



NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 26th January 2024



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Dear Families of Nine Acres,

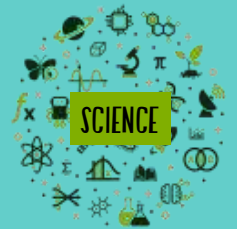
What a wet and windy start to the week! Despite the weather, the learning has continued with focus and enthusiasm across the school.

A heartfelt thank you for the overwhelming support in making our Nine Acres Book Swap Shop 2024 a triumph. Led by our pupil leadership team, the initiative not only encouraged a love for reading but also fostered a sense of community. Your generous donations made this event possible.



Over the next few weeks, our Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to participate in cycling sessions. These sessions aim to promote physical activity, safety, and the joy of cycling. It also gives children a chance to see if they would like to take up cycling in the future.

We are looking forward to welcoming a family member to join our Year 2 Science Workshop focusing on plants on Wednesday next week. This interactive session promises an exciting exploration of the world of plants, fostering curiosity and learning. We look forward to seeing many of you there.



We are delighted to share that our first week of the 'Attendance Focus Fortnight' has been a great success, with 356 children achieving an attendance rate of 97% or above. We look forward to seeing the success continue next week. As a celebration, on Friday 2nd February we will be holding a raffle draw with all the names entered. The winners will be announced in the assembly following Monday.



We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to continued success and engagement in the weeks ahead.



Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Dyer

Development Days

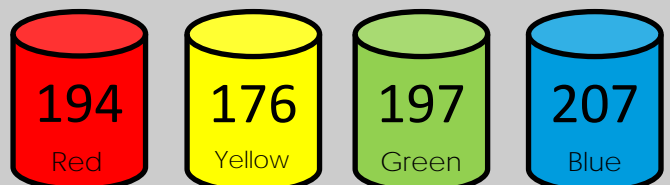
- Friday 1st September 2023 – DEVELOPMENT DAY—
- Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 – DEVELOPMENT DAY—
- Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Friday 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

1 more Development Day to be allocated.



House Points Totals

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



PE DAYS

Week Commencing Monday 29th January 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

Nine Acres Valentines Disco

We will be holding our 'Nine Acres Valentines Disco' on Thursday 8th February. Every child is allocated a ticket and these will be on sale from Monday 22nd January 2024.



The Art of Gratitude

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Miss Buckett, our Office Manager, for her unwavering dedication and exceptional support to our Nine Acres community.

Miss Buckett goes above and beyond her role, not only providing crucial support to our staffing team but also extending her care to our valued parents and pupils. Her diligence and commitment contribute significantly to the smooth functioning of our school and the positive experiences of everyone within our community.

Her dedication is truly commendable, and we are fortunate to have her as a vital member of our team. Thank you, Miss Buckett, for your hard work, compassion, and the positive impact you bring to our school community.



HelloFresh Boxes

We are collecting the woollen insulation from HelloFresh boxes for an Art Project. If you are able to donate any. Please can you drop this into the school office.

PE UNIFORM REMINDER

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

Harrison - Computing

Corfe

Oliver - Science

Balmoral

Chris - PSHE

Windsor

Eden - Computing

Arundel

Holly - Science

Bamburgh

Luna - RE

Explorer Awards



Kendal

Lincoln - Computing

Warwick

Ronni-Rae - PSHE

Edinburgh

Chloe - RE

Stirling

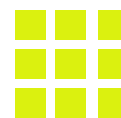
Eliza - Arts

Durham

I van - Geography

York

Rebecca - Geography



Well done everyone!!

HELPING HANDS PTA



Tickets for Valentine's Disco on Thursday 8th February are selling well but no need to worry as there are enough spaces for everyone who would like to come and NO chance of selling out! The tickets cost £2.00 each, which will include squash, sweets and a glow stick – so no spending money will be needed on the night!

To guarantee enough tickets this event will be children only (supervised by staff and Helping Hands committee) and will be run as 2 discos...

3.30 – 4.15pm = EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children

4.30 – 5.30pm = Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Children attending the first disco will be able to bring their party clothes and get changed after school in class before going to the hall accompanied by staff. Children from the first disco will leave through the EYFS doors while the KS2 children will enter and leave through the main office entrance. Tickets on sale NOW!

Our Next Meeting

Next Meeting will be Friday 2nd February 8.45am, meeting at front foyer by the office. 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.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Helping Hands

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

Year 2 Science Workshop

Wednesday 31st January 2024
1:45-2:15pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Year 2

Science Workshop on Wednesday 31st January at 1:45-2:15pm.



Art Sketchbook Professional Development

We are thrilled to share exciting news from our recent Art Sketchbook Professional Development event held by Mrs Mayes on Tuesday. Welcoming over 40 dedicated teachers and leaders, the gathering was a resounding success.

