



# NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 1st December 2023



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Dear Families of Nine Acres,

Wow! What a generous community we have! We are overwhelmed with your donations for the Nine Acres Christmas Market- it's set to be a great event so please do join us next Friday from 3:30pm on the front playground! (Please remember that due to space we cannot accommodate pushchairs or buggies at this event).



Next week, as well as our Festive Christmas Market event, EYFS and KS1 children will be busy rehearsing for their Christmas Performances. If your child does have some lines to say please help by practicing at home (nice and loud!). I am sure you will also hear lots of singing of the songs at home or on the way to and from school- in the end you will know these so well I am sure we will see you joining along in the audience.



On this note tickets will be on sale from Monday 4th December from our school office. Further details are included later in our newsletter this week. The cost is £2.50 per ticket and an allocation of 2 tickets per child, per performance.



Finally, a big THANK YOU for helping us to win the Dunelm Competition securing a wonderful 7ft Christmas tree for our school!. It really has brought this magical time to life at Nine Acres! (We will pop a picture on our Facebook Page on Monday for our community to enjoy!)

Wrap up warm, enjoy some family time, read and play with your children this weekend.

Mrs Dyer



## Development Days

—Friday 1st September 2023 - DEVELOPMENT DAY—

Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

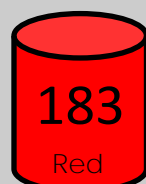
Friday 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

1 more Development Day to be allocated.



### House Points Totals

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



# Ch r i s t m a s a t N i n e A c r e s

## Christmas Dinner Day:

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on Monday 18th December. All children will be signed up for a Christmas Dinner (there will be no jacket potato option on the day).

## Christmas Jumper Day/Party Wear:

We welcome our community to come in their Christmas Jumpers/Christmas wear on Monday 18th December and also Tuesday 19th December. We have a special visitor taking time out of his busy schedule visiting on Tuesday!

## Christmas Market:

We welcome you to join us for our Nine Acres Christmas Market organised by our Helping Hands Team on Friday 8th December (3:30-5:00pm). Entrance is from the front playground. Due to limited space in our school, we will not be able to accommodate pushchairs or buggies. A limited buggy park area will be available to use at the front of the school, however the school cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage so users do use this at their own risk.

## KS2 Santa's Workshop:

As part of our KS2 Design and Technology Curriculum, the children (our Nine Acres elves) are busy planning, designing and creating Christmas toys for Santa's Workshop! All toys have an element of electronics to them so they even move or light up! We welcome our families in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 to join us on Friday 15th December from 1:45pm to come in and join us (from the back playground, Year 3 front playground). Our children are excited to tell you all about their project! You will be able to buy your child's toy for Christmas for a minimum donation of £2.00! What a bargain! You are welcome to take your child home with you once you have visited the workshop.

Due to limited space in our school we will not be able to accommodate pushchairs or buggies. A limited buggy park area will be available to use at the front of the school, however the school cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage so users do use this at their own risk.

## EYFS Christmas Craft Afternoon:

On Thursday 14th December we will be holding our EYFS Christmas Craft afternoon. You are welcome to come to join your child in this crafting session (glue and glitter galore!) and maybe create a beautiful keepsake for your Christmas tree at home! The event will start at 2:00-2:45pm. We ask that only 1 adult attends the crafting session due to limited space. In addition, due to the limited space we will not be able to accommodate pushchairs or buggies. A limited buggy park area will be available to use at the front of the school, however the school cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage so users do use this at their own risk.

## EYFS Nativity:

It is beginning to sound a lot like Christmas as the children are practicing their songs around school! Join us for the EYFS Nativity (The Twinkly Nativity) on Tuesday 12th December starting at 2.00pm (please do not arrive before 1:45pm) and Wednesday 13th December starting at 10.00am (please do not arrive before 9:45am). As we have so many wonderful children in our school we will be holding our Nativity outside on the front playground so do wrap up warm. Hot Chocolates and a mince pie will be available to you! Families are welcome to buy tickets from the school office from Monday 4th December, each ticket will be £2.50 and all money raised will go directly towards our children. You will be able to buy 2 tickets for the Tuesday performance and/or 2 tickets for the Wednesday performance per child. Children under 3 do not need a ticket but we ask they sit on their adults lap due to space.

## KS1 Christmas Play:

Join us for the KS1 Christmas Play (The Angel that nearly missed it all!!) on Wednesday 13th December starting at 2.00pm (please do not arrive before 1:45pm) and Thursday 14th December starting at 10.00am (please do not arrive before 9:45am). We have nearly 120 children in KS1 so again we will be holding our Christmas Performance outside on the front playground so do wrap up warm. Hot Chocolates and a mince pie will be available to you! Families are welcome to buy tickets from the school office from Monday 4th December each ticket will be £2.50 and all money raised will go directly towards our children. You will be able to buy 2 tickets for the Wednesday performance and/or 2 tickets for the Thursday performance per child. Children under 3 do not need a ticket but we ask they sit on their adults lap due to space.





