry £5 - includes mulled apple juice and mince pie

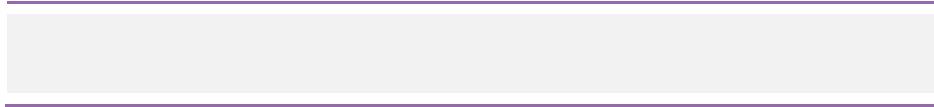
KIDZONE
Track down the 10 snowmen to claim your chocolate
Make a tree decoration £5

Please book this activity on our website before 8.30am of the day

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19th - Mulled apple juice, mince pies and Carols

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OUR PLACE
WEST WIGHT



Community Pantry



Tennyson Suite, Freshwater Memorial Hall
2 Avenue Rd, Freshwater PO40 9UU
Wednesdays 10:30am - 12:00pm

The Island's mobile community pantry comes to Freshwater on Wednesdays.

Become a member of the pantry and then pay just £5 each session to collect £15 worth of food for your household.

For more information contact: abbi@lweh.org.uk or call 01983 716020.

