

NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence





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Dear Families of Nine Acres

This will be my final newsletter for Nine Acres - and even as I write those words, I find myself overwhelmed with emotion. It's hard to put into words just how much this school, and all of you, have come to mean to me. Being part of this extraordinary community has not just been a job - it's been a joy, a privilege, and a defining chapter of my life.

I am moving on to a new role with the Isle of Wight Council as the Service Manager for Education. It's an opportunity to support children and families across our island, and I take it on with great hope and determination. But leaving Nine Acres? That's the hardest part. Because this isn't just a workplace. It's a home. It's a family.

To Our Incomparable Staff

You are the heart of this school. You are the quiet heroes, showing up every single day with passion, with patience, and with love. I have watched you lift children up, hold them steady when the world felt uncertain, and celebrate their every success as if it were your own. You've made me laugh, inspired me daily, and reminded me constantly what education is truly about - heart.

From soggy playgrounds to glitter-covered classrooms, themed learning days to late-night planning, you've given your all. I am so proud to have stood beside you, and even prouder to have called you my team. Never doubt the difference you make. It's immeasurable.

To Our Governors

Behind the scenes, our Governing Body has played a vital role in shaping the vision, values, and direction of Nine Acres. Their commitment to the school is unwavering, their guidance thoughtful, and their support invaluable. I have been so fortunate to work with a group of individuals who truly care about every child, every member of staff, and the future of this school. They ask the right questions, challenge when needed, and above all, believe in what Nine Acres stands for. Thank you for your wisdom, your time, and your dedication - you have made a lasting impact on me and on this community.

To Our Nine Acres Families

Thank you. For every warm smile at the gate, every moment of partnership, and every time you placed your trust in the school. You have been a constant source of encouragement and strength, and it has been a privilege to walk alongside you in support of your children. Whether it was a quick chat in the corridor, a shared tear during difficult moments, or your incredible support during school events - you've shown what true community looks like. I will always be grateful for the relationships we've built together.

To Our Children - Past, Present and Yet to Come

You are the heartbeat of Nine Acres. You are the reason we do what we do. Watching you grow into kind, resilient, brilliant young people has been the greatest gift of all. From the tiniest Reception pupil bravely walking into school for the first time, to the confident Year 6's ready to take on the world - you have inspired me beyond words.

You've made me laugh, made me proud, and on more than one occasion, moved me to tears with your courage, your joy, and your unwavering spirit. Never stop being curious. Never stop being kind and never, ever forget - you are capable of incredible things.

Once Team Nine Acres, Always Team Nine Acres

This school lives in my heart now. I take with me memories that will last a lifetime: moments of quiet triumph in the classroom, spontaneous laughter in the corridors, and the unshakable spirit that runs through everything here. I am so proud of all we have built together.

As I say goodbye, I leave with a full heart, and a deep belief in everything Nine Acres stands for. This is a place where children are seen, believed in, and championed. That will never change.

So let me finish with this:

"You may not always have me in the room cheering you on - but know that I always will be, wherever I am." Keep believing in yourselves, keep lifting each other up, and keep being the extraordinary school that you are.

With warmest wishes and heartfelt thanks,

Mrs Dyer

<u>Diary Dates</u> 2024/2025



APRIL 2025

Mon 7th April - Friday 18th April 2025 - EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Fri 18th April 2025 - Good Friday - School closed to pupils.

Mon 21st April 2025 - Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils.

<u>Tues 22nd April 2025</u> - First day of Summer Term.

Thurs 24th April 2025 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

<u>Thurs 24th April 2025</u> - Year 3 Swimming Begins for Arundel class.

Mon 28th April 2025 - Year 4 Roman Villa Trip.

MAY 2025

Mon 5th May 2025 - Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils.

Thurs 8th May 2025 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

Mon 12th May 2025 - KS2 SATS WEEK.

Mon 19th May 2025 - KS1 SATS WEEK.

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May 2025 - MAY HALF TERM.

JUNF 2025

<u>Week Commencing 2nd June 2025</u> - Year 4 Multiplication Check.

2nd, 3rd & 4th June 2025 - Year 5 Sailing Trip.

10th, 11th & 12th June 2025 - Year 5 Sailing Trip.

<u>Thurs 12th June 2025</u> - Year 3 Swimming Begins for Bamburgh Class.