# Helping Hands Nine Acres Primary PTA



# Christmas Market

**Nine Acres Primary School**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 3.30 – 5.00pm**  
**Raffle to be drawn 4.45pm**

**There will be many stalls including Santa's Grotto, Raffle, Sand Art, Chocolate Tombola, Teddy Tombola, Face Painting, Games, Crafts, Refreshments and more!**

## 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)

## 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 being active to improve mental health'.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/pshe-super-mood-movers-wellbeing/zpxc3j6>



# Diary Dates 2023/2024



## DECEMBER 2023

Fri 8th Dec 2023 - Christmas Market - 3.30-5.00pm.

Tues 12th Dec 2023 - EYFS Nativity - Afternoon Performance.

Wed 13th Dec 2023 - EYFS Nativity - Morning Performance.

Wed 13th Dec 2023 - KS1 Nativity - Afternoon Performance.

Thurs 14th Dec 2023 - KS1 Nativity - Morning Performance.

Mon 18th Dec 2023 - Christmas Dinner Day.

Tues 19th Dec 2023 - Early Closing at 1.00pm

Wed 20th Dec - Mon 1st Jan 2024 - Christmas Holidays.

## JANUARY 2024

Tues 2nd Jan 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

NEW Fri 5th Jan 2023 - Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Trip.

## FEBRUARY 2024

Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2024 - February Half Term.

## MARCH 2024

Thurs 7th March 2024 - WORLD BOOK DAY.

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

Thurs 25th April 2024 - Year 4 KidZania Trip.

## MAY 2024

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

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

Thurs 20th June 2024 - Summer Fayre.

Fri 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

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

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# Diary Dates 2023/2024 Continued

## JUNE 2024

Thurs 20th June 2024 - Summer Fayre.

Fri 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

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.

Fri 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

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 Autumn 2 2023

The last week for clubs is  
Monday 11th December 2023



ENCHANTED ISLE PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 4TH ANNUAL

# Snowflake Ball



22nd December 12-2pm  
BAR 74, RYDE

Hosted by the Sister Queens

COLD BUFFET- GAMES- MEET & GREET- STORYTIME - CRAFTS

£12 per child

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA  
TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ENCHANTEDISLEUK

# PE DAYS

Week Commencing Monday 4th November 2023

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 - Wednesday

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.

# 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 1-6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week.



# HELPING HANDS PTA Helping Hands (Nine Acres Parent Teacher Association)



Christmas Market – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Thank you so much for your amazingly generous response to our mufti day today! Again, we have been completely overwhelmed by your generosity!! The tombola's are going to be quite a sight!

Please note – Our Christmas Market will be a CASH ONLY event – so please make sure you bring plenty of change with you! It would be great to see you all there!!

## Raffle update

The raffle tickets are selling well and our local community have been fabulous – donating some amazing prizes for the raffle! As well as the £100 cash prize and fabulous hampers full of Christmas goodies, we have also received vouchers, toys, books, crafts and other wonderful things from local businesses (including Waitrose, Carisbrooke Co-op, Brighstone Village shop, Tapnell Farm, Blackgang Chine, The Works, The Entertainer, Love Running, The Leather and Suede Shop, Yate's Brewery, Dunelm Mill, Café Isola and Medina Leisure Centre, so far).

We are selling pre-printed tickets, which cost £1.00 each. If you would like more tickets, please collect them from the office and don't forget to return the stubs, with the details filled in and the money (£1.00 per ticket) to the office by Thursday 7th December. If you (or someone you know) are able to donate a prize we would love to hear from you.

## Meetings

Well done to all the Helping Hands team who got together today to help prepare for the Market. Our next meeting will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 8.45am, gathering 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 for us at the school office.

Thank you for all your continued support.

*Helping Hands*



# SANTA SLEIGH

Come and see him this December as he visits the following locations...



<b>Saturday 2nd</b>	<b>Newport Carnival</b>
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>Shanklin</b>
<b>Monday 4th</b>	<b>St. Helens &amp; Nettlestone</b>
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	<b>Freshwater &amp; Totland</b>
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	<b>Binstead</b>
<b>Saturday 9th</b>	<b>Gunville, Pan, Bluebell Meadows</b>
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>Sandown</b>
<b>Monday 11th</b>	<b>Wootton</b>
<b>Tuesday 12th</b>	<b>Ryde</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	<b>Bembridge</b>
<b>Friday 15th</b>	<b>Cowes</b>
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>East Cowes</b>

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for more info & routes



**ROUND TABLE**  
ISLE OF WIGHT 1277

**All donations equally split between**

Beaulieu House Respite - IoW Air Ambulance - Ability Dogs 4 Young People

## Nine Acres Community Primary School



Biggleswade  
Eleanor - Arts

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Balmoral  
George - Computing

Windsor  
Flo - RE

Arundel  
Oliver - Music

Bamburgh  
Leila - Music



## Explorer Awards



Well done everyone!!

