NINE ACRES NEWS

Articulate, Passionate, Persuasive & Positively influencing the world around us.

ISSUE 05
09/10/2026

KEY DATES

OCTOBER 2026

Fri 16th Oct 2026 - Pumpkin Parade.
Fri 16th Oct 2026 - Year 6 'Restart a Heart' Session.
Thurs 29th Oct 2026 - Helping Hands Halloween Disco.
Mon 19th Oct - Friday 30th October 2026 - October Half Term.

NOVEMBER 2026

Tues 3rd Nov 2026 - Flu Immunisations.
Thurs 5th Nov 2026 - Year 6 Milestones Museum Visit.
Mon 16th Nov 2026 - Parents' Evening.
Tues 17th Nov 2026 - Years 1 & 2 Cinema Trip.
Wed 18th Nov 2026 - Parents' Evening.
Fri 20th Nov 2026 - Children in Need.
Mon 23rd - Fri 4th Dec 2026 - Attendance Focus Fortnight.
Tues 24th Nov 2026 - Years 5 & 6 Cinema Trip.
Fri 27th Nov 2026 - Years 3 & 4 Cinema Trip.

DECEMBER 2026

Wed 2nd Dec 2026 - EYFS Festive Craft Afternoon.
Fri 4th Dec 2026 - Christmas Mufti Day.
Mon 7th Dec 2026 - Height & Weight for EYFS & Year 6.
Thurs 10th Dec 2026 - KS2 Festive Craft Sessions.
Fri 11th Dec 2026 - Helping Hands Christmas Market.
Thurs 17th Dec 2026 - Christmas Dinner Day.
Fri 18th Dec 2026 - Christmas Jumper Day.
Fri 18th Dec 2026 - Early Closing at 1.00pm.
Mon 21st Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2027 - Christmas Holidays.

Dear Families,

The rain finally arrived this week and the temperature has certainly dropped, but the pace remains as busy as ever at Nine Acres!

This week, our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a wonderful visit to Wildheart Animal Sanctuary, supporting their learning through a memorable hands-on experience. We also welcomed many prospective families to our first-ever Open Evening. It was fantastic to showcase all that makes Nine Acres such a special place. If you know anyone who was unable to attend, please reassure them that additional tours will be available after half term.

Today, we were delighted to welcome the renowned author Maz Evans and illustrator Neal Layton to Nine Acres. What an incredible opportunity for our children to meet and hear from two highly celebrated figures in children's literature.

We have also enjoyed a wonderful celebration of the cultures, backgrounds and community that make Nine Acres such a special place during our Cultural Day. It has been fantastic to see children sharing their heritage with pride and learning about the experiences and traditions of others. The sense of belonging, respect and community that shone throughout the day was a fitting reflection of the values we hold dear at Nine Acres.

We look forward to the final week of this busy half term - have a wonderful weekend,
Miss McDonald

HOUSE POINTS

205	198
190	214

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Striving For Excellence

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

ARRIVE AND STRIVE!

ATTENDANCE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET:

97%

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 96.89%

WELL DONE BALMORAL CLASS!

CLASS ATTENDANCE

DATES - 02/10/2026-08/10/2026

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
CARISBROOKE:	95.17%	1
YARMOUTH:	97.67%	3
BIGGLESWADE:	97.24%	0
CORFE:	96.33%	1
BALMORAL:	99.33%	0
WINDSOR:	98.67%	0
ARUNDEL:	98.33%	0
BAMBURGH:	96.67%	0
KENDAL:	95.67%	3
WARWICK:	96.67%	3
EDINBURGH:	96.67%	3
STIRLING:	96.33%	1
DURHAM:	95.33%	1
YORK:	96.33%	0

GOOD ATTENDANCE ENSURES THAT CHILDREN CAN DEVELOP AT THE RIGHT PACE, GAIN CONFIDENCE AS THEY MAKE PROGRESS, AND ULTIMATELY ENJOY SCHOOL AS THEY SEE THEMSELVES SUCCEED

READING

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SCHOOL ID: 59721

WELL DONE TO: BALMORAL & BAMBURGH CLASSES

WORD OF THE WEEK

CREEP

Striving For Excellence

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

#Striving For Excellence

SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS

TOMMY
ROXIE
OLIVIA
JAXON
ELI
WILF
ARLO
CHARLEE
FYNNLEY
MILAH
ALEX
PRISHA

Each week, a child from each class who has demonstrated our school values will receive a special certificate to celebrate their achievements. We are incredibly proud of all the children who are working hard to show our values each day.
Look out for our weekly newsletter to see which children have been recognised!

