

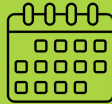


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13/02/2026

NINE ACRES NEWS

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

KEY DATES



FEBRUARY 2026

Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb 2026 - February Half Term.

Mon 23rd Feb 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Tues 24th Feb 2026 - First day of Spring Term 2.

NEW Wed 25th Feb 2026 - Year 5 Stirling - River Walk.

NEW Thurs 26th Feb 2026 - Year 5 Edinburgh - River Walk.

MARCH 2026

Mon 2nd March 2026 - Parents' Evening.

Wed 4th March 2026 - Parents' Evening.

Thurs 5th March 2026 - World Book Day.

Thurs 10th March 2026 - Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Visit.

NEW Wed 25th March 2026 - EYFS Superhero Day.

Friday 27th March 2026 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April 2026 - Easter Holidays.

APRIL 2026

Mon 13th April 2026 - First day of Summer Term 1.

Thurs 23rd April 2026 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Visit.

Tues 28th April 2026 - Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Visit.

MAY 2026

Mon 4th May 2026 - BANK HOLIDAY School closed to pupils.

Thurs 7th May 2026 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Visit.

Mon 11th May 2026 - KS2 SATs Week.

Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May 2026 - May Half Term.

JUNE 2026

Mon 1st June 2026 - First day of Summer Term 2.

Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th June 2026 - Year 5/Group 1 Sailing at SVYC, Seaview.

Tues 9th, Wed 10th, Thurs 11th June 2026 - Year 5/Group 2 Sailing at SVYC, Seaview.

Thurs 18th June 2026 - Helping Hands Summer Fayre.

Friday 19th June 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Mon 22nd June 2026 - KS2 Sports Day.

Tues 23rd June 2026 - KS1 Sports Day.

Wed 24th - Thurs 25th June 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

Tues 30th June 2026 - EYFS Beach Visit.

JULY 2026

Mon 6th July 2026 - Attendance Focus Fortnight begins.

Friday 24th July 2026 - Last day of term.

Mon 27th July 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Tues 28th July - Monday 31st August 2026 - Summer Holiday's.

Dear Families,

What a wet first half term of 2026 it has been! It has been packed with learning, and we have loved seeing our children flourish in the new year. From reading awards to choir opportunities, our children have truly shone this half term.

This week has been no different and it was a week of dancing! It was a delight to see so many children showing off their moves at the Valentine's disco and of course our wonderful Year 1 pupils danced away at their Ball.

Year 4 have also taken part in drama workshops this week focusing on developing strategies to support their mental health - other year groups have workshops planned next half term!

Just a reminder that the first Monday back (23rd February) is a staff development day, so all children will return to school on Tuesday 24th February 2026.

We hope you all have a restful half term break - and fingers crossed for some dry weather!

Miss McDonald



HOUSE POINTS



215



247



222



231



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Striving For Excellence

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



ARRIVE
AND
STRIVE!



ATTENDANCE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET:



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK IS: **95.45%**

THIS WEEKS WINNING CLASS:
WELL DONE **WARWICK!**

CLASS ATTENDANCE

DATES - 06/02/2026 - 12/02/2026

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>LATES</u>
CARISBROOKE:	98.64%	0
YARMOUTH:	95.00%	0
BIGGLESWADE:	99.00%	0
CORFE:	94.67%	0
BALMORAL:	97.67%	0
WINDSOR:	94.00%	0
ARUNDEL:	95.00%	0
BAMBURGH:	96.21%	5
KENDAL:	97.00%	0
WARWICK:	99.33%	1
EDINBURGH:	97.93%	0
STIRLING:	89.67%	3
DURHAM:	91.67%	1
YORK:	90.67%	4

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



SCHOOL ID:
59721

WELL DONE TO:
WINDSOR & DURHAM
CLASSES

WORD OF THE WEEK



MEANDER



to have a lot of curves instead of going in a straight or direct line .

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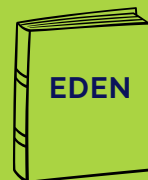
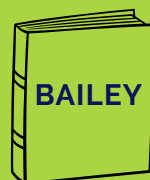
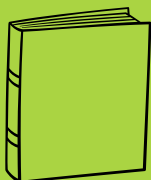
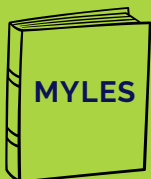
#Striving
For
Excellence

SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS



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

HALF TERM SUBJECT FOCUS: YOUNG AUTHOR AWARD



IN OTHER NEWS...



MENU

NEXT WEEK WE ARE ON: **WEEK TWO**

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU		WEEK 2				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice	Battered Fish with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DESSERT		Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Raspberry Jelly	Strawberry 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

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

Chartwells Schools

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

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Wednesday 1st October 2025 - Year 1 Osborne House Visit
Tuesday 14th October 2025 - Year 6 Milestones Museum Visit.
Wednesday 26th November 2025 - Year 5 London Visit.
Thursday 4th December 2025 - Year 1 Mayflower Studios Visit.
Thursday 22nd January 2026 - EYFS Amazon World Visit.
Thursday 29th January 2026 - Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Visit.
Tuesday 3rd February 2026 - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit.
Tuesday 10th March 2026 - Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Visit.
Thursday 23rd April 2026 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre Visit.
Tuesday 28th April 2026 - Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Visit.
Thursday 7th May 2026 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Visit.
Wednesday 24th June - Thursday 25th June 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Visit.
2nd/3rd/4th June & 9th/10th/11th June 2026 - Year 5 Sailing at RYVC, Seaview.
Tuesday 30th June 2026 - EYFS Bembridge Beach Visit.