Mrs Mayes, a visionary in the field, led the event with enthusiasm and expertise. Her guidance illuminated the path for participants as they delved into the world of developing art sketchbooks for primary children.

The collaborative spirit among attendees fostered a rich learning environment, ensuring that each participant left with a deeper understanding of art sketchbook education practices. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Mayes and all those who contributed to making this professional development opportunity a memorable and enriching experience.

We continue to look for opportunities to showcase and share the excellence at Nine Acres to support all Island children.



Adult Community Learning

Adult Community Learning are pleased to launch their new spring programme of workshops and courses ranging from, English, Maths, ICT, Art, Craft, and Wellbeing, plus a wide range of FREE short online courses.

On Sunday 10 March 2024 between 10.30am and 12.30pm, we will be celebrating International Women's Day with a morning of workshops. These workshops on Brush Lettering, Macrame Bracelets and Springtime Wreaths are open to adults 19+ with one accompanied child over 10yrs and cost £10.00 per adult and £5.00 per child. Please note that only adult bookings and payments can be done on our website, so please email or call us if you would also like to book for a child.

If you are interested in developing your skills further, perhaps to retrain or return to work, why not book a careers appointment with our information, advice, and guidance professional? She will tailor the appointment to your needs and can offer you help with CV writing, covering letters, application forms or support you with career changes, redundancy, education, and training.

Our ICT suite is also open every Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm (term time only), for anyone wishing to access online learning or get support from a tutor.

For more information and to book, head over to our website www.iow.gov.uk/ACLcourses call our office on 01983 817280 or pop into The Learning Centre, Westridge, Ryde.

Diary Dates 2023/2024



JANUARY 2024

Wed 31st Jan 2024 - Year 2 Science Workshop for families 1.45-2.15pm.

FEBRUARY 2024

Fri 2nd Feb 2024 - Helping Hands Meeting - Meet in the foyer at 8.45am.

Tues 6th Feb 2024 - Safer Internet Day.

Thurs 8th Feb 2024 - Valentines Disco.

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

MARCH 2024

Mon 4th March 2024 - Parents' Evening.

Wed 6th March 2024 - Parents' Evening.

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.

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

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.

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

Enrichment Clubs are in full swing for Spring Term 1. We have sent by email the Spring Term 2 2024 club form to families of children in Years 1-6 Please send an email to enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk to book spaces. Thank you.



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.



Shoe Boxes

Year 4 will be using shoe boxes for an Art project in the next few weeks. If you are able to donate a box, please can you drop this into the school office. Thank you

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 1 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| AUTUMN/WINTER 2023 | HOT SPECIALS | Cheese and Tomato Fingers w/ served with Potato Wedges | Classic Beef Burger served with Potato Wedges | Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy | Beef Bolognaise w/ served with Mashed Potatoes, Carrots and Herb Bread | Breaded Fish Fingers served with Chips |
| | JACKET POTATOES | Six Fried Vegetable Burgers w/ r | Vegetarian Burger w/ served with Potato Wedges | Vegetable Pottery Ball w/ served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy | Tomato Pasta w/ served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy | Crusty Cheese Muffins w/ served with Chips |
| | JACKET POTATOES | Jacket Potatoes w/ g with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes w/ g with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes w/ g with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes w/ g with a choice of hot and cold fillings | Jacket Potatoes w/ g with a choice of hot and cold fillings |
| | SHIRAZ | Chocolate Biscuits | Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit | Original Froyo | Seasonal Cakes | Vanilla Ice Cream |
| *All main meals are served with free vegetables | | | | | | |
| AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritional Choice | | | | | | |

Week Commencing
Monday 29th
January 2024
Week 1

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**.



Helping Hands

Nine Acres Primary PTA



Valentine's Disco Children only!

DJ HAPPY HEARTS MIX

Thursday 8th February

3.30-4.15pm - EYFS, Y1 & Y2 children

4.30 - 5.30pm - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 children

Tickets available from school office.
Price £2.00, which includes drink, sweets
and a glow stick.

Parentkind
Member Association

Educational Visits

Wednesday 27th/Thursday 28th March 2024

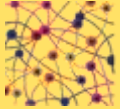
Year 4 Overnight Space Camp

Payment due by Friday 1st March 2024



Space Camp

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 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



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!!



School Attendance

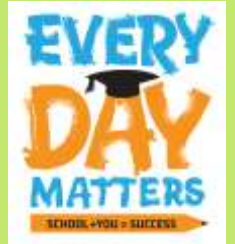
Whole school attendance target 97%.

