



# NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 7th February 2025



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Dear Families of Nine Acres,

As I write this newsletter, I am eagerly awaiting the return of our Year 1 pupils from their trip to the theatre to watch 'Room on the Broom'. From the pictures already coming through, I can see the pure joy on their faces, and I can't wait to hear their excitement as they share their wonderful experiences with us all.



Our Attendance Focus Fortnight is in full swing, with over 370 pupils already achieving 97% or above in attendance. Let's keep this fantastic momentum going next week as there are so many exciting learning opportunities planned, and we wouldn't want any child to miss out!

This morning, we had the pleasure of welcoming Georgie Carter to inspire our KS2 children as we launched our Design and Technology textiles project. Many of you may recognise Georgie from The Great British Sewing Bee, where she showcased her incredible skills. What better role model to spark creativity in our budding designers?



Next week, we are looking forward to our Valentine's Disco! Tickets are still available at the school office. A reminder for our EYFS and KS1 children attending the disco they should bring their party clothes to school in a named carrier bag as they will be getting changed before the event.

We are also excited for our Valentine's Pop-Up Shop! A huge thank you for your generous donations, which have helped bring the children's product designs to life. The children have been busy refining their sales and persuasion skills, hoping to entice you to buy their wonderful creations.

The class that raises the most money will win a special reward - the competition is fierce, and excitement is building!



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,  
Mrs Dyer

## Development Days

Monday 2nd September 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 -

DEVELOPMENT DAY



## Wear what makes you happy! Mufti Day for Arlo

After a very successful mufti day for the staff and children we have raised a grand total of £400.69 so far.

All donations will go towards supporting Arlo and his family, helping to make a difference.



Thank you for your generosity!!



PLUS! New class on Saturdays in Gunville for 4-7 yrs! See booking page below for details!



# Aged 5-12? Bored after school?

We are a small, welcoming drama group who would love you to join us!

We play all sorts of hilarious drama and improvisational games... we are looking for young comedians, role players, budding actors & actresses and downright fun-seekers to try a session with us (only £4/50min class & £5/1 hr class)!

Thursdays  
Year 1-3 | 3.10-4pm  
Year 4+ | 4.15-5.15pm

Newport | Nine Acres Primary School

Get in Touch!

ALLY MAC  
01983 655126  
Llama Drama IQW  
llamadrama.iow.co.uk  
info@llamadrama.iow.co.uk

~ Book Now ~

<https://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io/>

## Parents' Evenings

Monday 3rd March 2025

&

Wednesday 5th March 2025

We will be holding Parents' Evenings on Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th March.

The sign-up sheets will be available in the foyer by the office on Thursday 13th February 2025.

## Attendance Focus Fortnight!!

Attendance Focus Fortnight began this week and will run through to Friday 14th February, every child started with an amazing 100% attendance score.

*The challenge?*

Stay above our school target of 97% over the two weeks, and you could be in for a chance to win!

We have 10 fantastic Amazon vouchers up for grabs! Winners will be selected at random and celebrated during our special Attendance Celebration Assembly.

*Let's make it fun, let's make it count – show up, shine, and let's smash that attendance target!*



# 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](mailto: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/superheroes/articles/zpxc3j6>



# School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.

Dates: 31/01/2025 - 06/02/2025

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke	98.00%	0
Yarmouth	98.00%	0
Biggleswade	97.67%	3
Corfe	97.00%	2
Balmoral:	96.55%	6
Windsor:	99.31%	0
Arundel:	95.17%	0
Bamburgh:	96.00%	0
Kendal:	95.00%	1
Warwick:	95.33%	0
Edinburgh:	94.83%	1
Stirling:	94.00%	3
Durham:	94.33%	0
York:	97.67%	0

Well done WINDSOR!!

Whole school attendance this week is: 96.35%

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.



## Diary Dates 2024/2025



### FEBRUARY 2025

Thurs 13th Feb 2025 - Valentine's Disco.

Fri 14th Feb 2025 - Valentine's Pop Up Shop.

Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb 2025 - FEBRUARY HALF TERM.

Wed 26th Feb 2025 - Year 5 London Trip.

Thurs 27th Feb 2025 - Year 1 'Be Our Guest Ball'.

### MARCH 2025

Mon 3rd March 2025 - Parents' Evening.

Wed 5th March 2025 - Parents' Evening.

Thurs 6th March 2025 - WORLD BOOK DAY.

### APRIL 2025

Thurs 3rd April 2025 - Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Trip.