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

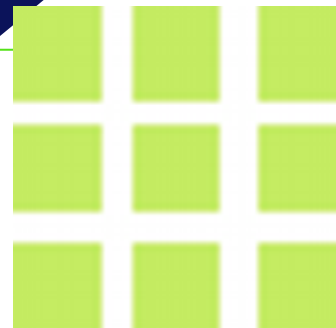


**WINCHESTER
SCIENCE CENTRE
AND PLANETARIUM**

Please return the permission forms to the office as soon as possible and ensure deposits and full payments are made on time using ParentPay. Barcode letters to make payments via a PayPoint site in a local shop are available by request at the school office.



IN OTHER NEWS...



OFFICE NEWS

Development Days

Monday 1st Sept 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
Monday 23rd Feb 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday 19th June 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
Monday 27th July 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

We have 1 more development day to take during the 2025-2026 academic year.



World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2026

On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. We will be working with Waterstones Book shop on the day. Please refer to the letter sent home.



EYFS Superhero Day Wednesday 25th March 2026

We will be holding a Superhero Day for EYFS on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**.

All children in EYFS are welcomed to come to school dressed as a superhero of their choice.



Early Closing - Friday 27th March 2026

On **Friday 27th March 2026**, school will close early at 1.00pm.

Those children in Years 3/4/5/6 with walking home permission for this academic year will be released at 1.00pm, unless you inform us of alternative arrangements. Please inform the office.



Year 5 River Trips

Year 5 River Trips are happening this month. **Stirling Class** will take place on **Wednesday 25th February** and **Edinburgh Class** on **Thursday 26th February**. These walks are led by Southern water. A flyer has been sent home by email.



Year 5 PE - Change of Day

After half term, Year 5 PE will be changing to a Friday instead of Monday's. All children in Year 5 will need to wear their Nine Acres PE kit in to school on a Friday.



HALF TERM REMINDER

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026 is half term and school is closed to pupils. **Monday 23rd February** is also a Development Day.



Enrichment Clubs - Spring Term 2 2026

The Spring Term Enrichment Clubs continue after half term. Please ensure payment for the 2nd part of clubs is paid on ParentPay if you chose to make payment in two parts.



Year 3 Swimming Permission Forms

Please ensure that you return your child's Year 3 swimming permission forms to the office.

Thank you



UPCOMING EVENTS @ NINE ACRES

Parents' Evenings Monday 2nd & Wednesday 4th March 2026

We are looking forward to the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development at school during our upcoming Parents' Evenings at the beginning of March.

Sign-up sheets are available at the school office.



> Nine Acres Primary School <

SCIENCE COMPETITION

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2026

What's YOUR Question?

Spark Curiosity & Find the Answers!

BIG QUESTION?

How did the dinosaurs go extinct?

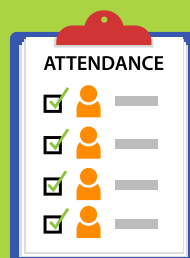
Create a Poster to Answer a BIG QUESTION! ≤

Entries Due: 6th March

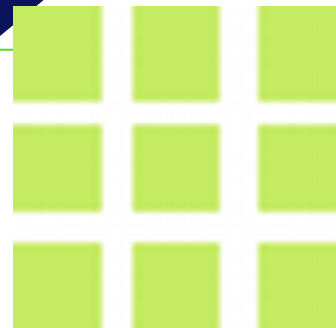
Attendance Focus Fortnight Monday 9th February - Friday 27th February 2026

Our Attendance Focus Fortnight continues after half term. We will hold a celebration assembly when we return, to award the prizes!

Thank you for working with us to give every child the best possible start to each school day. Let's do this together!!



IN OTHER NEWS...



HELPING HANDS PTA

Helping Hands Nine Acres Parent/Teacher Association



Valentine's Disco

Wow! There were some amazing dance moves on display! What a great way to celebrate the end of half term. A massive thank you to everyone who came along to support the discos – we hope you had a great time! An enormous thank you to the fabulous staff and the amazing Helping Hands team that made it possible.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd March, 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

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM EVENTS

MAGIC DINOSAUR TOUR
Fossil Hunting & Close-Up Magic with Phoebe Adams
February Half Term 2025
Sun 15th 3pm Corruption
Mon 16th 4pm Fort Mo
Tue 17th 3pm Corruption
Thur 19th 4pm Fort Mo

Dinosaur Fossil Hunt

CLAY DAYS
• Create a unique Roman-inspired self-portrait in clay
• Decorate your artwork with your own face in Latin

CREATIVE COINS
• Craft an embossed foil metalizer masterpiece!
• Discover and handle coins from across history and be inspired by symbols and portraits.

£1 per person
• 10am to 2pm
Monday 16 February
• Wednesday 18 February

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museums@low.gov.uk
Isle of Wight Council

Dinosaur Isle Museum On The Road!

- Handle and explore real Isle of Wight fossils
- Use our interactive microscope to explore artefacts
- Chat with our expert museum staff who can bring the objects to life, and identify your own fossils.
- Meet 125 million year old Cretaceous dinosaurs through to 100,000 year old Ice Age beasts!
- Explore what the Isle of Wight environments used to look like

All at
Lord Louis children's library
Monday 16 February
between 2 - 4 pm

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All at
Ventnor library
Tuesday 17 February
between 2 - 4 pm

All at
Byde library
Wednesday 18 February
between 2 - 4 pm