 # ARTICULATE # PASSIONATE # PERSUASIVE
 # POSITIVELY INFLUENCING THE WORLD AROUND US

HALF TERM SUBJECT FOCUS: YOUNG AUTHOR AWARD

TRISTAN
ALAKAI
HOLLIE
BLAKE
AMELIA
HUNTER

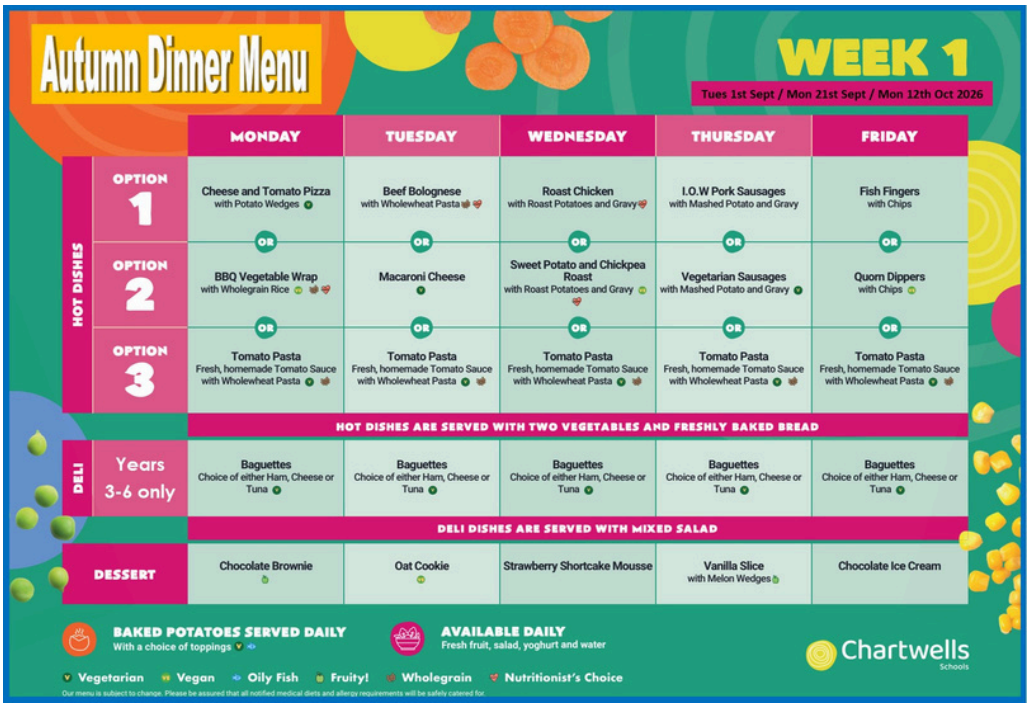
This half term, our special certificate is the **Young Author Award**, celebrating children who have shown a love of writing and worked hard to develop their writing skills. Each week, we celebrate a child from each class who has impressed us with their creativity, imagination and effort in writing.
We are so proud of our Young Authors!

LILY-MAY
PHOEBE
RAEGAN
GEORGE
SHELBY
DYLAN

IN OTHER NEWS...

MENU

NEXT WEEK WE ARE ON: WEEK ONE



Autumn Dinner Menu

WEEK 1

Tues 1st Sept / Mon 21st Sept / Mon 12th Oct 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES – OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	I.O.W Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
HOT DISHES – OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Quorn Dippers with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
HOT DISHES – OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DELI – Years 3-6 only	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie	Oat Cookie	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Vanilla Slice with Melon Wedges	Chocolate Ice Cream

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY – With a choice of toppings

AVAILABLE DAILY – Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian · Vegan · Oily Fish · Fruity! · Wholegrain · Nutritionist's Choice

Chartwells Schools

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Educational Visit Dates at Nine Acres

SEPTEMBER 2026

~~**Tues 22nd Sept 2026** - Year 3 Quarr Abbey Visit.~~

~~**Thurs 24th Sept 2026** - Year 1 Osborne House Visit.~~

OCTOBER 2026

~~**Fri 2nd Oct 2026** - Year 6 UKSA Visit.~~

~~**Tues 6th Oct 2026** - Year 2 Wildheart Animal Sanctuary Visit.~~

NOVEMBER 2026

Thurs 5th Nov 2026 - Year 6 Milestones Museum Visit.

