



# NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 1st March 2024

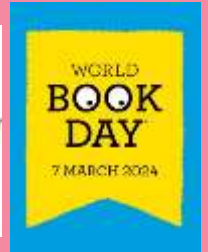
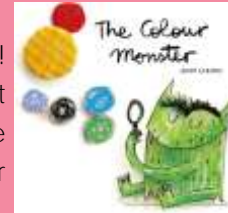


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Dear Families of Nine Acres,

We are eagerly anticipating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March! Remember we would like our children for dress themselves in their most vibrant and mismatched clothes – clashing colours are encouraged! We can't wait to see the creative combinations! Please do join us for our family end-of-day story time as well on that day.



Next week marks our Parents' Evenings on Monday and Wednesday. If you haven't already, please ensure you've signed up. These meetings are vital for our children's progress, and your presence is invaluable as we collaborate for their bright futures.

This Wednesday, our Year 1 explorers embarked on their first Geography Fieldwork trip to gather data from our local park area. As we delve deeper into our Geography curriculum, we have planned specific fieldwork studies focusing on our island and locality. Please take time with your children to explore maps of the island, its routes, cycle paths, and unique features that make it an actual island! Encourage them to spot the Isle of Wight on larger maps of the UK and the world – it's a valuable learning experience!



Thank you for your unwavering efforts in ensuring your children arrive at school on time. Witnessing their beaming smiles and sense of belonging as they join their classmates to go into school is truly heart-warming.



By now, you will have received your child's knowledge organiser for this half-term. Please take the opportunity to discuss it with your child and encourage additional learning through storytelling, fact-finding, and embarking on family adventures. Every bit contributes to their confidence and enthusiasm for different subjects. They can then share these in class as the experts!

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Dyer



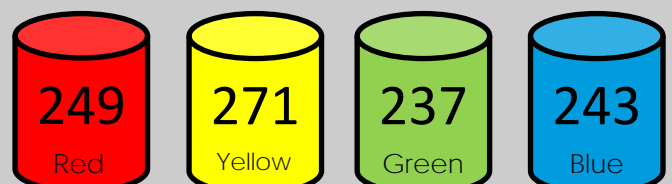
## Development Days

- Friday 1st September 2023 – DEVELOPMENT DAY—
- Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 – DEVELOPMENT DAY—
- Friday 14th June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Friday 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY



### House Points Totals

Well done to **YELLOW** house who received the most House Points for this week!



# PE DAYS



Week Commencing Monday 4th March 2024

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

## PE Days for each Year Group

- EYFS - Monday
- Year 1 - Monday
- Year 2 - Thursday
- Year 3 - Wednesday
- Year 4 - Tuesday
- Year 5 - Friday
- Year 6 - Tuesday

Please ensure your child has a Nine Acres PE kit and sensible footwear for PE lessons. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school everyday. Please remove all earrings before your child comes to school and ensure that long hair is tied back.

## End of day procedures

If someone different to usual will be collecting your child at the end of the school day, please notify the school office by 2.30pm. You can notify the office by calling 522984 or by emailing [office@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:office@nineacrespri.co.uk)



## ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Have your circumstances changed? Could you now be entitled to Free School Meals?

Families of children in Year 3 and up are required to pay for School Dinners unless you are entitled to benefit related Free School Meals.

To apply online please go to:

[www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2](http://www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2)

## The Art of Gratitude

The art of gratitude

Expressing gratitude is truly an art, and today we extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Shaw and Mrs.

Edgington for their exceptional dedication and nurturing approach in fostering the development of our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) pupils.

Their meticulous attention to detail and unwavering commitment to phonics instruction have laid a strong foundation for our youngest learners. Through their creative adaptations tailored to follow children's interests, they have ignited a spark for learning that continues to flourish.

Moreover, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Edgington's outstanding relationships with parents have created a supportive atmosphere where families feel actively engaged and empowered in their child's educational journey.

Their commitment to continuous improvement and ensuring each child receives the tailored support they need to thrive is remarkable.

Thank you, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Edgington, for your invaluable contributions to the growth and success of our EYFS pupils.

Your dedication and passion truly make a difference every day.



## PE UNIFORM REMINDER

When you chose Nine Acres Primary for your child you also chose to adhere to the Nine Acres Uniform Policy including PE.