Dates: 19/01/2024 - 25/01/2024

| | Attendance | Lates |
|--------------|------------|-------|
| Carisbrooke: | 94.67% | 0 |
| Yarmouth: | 96.33% | 1 |
| Biggleswade | 90.33% | 3 |
| Corfe | 98.52% | 0 |
| Balmoral: | 96.33% | 0 |
| Windsor: | 94.67% | 3 |
| Arundel: | 96.79% | 0 |
| Bamburgh: | 92.00% | 3 |
| Kendal: | 96.00% | 1 |
| Warwick: | 97.67% | 1 |
| Edinburgh: | 95.64% | 2 |
| Stirling: | 92.00% | 0 |
| Durham: | 93.46% | 0 |
| York: | 94.83% | 1 |

Well done **CORFE CLASS!**
Whole school attendance this week is: **94.92%**

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.

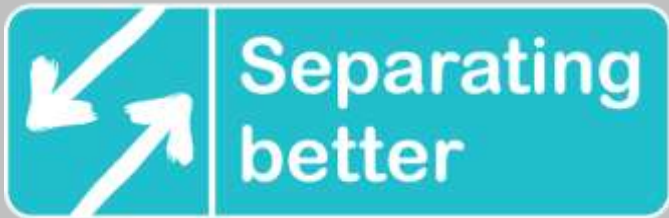
Are you signed up to ParentPay? We no longer accept cash at the office. All items that require payment will be available on ParentPay.

**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!



Supporting Parent Relationships with Separating better app

Separating parents living on the Isle of Wight are among the first in the country to have access to a new app designed to help them self-manage their separation.

Separating better has been created by the UK's leading relationship research and innovation charity OnePlusOne, with funding from the Department for Works and Pensions. It features tools to help with many practical elements of separation such as budgeting and legal arrangements. It also offers parents a template to create their own parenting plans to help them agree how to co-parent their children effectively.

An in-app quiz helps parents to understand where they are emotionally in their separation journey and a series of Work it out videos help parents learn communication skills which they can use to co-parent effectively and keep their children's best interests at the heart of their decision-making.

How to get started:

1. [Download the FREE app here](#)
2. Take the emotion readiness quiz
3. Access all of the app features for FREE as you progress through your separation journey

Only two areas in the country will have access to this app ahead of its national launch in spring 2024, and OnePlusOne are keen to hear the views of parents who use it. Download the app for more information about how to offer feedback.

Parents living on the Island can also access a number of other free digital resources created by OnePlusOne. These provide support for a range of parental relationship issues, including becoming parents, coping with stress, debt and relationships and learning to argue better. To find out more visit: <https://familyinfohub.iow.gov.uk/oneplusone>

For further information about Separating better, please email supporting.parents@iow.gov.uk

In Aid of Island Charities

THE WIGHT STROLLERS
panto

Snow White

10TH, 11TH & 17TH
FEBRUARY 2024

Medina Theatre

ADULTS - £14* | UNDER 14S - £10*

BOX OFFICE: 01983 823884 | WWW.MEDINATHEATRE.CO.UK

*price includes £1 booking fee

IOW STORY FESTIVAL
DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!
Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th February

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Come and see me at Quoy Arts in February!

Tickets are now on sale for the IOW Story Festival at Quoy Arts during February half term from www.quoyarts.org. It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like the creator of the *Horrid Henry* stories, Francesca Simon (pictured on the left), who will be with us on Saturday 17th Feb.

Did you enter our Charles Dickens short story competition? Hear the winners, read by his great grand grandson, Friday 16th Feb!

There is so much to do at the IOW Story Festival!

- 44 different events over three days!
- A chance to meet your favourite authors, and some new ones too! Including:
Kia Grey, Moazzam Ahmed Pathak, Alasdair Beckett-King, Kieran Larwood, John Hegley, Noel Layton, Kate Weston and Simon Willmetts.

There are performances too: **Hansel & Gretel** Theatre returns with an adaptation of Jules Verne's *Vesuvius and the Hornet*, and **Pink Cowalipello Youth Theatre** is back with a funny new production for younger children. We also have the interactive *Enchanted Cinema*, Asian dance and a fun opera based on *The King's Panto*!

EXTRA PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCED!

Tickets for creator of *Isadora Moon*, **Harriet Munro** on 17th Feb, sold out so quickly, we've had to arrange a special talk at 4.30pm. Don't miss out, buy yours soon!

SOME QUESTION YOU MAY WANT TO ASK...

Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?
A: It's a good idea - they're selling fast! Go to www.quoyarts.org to buy yours now.

Q: How much are tickets?
A: Some are **TOTALLY FREE**, others cost £4 to £6.

Q: Is it just for people who like reading?
A: No! The IOW Story Festival isn't just about books! As well as storytellers, live music and theatre shows, we've got lots of hands-on activities for you to try - from graffiti art and fabric books to songwriting and harrific make-up, among many other things.

More information from: www.iowstoryfestival.com

Registered charity number: 1199024