<u>Friday 13th June 2025</u> - Mufti Day for Summer Fayre. <u>Mon 16th - Fri 27th June 2025</u> - Attendance Focus Fortnight.

Wed 18th June 2025 - EYFS Beach Trip.

Thurs 19th June 2025 - Summer Fayre.

Fri 20th June 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Wed 25th June 2025 - KS2 Sports Day.

Thurs 26th June 2025 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Thurs 26th & Fri 27th June 2025 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

JULY 2025

Fri 4th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Thurs 24th July 2025 - Year 6 NAPA Awards.

Fri 25th July 2025 - Early Closing at 1.00pm.

<u>Diary Dates</u> 2024/2025 Continued

JULY 2025 CONT.

Mon 28th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Tues 29th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

<u>Wed 30th July - Fri 29th August 2025 - Summer Holidays.</u>

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



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.



Happy Easter to all our families, we hope you have

a lovely Easter break

and we look forward

to seeing you all again on Tuesday 22nd April.









EASTER SPORTS CAMPS

World Cup Days and Multi-Sports Days

COWES - Isle of Wight Community Club RYDE - Haylands Primary School EAST COWES - East Cowes Vics FC



8th April - World Cup

9th April - Multi-Sports

10th April - Multi-Sports

11th April - World Cup

14th April - World Cup

15th April - Multi-Sports

16th April - Multi-Sports

17th April - World Cup



10AM - 2.45PM

Fully qualified staff DBS checked First aid trained

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Reception to Year 8



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SATS Week Details

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May 2025

Year 6 SATS Week

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



Boom Reader

Please continue to log your child's reading on the Boom Reader (Go Read) app. It is an expectation that all children in Year 1 to Year 6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week.



End of Day Procedures

If you have a message regarding your child or 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

popping in and speaking to a member of the team, by calling 522984 or by emailing office@nineacrespri.co.uk

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 keeping moving!'

https://www.bbc.co.uk/ teach/supermovers/articles/ zpxc3j6



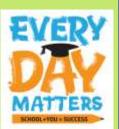
School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97% Dates: 28/03/2025 - 03/04/2025

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke	98.33%	0
Yarmouth	95.00%	0
Biggleswade	95.67%	2
Corfe	94.00%	0
Balmoral:	88.97%	2
Windsor:	90.34%	2
Arundel:	95.00%	0
Bamburgh:	97.33%	1
Kendal:	97.00%	0
Warwick:	95.67%	3
Edinburgh:	94.00%	0
Stirling:	90.67%	0
Durham:	93.33%	1
York:	96.67%	0

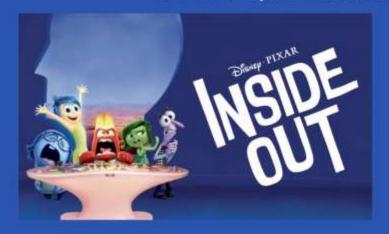
Well done CARISBROOKE!! Whole school attendance this week is: 94.45%

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.



Free Family Film Friday

Friday 4th April Newport Minster Doors 4pm Film at 4.30pm





Scan for tickets

Friday 23rd May Newport Minster Doors 4pm Film at 4.30pm





Scan for tickets

Tickets also available from the Minster Cafe







Spring/Summer

Menu 2025

Our new Spring / Summer Menu has now been emailed to our families. The menu for each week will be on the newsletter for your reference too.

Paper copies of the menu booklet will be available from the foyer on the letters tower.

We return to school on Tuesday 22nd

April on Week 1 of the new Spring /

Summer Term

Menu.



Enrichment Clubs

Summer Term 1 2025

Our clubs for Summer Term 1 2025 begin on Tuesday 22nd April 2025. There are a few places available in some clubs.

To book places, please email enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk



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 so we can update your child's

medical record.

It is Parents/Carers' responsibility to ensure they update the school of any current medical conditions.



Mr Toulson's Sports Bags

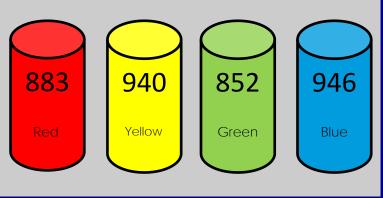
Each week, a child from every class is selected by Mr Toulson to take home a sports bag to use over the weekend. They can play with the equipment and design their own games making notes in the book. All bags are to be returned by the following Tuesday in readiness for the next child. We love to see how your child uses the sports equipment so please email

office@nineacrespri.co.uk with any photos you may have taken.