Therefore, a reminder:

- All children must wear the Nine Acres PE top.
- All children must have suitable trainers.
- PE hoodies are for PE only. Children must have a Nine Acres jumper for other days.
- Children must have blue or Black jogging bottoms.

If you need any support in ensuring your child has the right uniform, we are here to help.



# Nine Acres Community Primary School



Biggleswade  
Lily-May - Arts

## Explorer Awards

Kendal

Finnick - Science



Warwick

Taylor - Geography



Edinburgh

Finn - Languages

Stirling

Kieran - RE



Durham

Frankie - Music

York

Emilia - Music



Balmoral

Owen - PSHE

Windsor

Lilith - RE

Arundel

LJ - Geography

Bamburgh

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Well done everyone!!



# HELPING HANDS PTA



## World Book Day Cake Sale – Thursday 7th March 2024

To celebrate World Book Day, Helping Hands will be having a 'book themed' cake sale after school, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, in the front and back playground.

Do you love to bake? If you do, any donations of book themed cakes would be very gratefully received - Please bring them to the front office on the day.



## Our Next Meeting

Thank you again for all your continued support. Our next meeting will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 8.45am, meeting in the foyer. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on [helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk) or leave a message at the school office.

Thank you for all your continued support.

*Helping Hands*

## World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024

This year, our theme is 'Colourful,' and linked to the text 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. We encourage children and adults alike to dress in their most vibrant and colourful outfits for the occasion.



## Our Mental Health Mission Statement

*We believe having a mentally healthy community is not about being happy all the time, but about working together through the challenges and sharing the celebrations; feeling supported, heard, accepted, valued and empowered.*

This week we want to focus on 'the importance of healthy sleep'.

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/relaxation-tips/>



# Asthma Care Plans

If your child has Asthma or is currently being investigated for Asthma you must complete an Asthma Care Plan from the school office. It is essential that we have the correct information to help keep the children safe.

If your child no longer has Asthma, please can you notify us by emailing [office@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:office@nineacrespri.co.uk) so we can update your child's medical record. It is Parents' responsibility to ensure they update the school of any current medical conditions.

## Year 1 'Snuggle Up and Read' Sessions

The reading sessions will be held on:



Monday 11th March

3.10pm – 3.45pm

Thursday 21st March

3.10pm – 3.45pm

Monday 25th March

3.10pm – 3.45pm

## School Development News

On Thursday, Mrs Barbour, Mrs Spencer and Miss White travelled to Birmingham to visit an outstanding school. They toured the school, looked at pupils learning and curriculum development and spoke with subject leaders. It's so valuable to see other schools in action especially beyond the island.

## Schools Walk the Wight with Mountbatten



**Sunday, 12 May 2024**

Register now: [mountbatten.org.uk/swtw](http://mountbatten.org.uk/swtw)

## Governor News

The Governors have been diligently engaged in their monitoring roles over the past few weeks, actively supporting and challenging the school's initiatives. Their focus has encompassed various subjects including Religious Education & World Views, Science, Computing, and Music. Additionally, they have delved into discussions regarding attendance figures, safeguarding measures, and strategies to enhance community support.

The Governing Body remains steadfast in its commitment to Nine Acres' mission of 'Striving for Excellence' for every pupil. Through their dedicated efforts, they continue to ensure that our school maintains its pursuit of academic and holistic development for all pupils.

## DT Project Donations

For our DT projects towards the end of the term, Year 5 are in need of donations of newspaper and cardboard. If you are able to support us, please send these into your child's classroom.



# Diary Dates 2023/2024



## MARCH 2024

Fri 1st March 2024 - Helping Hands Meeting - Meet in the foyer at 8.45am.

Mon 4th March 2024 - Parents' Evening.

Wed 6th March 2024 - Parents' Evening.

Thurs 7th March 2024 - WORLD BOOK DAY - Wear something colourful!!

**NEW** Wed 13th March 2024 - EYFS Library Trip.

Mon 18th March 2024 - Year 5 Shakespeare Day at Carisbrooke Castle.

Wed 20th March 2024 - Year 6 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Trip.

Wed 27th March 2024 - Year 4 Overnight Space Camp.