Fri 4th April 2025 - Early closing at 1.00pm

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

Fri 18th April 2025 - Good Friday.

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

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

Thurs 24th April 2025 - Year 3 Swimming Begins for Arundel class.

### 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.

### JUNE 2025

Week Commencing 2nd June 2025 - Year 4 Multiplication Check.

Thurs 12th June 2025 - Year 3 Swimming Begins for Bamburgh Class.

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.

## Diary Dates 2024/2025 Continued

### JUNE 2025 CONT

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

### JULY 2025

Fri 4th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

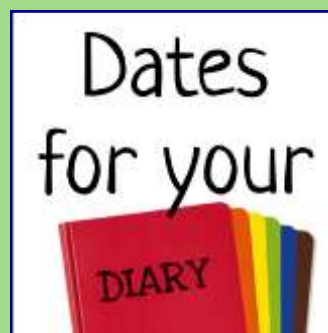
Fri 25th July 2025 - Early Closing at 1.00pm.

Mon 28th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Tues 29th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Wed 30th July - Fri 29th August 2025 - Summer Holidays.

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



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



# COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

## THURSDAY EVENINGS

 St Thomas Primary School  
High Street, Carisbrooke PO30 1NR


6pm - 7pm

Reception to Year 6

Every  
Thursday  
all year  
round

£20 Per  
Month

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 <https://ljrcoaching.classforkids.io>



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# Nine Acres Community Primary School

## Spelling Champions of the week

Spelling Champion in Bamburgh Class

Mason

Spelling Champions in Balmoral & Windsor Class

Jack & Barney

Spelling Champion in Corfe Class

Thomas-James

Spelling Champion in Durham Class

Freddie

**"Spelling is the building block of communication - let's help our children build strong foundations!"**

We encourage families to help their children practice basic spelling at home. Even words such as; like, with, the, was, and has, make a big difference! Checking their spellings in homework is a simple but powerful way to support their learning.

We need your help to ensure every child feels confident in their spelling skills!

Thank you for your continued support.

# Autumn/Winter - School Dinner Menu

Chartwells					
WEEK 1					
Week Commencing - 20/01, 10/02, 10/03 & 31/03					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT SPECIALS</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Geronzo Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
<b>STANDARD</b>	Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Plain Pasta	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b>	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Salads Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Jacket Potatoes are for children in Year 3 and above					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
<b>SWEET</b>	Flagjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble with Custard	Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt	Raspberry Jolly	Chocolate Brownie
<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b> Water, Milk, Freshly baked bread, yoghurt & Fresh Fruit					
Vegetarian   Oily Fish   Wholegrain Fruity!   Nut-Free   Halal's Choice					

Week Commencing Monday 10th February 2025  
Week 1

For children in Year 3 and above the school dinner price is **£2.70** per meal.

The cost for a weeks dinners is **£13.50**.



## 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.



## Message from Nine Acres

### Primary School Governing Body:

*As you are all aware the school is in the process of finding our next Headteacher. To keep you all up to date, the Recruitment Panel have finalised the personal specification and an advert will be published in the coming days.*

*The Recruitment Panel will continue to write to you at various stages of the process with updates. Much of the details will be confidential to ensure fair and legal procedure is followed. However, we wish to assure you that the school, its pupils, staff and community is at the forefront of our thoughts as we progress through each step.*

## Enrichment Clubs

### Spring Term 2 2025

All clubs have been allocated for Spring Term 2 2025. Please make payment by Monday 10th February 2025.

The form was sent by email last week.

To book places, please email

[enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk)



## Year 1 'Be Our Guest Ball'

To celebrate the end of our English topic 'Traditional Tales and Fairy Tales' this term, our Year 1 children & families are invited to a Beauty & the Beast themed ball here at Nine Acres on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 during the afternoon.



## 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](mailto:office@nineacrespri.co.uk) with any photos you may have taken.



## Meet the Isorropia Mental Health & Wellbeing Team!



01983 217791



hello@isorropia.uk



isorropia.uk



Join us on Facebook:  
Isorropia Foundation



### What is this?

Isorropia Foundation will be dropping by to give all a chance to learn more about us, and what we can do to help Islanders master their mental wellbeing.

This will be a relaxed drop-in to have all your questions answered!



Cowes Family Centre,  
Love Lane, Cowes,  
PO31 7ET

Tuesday 4th of March

9:30-11:30am



## The Isle of Wight Salvation Army HYGIENE BANK

Working together to fight against hygiene poverty



Providing people with essential hygiene and household cleaning items.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and as a result experiencing hygiene poverty please speak with a professional. Your GP, childrens school, social worker etc and request a hygiene bank referral.

