



# 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.

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. G Westhorpe

**RESPECT • RESILIENCE • RELATIONSHIPS**

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## 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**

**93%**

**Attendance This Year**

**95%**

- **Important Information**

Dates for your Diary

**12<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception and Key stage 1 Christmas Performance @ 1.30pm

Federation Christmas Music Evening @ 6pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December Christingle Service** - (More details to follow)

**17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Menu

**PLEASE SEE DOJO WITH CHRISTMAS EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Last day of Term 20<sup>th</sup> December normal pick up times apply.**



**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

'Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!'

Romans 15:13

## Gold Awards

This week's gold award winners are:

Year R – Whole Class  
Year 1 – Eliza, Isla, Skyla  
Year 2 – Emily, Noa, Cormac  
Year 3 – Alma, Jonny  
Year 4 – Amelia T, Amelia R, Oliver P  
Year 5 – Francesca D, Margot  
Year 6 – Whole Class

**Well Done Everyone!**



## Birthdays

30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

Kyla – Mai    Ralph

Finley P

Lenny    Francesca D

Sonny

**Happy birthday to you!**

## Outdoor learning Golden Wellie

Golden Welly

To be announced in  
Worship .....

**Keep up the great work!**



## Sports Tokens

This week's sports token  
totals are:

**Lighthouse** – 19

**Needles** – 20

**Lifeboat** – 23

**Osbourne** – 22

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)

Wise Owls Weekly Round Up!  
25th - 29th November 2024

Wow, what an exciting and busy week we have had in The Wise Owls room this week! Lots of playing, exploring and of course, having fun!

We kicked off this week with a fantastic activity which the children absolutely loved, taking our letters to the post box to invite our parents and carers to our nativity! This activity was fantastic for learning about our natural world and surroundings, increasing independence and confidence too! They enjoyed looking at the cars and watching the traffic lights, supporting us to learn about road safety. This is great to encourage social interaction, as together with practitioners and peers we walked encouraging chatting and giggles. The children listened beautifully and before we left we talked about road safety and how we stay safe. We looked out for different signs in the environment noticing various colours, shapes, letters and numbers! We spoke about the weather and how it had changed and become chilly.

Once we arrived at the post box everybody was very excited to post their letters, at one point we even saw the postman empty the box and pop them into his van!

We had also enjoyed experimenting with different ingredients to make christmas pudding biscuits! As part of our weekly cooking club we make something that the children can enjoy by themselves or the next day as a snack time group. Everybody loves to join in with the cooking and it is so beneficial in each and every part of their developmental learning, whether it be mathematics by using weights and measure, by looking at cultural differences from the foods we eat, or using healthier alternatives such as bananas instead of sugar to promote healthy eating!  
A very fun filled week of exploring new opportunities and activities, well done everybody!



## Curious Squirrel's Weekly Round Up!

We have had another week of fun in the Curious Squirrel's room.

We rotated our books and puzzles this week which meant that we got out our big 'doors and locks' puzzle out. The children have really enjoyed exploring the different locks available and they have also loved looking at which animals are behind each door, counting them and recognising which colours they are! This puzzle is great for developing fine motor skills and has also been promoting the development of the children's PSHE skills as they figure out how they can share the puzzle and work together as well as taking turns with it. The children have also been building on their fine motor skills as they have been enjoying their construction play with the colourful duplo! The children have built some wonderful towers, tracks and pretended to build farms and zoo's after we aided the experience with our basket of small world animals!

Some of our smaller babies have been enjoying our sensory 'that's not my' books this week, practitioners in the room have been modelling how to feel the sensory patches on each page and the children have been doing a good job at using their pointy to fingers to have a feel! We have also enjoyed doing some more Christmas crafts, this week it has been Christmas candy cane finger painting which has caused lots of excitement and very red, painty hands and fingers! This experience has also supported lots of the children's self-help skills when it comes to washing and drying their hands as well as promoting the development of their personal, social and communication skills when it comes to waiting in line for their turn at the sink and asking for some help if they need it.

As always, we have had a great time playing in our cosy coupe cars in the garden. This week the children have been pretending that they are ice cream vans, offering their friends and grown ups different flavours and zooming round the garden looking for customers!! Well done all, we have a lovely week! ❤️



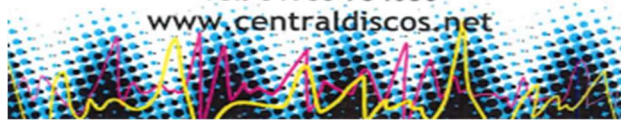
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Dynamos 8-11 Year Olds

Ventnor CC Mondays	Ventnor CC Tuesdays	Ryde School - Wednesdays
All Stars 5-6pm	Dynamos 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

<https://forms.gle/ig5tc7q6GvfYpckdA>  
Google Form for sessions at Ryde School

**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

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>

# NEW YEARS EVE POTTERY PARTY

**PARTY FOOD & POP!**

**Carnival mask making**

**ONLY £35**

**WELCOME IN 2024 POTTERY STYLE!!**

**TUESDAY 31ST DEC | 5.00PM - 8.00PM**  
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**Great for the whole family, make and paint your very own carnival mask**

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# SOPHIE'S

## And The HOSPICE




9:00 am Saturday 23rd November

22 Lugley Street, Newport PO30 5HE

# CHRISTMAS SHOP OPENING

# Join Vectis Girls

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**Sundays 11.00-11.50am**  
**Wootton Rec PO33 4NQ**  
 Email: [vectisvc@gmail.com](mailto:vectisvc@gmail.com)

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*Sarah Nerval*



## Music Tuition

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# 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+

## 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

**Wildheart  
Wonderland**

Join us for a magical experience  
this December!

Santa needs your help with an urgent mission... Come and  
join his team of Elves this Christmas at the Sanctuary to  
help to save Christmas!

*Selected dates*  
14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd December 2024

*Daily start times*  
10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30

Each Wildheart Wonderland experience is approximately  
1 hour long, and the price also includes entry into the Sanctuary  
for the rest of the day.  
This event is suitable for children aged 3+

**Tickets**  
Children £20 | £15 each for accompanying adults.  
Members: Children £16 | £11 for accompanying adults.

Book your tickets today!  
[wildheartanimalsanctuary.org](http://wildheartanimalsanctuary.org)  
In collaboration with Enchanted Isle.



*Christmas*  
**FUN DAYS**

Monday 23rd December  
 Monday 30th December  
 10AM-3PM  
 £25.00 PER CHILD

To book:  
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 Or DM The Starlight GymKatz

*GymKatz*

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