DECEMBER 2026

Thurs 3rd Dec 2026 - Year 1 Mayflower Studios Visit.

JANUARY 2027

26-28th Jan 2026 - Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential.

FEBRUARY 2027

MARCH 2027

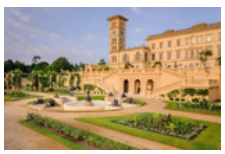
Tues 2nd March 2026 - Year 3 Butser Farm Visit.

APRIL 2027

MAY 2027

More Educational Visits dates will be added to the list soon, so please keep checking.

wildheart animal sanctuary isle of wight · MILESTONES LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM · Marwell Zoo · Amazon World · BUTSER ANCIENT FARM · WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE AND PLANETARIUM · CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURES RESORT



IN OTHER NEWS...

OFFICE NEWS

Development Days

~~Tuesday 1st Sept 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY~~
~~Wed 2nd Sept 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY~~

We have 3 more Development Days for 2026-2027 academic year to book.

RESTART A HEART

Year 6 are off to Newport Fire Station on **Friday 16th October 2026** where they will be given an opportunity to learn how to restart the heart on someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest. Children will be walking to and from the Fire Station, so please ensure they have a waterproof coat and inhalers if required.

PE DAYS

All children should come to school in their Nine Acres PE kits on their allocated day.

From Monday 12th October 2026

PE Days for each Year Group

Monday - NO PE
Tuesday - Years 1 & 2
Wednesday - Years 3 & 4
Thursday - Years 5 & 6
Friday - EYFS after October half term

Please ensure your child has a Nine Acres PE Kit and sensible footwear for PE lessons. All sessions will be held outdoors.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school everyday.

HOUSE COLOUR MUFTI

On **Thursday 15th October 2026** there will be a mufti day for **Blue House**!

Well done BLUE house for collecting the most house points this half term.

Secondary School Application Deadline for our Year 6 Children

The deadline for making an application for secondary school for our Year 6 families is **31st October 2026**.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS 3RD NOVEMBER 2026

Our annual flu immunisations will take place here at school on **Tuesday 3rd November**. We have sent the sign up link via email this week.

Please see the link below:
https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=CW118164

The deadline to sign up for your child to book a flu immunisation is **30th October 2026.**

HELPING HANDS HALLOWEEN DISCO TICKETS

The Helping Hands Halloween Disco Tickets are now on sale at the school office. £2.00 each - cash only.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

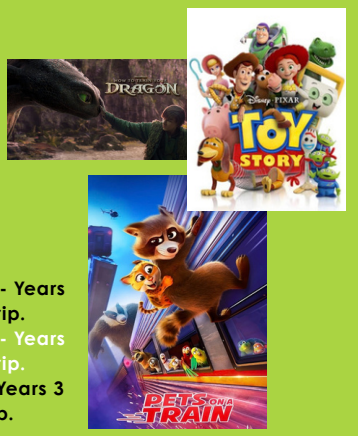
HELPING HANDS PUMPKIN PARADE 2026

UPCOMING CINEMA TRIPS

As part of the film festival we have secured films for Years 1-6 at the Cineworld Cinema in Newport.

All children will walk to the cinema on their chosen day and will need a waterproof coat for these trips.

Tues 17th Nov 2026 - Years 1 & 2 Cinema Trip.
Tues 24th Nov 2026 - Years 5 & 6 Cinema Trip.
Fri 27th Nov 2026 - Years 3 & 4 Cinema Trip.



IN OTHER NEWS...

HELPING HANDS PTA

Helping Hands
Nine Acres
Parent/Teacher Association

Our next meeting (last one of the year) will be on **Tuesday 13th October, 8.45am**, meeting in the foyer. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on **helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk** or leave a message for us at the school office.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Helping Hands

Helping Hands – Nine Acres PTA

Only one week until this year's Pumpkin Parade! We can't wait to see your 'Creatures!' themed pumpkin designs. Your creature can be mythical, prehistoric, woodland, famous from TV/film or just plain spooky!Every year we are overwhelmed by the ingenious and spectacular creations! As in previous years, it will be £1 to enter. Pumpkins clearly marked with the child's class and name can be placed on the grass area in the front playground before school on Friday 16th October. Prizes to be won! Remember there is an adult prize too!