Thurs 28th March 2024 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Fri 29th March 2024 - Good Friday - School closed to pupils.

## APRIL 2024

Mon 1st April 2024 - Bank Holiday Monday - School closed to pupils.

Mon 8th-Fri 11th April 2024 - Year 6 Easter School.

Mon 1st April - Friday 12th April 2024 - Easter Holidays.

Tues 16th April 2024 - Swimming for Arundel Class will begin.

Fri 19th April 2024 - Helping Hands Meeting - Meet in the foyer at 8.45am.

Thurs 25th April 2024 - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium Trip.

Fri 26th April 2024 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

## MAY 2024

Mon 6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed.

Wed 8th May 2024 - Year 5 London Trip.

Week commencing 13th May 2024 - KS2 SATS.

Week commencing 20th May 2024 - KS1 SATS.

Mon 27th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed.

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024 - May Half Term.

## JUNE 2024

Wed 5th June 2024 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Tues 11th June 2024 - Swimming for Bamburgh class begins.

**DEVELOPMENT DAY** Fri 14th June 2024

Thurs 20th June 2024 - Summer Fayre.

**DEVELOPMENT DAY** Fri 21st June 2024

Mon 24th June & Tues 25th June 2024 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

## JULY 2024

Thurs 4th July 2024 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Fri 5th July 2024 - KS2 Sports Day.

**DEVELOPMENT DAY** Fri 26th July 2024

Mon 29th July 2024 - Fri 31st Aug 2024 - Summer Holidays.

*New dates will be added - Please check the box for **NEW** to see any added dates.*

# Enrichment Clubs

Spring Term 2 clubs are in full swing, if your child would like to join a club please email [enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk) to book spaces. The new Summer Term Club form will be out soon by email. Keep an eye in your inbox!



# Social Media

Do you follow us on Facebook? Scan the QR code to see our page on Facebook!!



SCAN ME

# Boom Reader (Go Read)

Please continue to log your child's reading on the Boom Reader (Go Read) app. It is an expectation that all children in Years EYFS – Year 6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week.



# We are a nut free school!

Please may we remind you that Nine Acres is a nut free school.

Nuts and nut products should not be brought into school.



Would you like information on how to access additional support regarding your child's education?

Why not attend the Education & Early Help

# Drop-in Session

Come and visit us at  
the Sandown Family  
Hub on 25<sup>th</sup> March  
2024 between 1pm and  
4pm.



To Contact Early Help team please call 01983 823171

To Contact Education & Inclusion Service 01983 823151



Isle of Wight  
Council

[www.iow.gov.uk](http://www.iow.gov.uk)



# NINE ACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our Nine Acres Uniform is available from Kids and Co in Ryde. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit and sensible black school shoes.

## EYFS - Year 4

### Autumn/Spring/Summer Term

School Logo White Polo Shirt  
(Blue for EYFS only)  
Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo  
Charcoal Grey Trousers or Grey Skirt  
Grey or White Plain Ankle Socks  
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

### Summer Term

School Logo White Polo Shirt (Blue for EYFS only)  
Charcoal Grey Shorts or Skirt/Blue Summer Dress  
Grey or White Ankle Short Socks  
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

## Year 5 and Year 6

### Autumn/Spring/Summer Term

Navy Blue Jumper/Cardigan with School Logo  
Plain White Shirt (Long or Short Sleeve)  
School Tie  
Charcoal Grey Trousers or Skirt  
Grey or White Ankle Short Socks  
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

### Summer Term

Plain White Shirt (Short Sleeve)  
School Tie  
Charcoal Grey Shorts or Skirt  
Grey or White Plain Short Socks  
Black Sensible School Shoes - No Boots or Fashion Shoes/Trainers

## PE Kit (All Years)

Lime Green Logo Polo Shirt  
Navy/Black Shorts  
Trainers  
White Plain Short Ankle Socks  
Navy Blue or Black Tracksuit Bottoms & a Navy hooded top for Sports activities  
Drawstring PE Bag



# FOODBANK VOUCHERS



Many families are struggling more than ever with rising household costs and we want to be able to support you however we can. We continue to provide our families with vouchers to the Island's Food Banks. If you would like some more information or are in need of a voucher, please speak to Mrs Hussey. Referrals can be made to any of the Island's Food Banks for your convenience or confidentiality. There are currently Food Banks in Newport, Freshwater, Cowes, Ryde and Shanklin.