If you do not have a professional contact please contact the Isle of Wight Salvation Army hygiene bank on the details below.

### Contact Us

01983 526312

[IsleofWightSalvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:IsleofWightSalvationarmy.org.uk)

72 Pyke Street, Newport,  
Isle of Wight, PO30 3JJ

# Valentine's Disco

## 13th Feb 2025

We will be holding our 'Nine Acres Valentines Disco' next Thursday 13th February. Every child is allocated a ticket and these are on sale at the school office, priced at £2.00 each.



### House Point Totals for Spring Term 1 2025

#### Week 5

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

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



**SMALL MUSEUMS - BIG ON HISTORY!**

**HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES**

**NO NEED TO BOOK**

**NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA**

**MUSEUM ISLAND HISTORY**

**FAMILY FUN**  
IN HANDS-ON ACTIVITY ROOM

**PICTURE HUNT**  
**MAKE A MOSAIC**  
**RECONSTRUCT A POT**  
**DRESS UP AS A ROMAN**

**MAKE A PAPER POP-UP MUSEUM**  
**MUSEUM TREASURES TRAIL**

**ALL-WEATHER EXTRACTORS**

- 10am to last entry 2pm
- Wednesday 19 February
- Friday 21 February
- £1 per person

- 10am to 1pm
- Tuesday 18 February
- Thursday 20 February
- £1 per person

Cypress Road, Newport, IW, PO30 1HA | 01983 823433 | [iow.gov.uk/museums](http://iow.gov.uk/museums) | [museums@iow.gov.uk](mailto:museums@iow.gov.uk)

Guildhall, High Street, Newport, IW, PO30 1TY | Isle of Wight Council

Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service



# HELPING HANDS PTA



Nine Acres Parent/Teacher Association

## Valentine's Disco

Thank you to everyone who has already bought their tickets. As in previous years, it is going to be a very popular event. Please do not worry if you have not got yours yet as the tickets will be available all next week from the office!

A quick reminder, In order to ensure spaces for all who want to come there will be two discos...

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

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

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 – all children must be met by an adult to go home, as it will be late and dark!

The sweets and glow sticks have arrived. Hope to see you there!



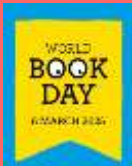
Our next meeting will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 8.45am, meeting in the foyer. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on [helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk) or leave a message for us at the school office.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*Helping Hands*

## World Book Day 2025

We are excited to announce that our World Book Day celebrations are just around the corner! (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March). The event will be packed with fun and creativity, and we will be releasing the Nine Acres World Book Day theme very soon. Stay tuned for more details as we prepare to make this a memorable experience for everyone.



## Word of the Week

Each week we share a word with you on our newsletter.

Our word this week is **'friction'**.



### Friction

The rubbing of one thing against another



# Educational Visits at Nine Acres



Wednesday 26th February 2025

Year 5 London Trip.



Deposit Payment due Monday 4th Nov 2024  
Full payment due by Friday 7th February 2025

Thursday 3rd April 2025

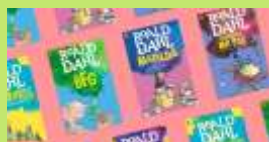
Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens.

Deposit Payment due Monday 6th Jan 2025  
Full payment due by Monday 3rd March 2025



Thursday 24th April 2025

Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.



Deposit Payment due Monday 6th Jan 2025  
Full payment due by Monday 31st March 2025

Thursday 8th May 2025

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

Deposit Payment due Monday 6th Jan 2025  
Full payment due by Monday 4th April 2024



Thursday 26th & Friday 27th June 2025

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip.



Deposit Payment due - Monday 4th November 2024  
Full payment due by Monday 2nd June 2025

*Please ensure deposits and full payments  
are made on time using ParentPay.*

*Barcode 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 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.

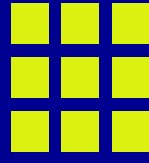
This is to support us in helping all our dedicated staff get to school on time to teach your children!

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

## 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.

# PE DAYS



Nine Acres Primary School

Week Commencing Mon 10th February 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.



## SCHOOL DETAILS

School Telephone  
Number

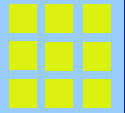
01983 522984

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.



## 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.

## Social Media

Do you follow us on Facebook?

Scan the QR code to see our page!!



## 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.