House Point Totals for Spring Term 2 2025 <u>Term Totals</u>

Well done to BLUE house who received the most House Points for this term!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



PE DAYS !!!

Nine Acres Primary School

Week Commencing Tues 22nd April 2025

All children should come to school in their Nine Acres

PE kits on their allocated day.

PE Days for each Year Group

EYFS - Tuesday

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Wednesday

Year 3 - Thursday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 - Monday

Please ensure your child has a warm 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.

Please remove earrings before your child comes to school and ensure that long hair is tied back.



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

- School Dinners
- Enrichment Clubs
 - School Trips



Please ensure your account is activated

SCHOOL DETAILS

<u>School Telephone</u>

Number



School Office Email

office@nineacrespri.co.uk

School Website

www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk

Medical Appointments

& Leave of Absence

Requests

If your child has a Drs/hospital/dental appointment, please ensure you have notified the school office of the time and date and handed in a copy of the medical letter or appointment card to the school office.

Leave of absence request forms for are available upon request at the school office. These will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.



Social Media

Do you follow us on Facebook?

Scan the QR code to see our page!!





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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. Please also refrain from bringing in sesame too.



ADULT LEARNING

Summer 2025 Office Printerial Education & Skills







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/ACLcourses

ICT

ICT courses are fully funded unless otherwise stated.

Computers for beginners

Six week course.

Thursday 24 April to 29 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Monday 2 June to 7 July, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Essential digital skills for work

12 week course.

Tuesday 22 April to 15 July (no session on 27 May), 9.30am to 12pm.

Please note: there will be an exam in the final week.

Introduction to Powerpoint presentation

Workshop.

Monday 28 April, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Introduction to Excel

Workshop.

Monday 12 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Introduction to Word

Workshop.

Monday 19 May, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Everyday computer skills

Six week course.

Thursday 5 June to 10 July, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Create short videos from photographs

Workshop.

Sunday 1 June, 10am to 2pm. Cost £22/£12*

For more information and to book your place.

C 01983 817280

acl@iow.gov.uk

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*Concessionary rates are offered to learners who are in receipt of specific means tested benefits. Proof of eligibility required.

Seascapes in oil using palette knives

Three week course.

Tuesday 29 April to 13 May, 9.30am to 12pm, Cost £48/£28*

Pen and wash

Workshop.

Thursday 1 May, 10am to 3pm. Cost £36/£24*

World of collage

Workshop.

Monday 19 May 10am to 3pm. Cost £36/£24*

Acrylic portraiture on canvas

Three week course.

Tuesday 3 to 17 June, 9.30am to 12pm, Cost £48/£28*

I wish I could draw

Workshop.

Saturday 14 June, 10am to 3pm. Cost £36/£24*

Craft

Wire and silk painted suncatchers

Three week course.

Friday 9 to 23 May, 9,30am to 12.30pm. Cost £55/£32*

Modern mosaics

Two week course.

Friday 30 May and 13 June, 6pm to 8.30pm. Cost £40/£28*

Get hooked on crochet

Three week course.

Monday 2 to 16 June, 6pm to 8pm. Cost £35/£20*

Willow sculpted birds

Workshop.

Friday 6 June, 10am to 1pm. Cost £22/£15*

Embroidery for beginners

Workshop.

Sunday 29 June, 10am to 2pm. Cost £25/£16*

Papier måché tealight

Two week course.

Monday 7 to 14 July, 9.30am to 12.30pm, Cost £35/£20*

Japanese hapazome art

Workshop.

Saturday 12 July, 10am to 2pm. Cost £25/£16*

Free online courses

To access a wide range of interactive and engaging short online courses visit iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses

Health and wellbeing

Indian head massage

Workshop.

Sunday 27 April, 10am to 2pm. Cost £22/£12*

Improve your self esteem

Three week course.

Tuesday 6 to 20 May, 6pm to 8pm. Cost £35/£20*

Workshop day

Sunday 11 May, 10am to 12pm or 1pm to 3pm.

Cost £10 each or £15 for both.