# Autumn/Winter School Dinner Menu

Chartwells		WEEK 2				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2023	HOT SPECIALS	Glaze and Tomato Potage w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Turkey Cox Collie w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Beef Oxtails w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Sausage Potato Bake w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Breaded Fish Fingers w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs
	ASIAN FISH	Beef Potage Curry w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Mexican Choco w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Orange Leek and Carrot Crumble w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Vegetarian Sausage Potato Bake w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Crispy Bacon Haggis w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs
	HERB	Jackpot Potatoes w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Jackpot Potatoes w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Jackpot Potatoes w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Jackpot Potatoes w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs	Jackpot Potatoes w/ Sweetcorn & Whisking Eggs
	All main meals are served with our vegetables					
	HERB	Carrot, Orange and Saffron Slice	Cranberry Chocolate Mince	Chocolate and Vanilla Mince Cake	Genet Cake	Woolferry Ice Cream

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: Vegetarian, Oily Fish, Wholegrain, Fruity, Nutritional Choice

Week Commencing  
Monday 4th  
March 2024  
Week 3

For children in Year 3 and above the school dinner price is **£2.60** per meal.

The cost for a weeks dinners is **£13.00**.



# Educational Visits

Wednesday 27th/Thursday 28th March 2024

Year 4 Overnight Space Camp  
Payment due by Friday 1st March 2024



Thursday 25th April 2024



**WINCHESTER  
SCIENCE CENTRE  
AND PLANETARIUM**

Year 4 Winchester  
Science Centre  
and Planetarium Trip.

Deposit Payment due by Friday 9th Feb 2024  
Full payment due by Monday 4th March 2024

Friday 26th April 2024

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.  
Deposit Payment due - Friday 9th  
February 2024  
Full payment due by Friday 12th  
April 2024



Wednesday 8th May 2024

Year 5 London Trip.

Deposit Payment was due - Friday  
2nd February 2024  
Full payment due by Friday 19th  
April 2024

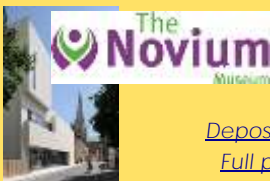
Wednesday 5th June 2024

Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Friday 1st March 2024  
Full payment due by Friday 17th May 2024



Thurs 13th/Fri 14th & Thurs 27th/Fri 28th June 2024



Year 3 Novium Museum Trip.  
 Arundel - 13th/14th June 2024  
 Bamburgh - 27th/28th June 2024

Deposit Payment due - Friday 1st March 2024  
Full payment due by Friday 17th May 2024

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June 2024

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Monday 6th  
November 2023

Full payment due by Monday 3rd June 2024



Please ensure deposits and full payments are made on time using ParentPay. Barcodes letters to pay via Paypoint in a local shop are available on request at the office.



Keep checking this box for further trips being announced in the coming months.

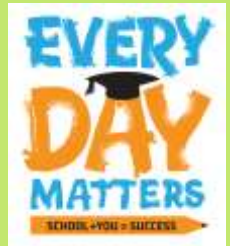
# School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.  
 Dates: 23/02/2024 - 29/02/2024

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	94.67%	0
Yarmouth:	97.65%	2
Biggleswade	94.64%	6
Corfe	97.93%	0
Balmoral:	97.33%	2
Windsor:	95.67%	1
Arundel:	91.72%	1
Bamburgh:	94.33%	3
Kendal:	93.00%	3
Warwick:	93.00%	2
Edinburgh:	90.67%	0
Stirling:	91.00%	1
Durham:	93.00%	2
York:	95.52%	3

Well done CORFE CLASS!  
 Whole school attendance this week is: 94.34%

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.



ParentPay is our only method of making payments.

Are you signed up to ParentPay? We no longer accept cash at the office. All items that require payment will be available on ParentPay.

**Nine Acres  
School Car Park**



Please do not use the school car park unless you have a school permit. We will continue to share the license plates in our newsletters and ask our community to also let us know if they see families using the car park without a school permit.

This is to support us in helping all our dedicated staff get to school on time to teach your children!