



The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Freshwater & Yarmouth

Together for a Brighter Future

June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another remarkable academic year, we want to take a moment to reflect on everything our community has achieved and share some important news regarding the upcoming Autumn term.

Celebrating Our Successes

First and foremost, we are incredibly proud of the progress our children have made this year. The Federation of the Church Schools of Freshwater & Yarmouth and Shalfleet is built upon the foundation of our **Conscious Community**, and it has been a joy to see this ethos thrive.

Thanks to the hard work of our staff and the enthusiasm and engagement of our pupils with their learning, we have been able to offer a rich tapestry of experiences this year. From exciting school trips and our dedicated outdoor learning days to inspiring guest speakers during our Inspire Talks and not to forget English and Maths, our children have benefited from a strong and truly enriching curriculum. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your unwavering commitment and for working so closely in partnership with us to make this possible.

Supporting Our Wider Community: Interim Leadership Brighstone C.E. Primary

Our strong position and reputation within the local area have recently led to an important request. The Local Authority and the Governing Body of Brighstone C. E. Primary School, with the full involvement and support of the Diocese, have asked our Federation to provide interim leadership for the school for the Autumn term, in the first instance. Their headteacher will be leaving her post at the end of this academic year to start a new career path.

We want to reassure you directly about what this means for our schools:

- **No Change to Standards:** You will not see any difference in the high standard of education, care, and attention your children receive.
- **Capacity and Expertise:** Our schools have a committed and consistent staff team, with experience to share. We have growing leaders who are ready to develop further.
- **Mutual Strength:** Supporting a neighbouring church school not only reflects our values as a Christian community but also provides excellent professional development opportunities for our staff, which ultimately benefits all pupils.

Our focus will remain firmly on ensuring that Freshwater & Yarmouth and Shalfleet continue to flourish. Thank you once again for your continued support, partnership, and dedication to our school community. We wish you all a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back in September for another fantastic term.

Warm regards,

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