Macrame bracelets

Needle felted keyring

Beach themed sculptures

Careers appointments

Fully funded and offered at no cost. Call us to discuss your needs and book a one to one appointment with our career's advisor,

Learning and employment drop-in, Fridays 9.30am to 11.30am

Sessions on 25 April, 9 May, 23 May, 13 June and 25 July.

Computer support drop-in, Fridays 9.30am to 12.30pm Sessions on 2 May, 16 May, 6 June,

20 June, 4 July and 18 July. Isle of Wight

Council

The Adult and Community Learning Summer Programme is now out, so why not pop over to www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses and check out the extensive range of workshops and courses on offer. Whether it is ICT, Art, Craft or Health and Wellbeing, you are bound to find something of interest. We are also offering FREE short online courses, covering a wide variety of topics, more details of these can be found on our website. Our waiting lists are now open for our NOCN Functional Skills English and maths classes starting in September, these are offered from entry level up to level 2, and the level 2 is equivalent to a pass at GCSE, which is widely recognised by employers, colleges, and some universities. So, what are you waiting for, you have nothing to lose! You can also contact us on 01983 817280 or acl@iow.gov.uk

School Trip Permission Forms

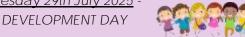
We have some trip permission forms outstanding for our upcoming trips across school, these have been sent home to families, please sign and complete the form and return it to the school office.

Easter Holidays

School will be closed from Monday 7th April and will reopen on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

Development Days

Monday 2nd Sept 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY Friday 20th June 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY Friday 4th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY Monday 28th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY Tuesday 29th July 2025 -



Arundel Class will begin their swimming lessons on Thursday 24th April 2025.



The children will need

to wear their swimming costume/shorts to school under their PE Kit in order for them to be ready for their lesson.

Please ensure your child has had a good breakfast on the day before swimming and any inhalers should be up to date and with your child on the day. If your child does not have their inhaler they will not be able to participate.

On Thursday's, each week that your child will be swimming, they will require a packed lunch brought in from home along with a snack for after swimming.

Swimming will take place on the following dates:

- Thursday 24th April 2025 1.00-2.00pm
- Thursday 1st May 2025 1.00-2.00pm
- Thursday 8th May 2025 1.00-2.00pm
- Thursday 22nd May 2025 1.00-2.00pm
- Thursday 5th June 2025 1.00-2.00pm



Thank you to all the children who have already brought in their Easter colouring - they look amazing! There is still plenty of time to enter as the closing date is Friday 25th April. If you would like to enter the competition, please remember to bring 50p with the picture or you won't be entered for the



draw. There will be 3 prizes of an Easter Egg - one each for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Winners will be selected at random from the entries.

Wishing all our families a Happy Easter and a wonderful holiday!

Our next meeting will be Friday 2nd May, 8.45am, meeting in the foyer. If you would like to know please contact us via email helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk or

leave a message for us at the school office.



Dates for Diaries

NEXT MEETING - Friday 4th April 2025, 8.45am meet in school foyer.



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Educational Visits

at Nine Acres



Thursday 24th April 2025

Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

<u>Deposit Payment was due Monday 6th Jan 2025</u> Full payment was due by Monday 31st March 2025

Monday 28th April 2025

Year 4 Newport Roman Villa Trip

Full payment was due by Monday 31st March 2025





Thursday 8th May 2025

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

<u>Deposit Payment was due Monday 6th Jan 2025</u> <u>Full payment was due by Monday 4th April 2024</u>

June 2025

Year 5 Sailing Trip

The letter will be sent out shortly. These sessions are free for our children.





Wednesday 18th June 2025

EYFS RNLI Beach Trip

<u>Letter and Payment Details will be</u> <u>sent out shortly.</u>

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th June 2025

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip.

<u>Deposit Payment was due Monday 4th</u> <u>November 2024</u>

Full payment is due by Monday 2nd June 2025



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.

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

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Food Banks for your convenience or
confidentiality. There are currently Food Banks
in Newport.

Freshwater, Cowes, Ryde and Shanklin.



ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Have your circumstances changed?
Could you now be entitled to Free
School Meals?
To apply online please go to:

http://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/

Nine Acres School Car Park

Please do not use the school car park unless you have a Nine Acres School parking 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!

Parking permits are available from the school office for Chapel Street car park.