We are also very excited to announce the return of the Halloween Disco. It will be run in a similar fashion to our very popular Valentine Disco with 2 discos to ensure enough space for everyone who wishes to come EYFS and KS1 children 2pm-2.45 followed by KS2 children 3pm - 4pm. As last year, it will be held during the holidays to get as close to Halloween as possible - fancy dress of course. Well done to everyone who has already got their tickets. Very Important ***Please buy tickets in advance*** (there will be no tickets available on the door) so we can ensure the correct number of sweet bags, match any dietary requirements and guarantee plentiful adult supervision.

Diary Dates

- Pumpkin Parade – Friday 16th October 2026.
- Halloween Disco - Thursday 29th October 2026.
- Christmas Mufti Day – Friday 4th December 2026.
- Christmas Market – Friday 11th December 2026.
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Tuesday 12th January 2027.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

ADULT LEARNING
Autumn 2026
Funded by UK Government

All workshops and courses are for adults (19+ years old) and take place at The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde, PO33 1QS. To book your place go to www.iow.gov.uk/adcourses

NOCN Functional Skills in English and maths
All NOCN courses are fully funded.
All start the week commencing Monday 7 September 2026.

Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council
- **Maths**, Mondays 1pm to 3pm.
- **English**, Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am.

Sandown Library
- **Maths**, Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am.
- **English**, Tuesdays 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

Downside Community Centre
- **Maths**, Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am.
- **English**, Tuesdays 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

The Learning Centre, Ryde
- **Maths**, Wednesdays 9.30am to 11.30am.
- **Maths**, Wednesdays 12.30pm to 2.30pm.
- **English**, Wednesdays 12.30pm to 2.30pm.
- **Maths and English**, Thursdays 6pm to 8pm.

East Side Curve, East Cowes
- **Maths**, Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am.
- **English**, Thursdays 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

NOCN Level one portfolio awards
Skills for employment, training, and personal development.
Employability skills and confidence for the workplace, with progression to further study or employment. Covers English, maths, personal development, communication, self-confidence and future career options. Contact us for more details.

ECDL
All courses are fully funded.

Computers for beginners
Six week course.
Thursday 10 September to 15 October, 9.30am to 12.30pm.
Tuesdays 10 November to 15 December, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Everyday computer skills
Six week course.
Mondays 7 September to 12 October, 9.30am to 12.30pm.
Thursdays 12 November to 17 December, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Spreadsheets
Six week course.
Tuesdays 8 September to 13 October, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Word processing
Six week course.
Mondays 9 November to 14 December, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Careers
Fully funded.
One to one career appointment dates, please contact us for available times.
- Friday 18 September
- Friday 2 and 16 October
- Friday 13 November
- Friday 11 December

Art

Oil painting portrait sketches
Workshop.
Saturday 10 October, 10am to 3pm. Cost £45.

Basic drawing
Three week course.
Mondays 9 to 23 November, 9.30am to 12pm. Cost £60.

Coloured pencil land and seascapes
Workshop.
Saturday 21 November, 10am to 3pm. Cost £45.

Expressive watercolours
Workshop.
Tuesday 1 December, 10am to 3pm. Cost £45.

For more information and to book your place.
iow.gov.uk/adcourses
01983 817280 - option one
ace@iow.gov.uk
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Craft

Beginners' wirework rings
Workshop.
Saturday 3 October, 10am to 3pm. Cost £45.

Mindful woven wall art
Workshop.
Friday 9 October, 10am to 3pm. Cost £45.

Patchwork tote bag
Two week course.
Tuesdays 3 to 10 November, 6pm to 8.30pm. Cost £45.

Willow star lanterns
Two week course.
Fridays 20 to 27 November, 10am to 1pm. Cost £50.

Festive wire earrings
Workshop.
Sunday 22 November, 10am to 3pm. Cost £45.

Macrame gonks
Workshop.
Sunday 29 November, 10am to 2pm. Cost £40.

Van Gogh inspired mosaic
Workshop.
Friday 4 December, 10am to 3pm. Cost £50.

Lino printed cards and tags
Workshop.
Sunday 6 December, 10am to 2pm. Cost £40.

Isle of Wight Council