

July 2026

Mission Statement/Our Core Purpose:

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.

Dear Families,

We can barely believe that another academic year has almost come to a close. As we look forward to the new year, we always take time to reflect on the past year – the celebrations, the challenges and all we have learned – children and adults alike.

We want to reach out and thank all of our families for their support and thank the children for bringing such joy, curiosity, questions, laughter, care and happiness into school with them each day. It is a privilege to serve the children and families in our community and to do all we can to support them and provide a meaningful, enriched curriculum where every child has the opportunity to flourish.

It has been an exceptionally busy year at Freshwater and Yarmouth, driving school improvement and working with existing and new families. We have been very pleased with the progress we have made this year and the many opportunities provided for the children. As we continue with our final half term of this academic year, we wanted to update you on the staffing structure for next year.

We are very fortunate across the Federation to have an exceptional team of highly skilled staff who continue to want to be part of what the Federation can offer. As our teachers progress within their professional development, we want to provide them with challenge, change and opportunity. As a result, we have been able to carefully match staff skill to the dynamics of each class across the Federation and affect some positive changes with the children at the heart of all we do.

Therefore, we have some staffing changes to make you aware of as we move into the next academic year.

Leadership

Mrs Westhorpe continues to be the Federation Deputy Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion and Behaviour Management. Mrs Westhorpe will work closely alongside myself to drive Federation improvement. Within the Inclusion team, we are ably supported by Mrs Heather Eggleton as the Inclusion Officer. I know many families have worked closely with Mrs Westhorpe and Mrs Eggleton this year, they look forward to developing this work into 2026/27.

We will also continue with our model of School Lead positions on each site. The School Leads will drive aspects of Federation improvement and be on call in the absence of the Head teacher and/or Deputy Head teacher to ensure the smooth running of our schools.

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Mr Cook will remain the School Lead at Freshwater and Yarmouth with Mrs Thompson continuing in this role at Shalfleet. Across the Federation, Mrs Thompson has responsibility for the Church Ethos and Mr Cook for oversight of Teaching and Learning.

Farewells

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Lewis has made the difficult decision to step down after a long and successful career. It has been a pleasure to have Mrs Lewis with us over the years. She has been instrumental in developing Maths Mastery across the Federation – her passion and drive has really enabled children to feel confident and successful in Maths.

We are also saying farewell to Mr Snow (the Administrator at Freshwater) who has made the decision to move to the West Country. Albeit being with us for a short time, he has made such a positive impact on the Federation.

Welcomes

We are delighted that Mrs Padro (Teacher) has joined the Federation team. Mrs Padro has a wealth of experience in school leadership on the mainland. She has a passion for Outdoor Learning and Sailing and is excited to bring these experiences to the children.

Moves Across the Federation

Ms Poulton is going to be joining Shalfleet C.E. Primary School for some of the week from the Freshwater & Yarmouth site. Ms Poulton has a lot of experience of working with the Shalfleet team and looks forward to developing her leadership of Science throughout the next academic year.

Go Green!

We are pleased to announce that Mr McCarty will be continuing with the Outdoor Learning model into next year. I know this is a popular area of the curriculum and many children have developed their motor skills, team building skills and confidence through these lessons. We have refined the structure of the sessions to ensure that the younger year groups receive regular Outdoor Learning and the older children receive a meaningful block of learning throughout the year. The timetable for this will be released prior to the end of term.

We are delighted to continue developing our PE curriculum with our Sports Coach, Mr Westhorpe, who will be leading PE sessions and organising extracurricular events and competitions alongside our PE leader.

Freshwater Staffing:

Class	Teacher	Support Staff Range of roles – 1:1, Interventions, TA support
Reception	Mrs Haisell	Ms Sampson (HLTA) Mrs Bird Ms James Mrs George
Year 1	Ms Powell	Mrs Burton

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		Mrs Taylor Miss Sampson (HLTA)
Year 2	Mrs Padro Ms Poulton	Miss Chiverton Mrs Harris Mrs Dunleavey
Year 3	Mr Napier	Mrs George Mrs Sexton Mrs Walldock (HLTA)
Year 4	Mrs Whitehead	Mrs Bristow Mrs Beesley Mrs Walldock (HLTA)
Year 5	Mrs Reid	Mr McCarty Miss Knight Mrs Walldock (HLTA)
Year 6	Mr Cook Mrs Armstrong	Ms Heimour

We are looking forward to starting a new, positive academic year with our wonderful children and families. We hope you have a wonderful Summer.

With warmest regards,

Mrs Grainger

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