Kendal

Kai - History

Warwick

Chloe - PSHE

Edinburgh

Finley - History

Stirling

Freddie - Computing

Durham

Bowie - Science

York

Alfie - PSHE



## **EYFS TOURS for SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Call 522984 now to book your  
exclusive 2024 tour!**

**01983 522984**

## **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.



## UNIFORM REMINDER

When you chose Nine Acres Primary for your child you also chose to adhere to the Nine Acres uniform policy.

Therefore, a reminder:

- All children must wear black school shoes not trainers or boots or ankle boots in school.
- All children must have the expected PE uniform for school to take part in their lessons. This should only be worn on PE days.
- PE hoodies are for PE only. Children must have a Nine Acres jumper for other days.
- Children in Y5 and Y6 must wear a tie as part their smart uniform.

**We know times are hard but this is an important part of our culture of excellence. So, if you are having financial worries and would like support to ensure your child is meeting these expectations please do not hesitate to contact us so we can support you and your child.**

**Please ensure that you have met all uniform expectations by Wednesday 3rd January 2024. We will be having a uniform check on Friday 5th January 2024**



# 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



## 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)

## We are a nut free school!!

Please may we remind you that Nine Acres is a no nut school. Nuts and nut products should not be brought into school.



# Autumn/Winter School Dinner Menu

Chartwells		WEEK 3				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2023	HOT SPECIALS	Chick and Tomato Pizzini Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potatoes and Onions	Beef Pudding Served with Sweet Potatoes and Onions	Chicken and Vegetable Korma Served with White Rice	Beefed Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	Chilli No Cheese with Crispy Toppings Served with Wholesome Sauce	Crab/Cheese Macaroni Cheese Served with Onions and Fresh Bread	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast Served with Sweet Potatoes and Onions	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Onions	Crispy Green Beans Served with Chips
	DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold toppings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold toppings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold toppings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold toppings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold toppings
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
	DESSERT	Mugful Apple and Cinnamon Bake	Strawberry Jelly	Orange Buckle with Fruit Skewers	Banana and Carrot Cake	Strawberry Panna Cotta
<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b> Vegetarian • Oily Fish • Wholegrain Fruity! • Nutritional Choices						

Week Commencing  
Monday 4th  
December 2023  
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



Friday 5th January 2024

Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Monday 27th November 2023

Full payment due by Monday 11th December 2023

Thursday 25th January 2024

EYFS Amazon World Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Friday 15th December 2023

Full payment due by Monday 8th January 2024



Thursday 25th April 2024

Year 4 KidZania London Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Monday 6th November 2023

Full payment due by Monday 4th March 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. Lots of exciting opportunities to look forward too!!

# PE Lessons

As the weather continues to remain cold and wet etc, please ensure your child comes to school on their allocated PE day in their warm Nine Acres PE kit. This may include a pair of navy jogging bottoms and a Nine Acres navy hoodie. All PE lessons will be held outside as much as possible therefore a warm kit is essential.



# School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.

Well done to:

CARISBROOKE-98.33%

WARWICK-97.92%

Going over and above our whole school attendance target!

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:

- School Dinners
- Enrichment Clubs
- School Trips

Please ensure your account is activated.

# 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!



# BRIGHSTONE

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



# 7TH-10TH DECEMBER

OPENING WITH THE MOUNTBATTEN HOSPICE 'LIGHTS OF LOVE'  
CAROL SERVICE ON  
WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER - 7PM AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BRIGHSTONE

OVER 150 TREES ACROSS 10 VENUES

FREE PARK & RIDE

REFRESHMENTS

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITS

TRACTOR 'RIDE OUT'

CRAFT STALLS


RAFFLE

MINI MARKET

COMPETITIONS & QUIZ

COME AND SUPPORT LOCAL  
CHARITIES, NOT-FOR-PROFITS  
AND BUSINESSES

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BRIGHSTONE  
BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH  
THE WILBERFORCE HALL  
BRIGHSTONE SOCIAL CLUB  
BRIGHSTONE LIBRARY  
MOTTISTONE CHURCH  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CALBOURNE  
THE THREE BISHOPS PUB  
CALBOURNE WATER MILL  
THE ISLE OF WIGHT PEARL  
OUTSIDE TREES

 FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



[www.brighstonechristmastree.com](http://www.brighstonechristmastree.com)

We are proud to be part of the Brighstone  
Christmas Tree Festival and our Nine Acres tree  
will be on display in the main St Mary's  
Church in Brighstone.