

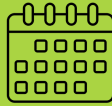


**ISSUE 16**  
**16/01/2026**

# NINE ACRES NEWS

Articulate,  
Passionate, Persuasive & Positively  
influencing the world around us.

## KEY DATES



### JANUARY 2026

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup>, Tues 20<sup>th</sup> & Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026** - EYFS Phonics Sessions - Sign up sheets in foyer from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026).

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026** - EYFS Amazon World Visit.

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026** - Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Visit.

### FEBRUARY 2026

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026** - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit.

**NEW Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026** - Attendance Focus Fortnight begins.

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026** - Helping Hands Valentine's Disco.

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026** - **February Half Term.**

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026** - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026** - First day of Spring Term 2.

### MARCH 2026

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026** - Parents' Evening.

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Parents' Evening.

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - World Book Day.

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Visit.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Early closing at 1.00pm.

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - **Easter Holidays.**

### APRIL 2026

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - First day of Summer Term 1.

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026** - Year 2 Roald Dahl Visit.

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Visit.

### MAY 2026

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - BANK HOLIDAY School closed to pupils.

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - KS2 SATs Week.

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - **May Half Term.**

### JUNE 2026

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026** - First day of Summer Term 2.

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Helping Hands Summer Fayre.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026** - KS2 Sports Day.

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026** - KS1 Sports Day.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - EYFS Beach Visit.

### JULY 2026

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026** - Attendance Focus Fortnight begins.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026** - Last day of term.

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026** - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> July - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026** - **Summer Holiday's.**

### Dear Families,

What an incredible week it has been! The children have absolutely stormed through their learning, and it has been a joy to see fantastic phonics, inspiring writing, and incredible dance and gymnastics taking place across the school.



We were delighted to once again welcome educational professionals into our school this week, all eager to see the exceptional practice that happens here every day. They were truly wowed by the children's focus, enthusiasm and hard work and left full of praise for our pupils and staff.



Last night marked our very first 'Voice of Our Children' meeting, where pupils had the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences of school with our Governing Body. The six children who represented their peers did an outstanding job and spoke with confidence, pride and maturity.

We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to giving more children the opportunity to share their voices with our Governors in the future.

**Have a wonderful weekend,**  
**Miss McDonald**

## HOUSE POINTS



201



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**WELL DONE TO:**  
**YELLOW HOUSE**



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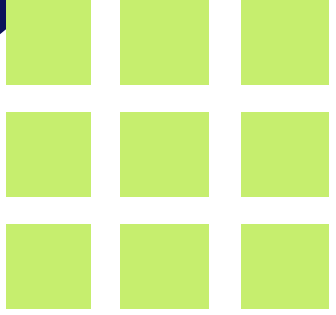


**FACEBOOK**

**@NINEACRESPRIMARYSCHOOL**

**Striving For Excellence**

# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



# ARRIVE  
AND  
STRIVE!



## ATTENDANCE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
TARGET:



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK IS: **96.80%**

THIS WEEKS WINNING CLASS:  
WELL DONE **DURHAM!**

### CLASS ATTENDANCE

DATES - 09/01/2025 - 15/01/2026

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
CARISBROOKE:	97.97%	2
YARMOUTH:	96.67%	5
BIGGLESWADE:	96.33%	0
CORFE:	98.00%	0
BALMORAL:	94.33%	2
WINDSOR:	98.00%	2
ARUNDEL:	97.33%	2
BAMBURGH:	95.33%	5
KENDAL:	97.67%	0
WARWICK:	99.00%	3
EDINBURGH:	97.93%	0
STIRLING:	97.00%	2
DURHAM:	99.33%	1
YORK:	90.33%	3

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



## READING



SCHOOL ID:  
**59721**

WELL DONE TO:  
**CORFE & ARUNDEL**  
CLASSES

## WORD OF THE WEEK



MEAGRE

**meagre**

something that is very small in  
amount or not enough to meet a  
need.

The hiker had a meagre amount of water left.



# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



#Striving  
For  
Excellence

## SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS

AYDA

ALEX

ALBERT

ENYA

MARNIE

ALEYNA

FREYA

LJ

LUCAS

THEO

HARRY

THEA

**# ARTICULATE # PASSIONATE # PERSUASIVE**  
**# POSITIVELY INFLUENCING THE WORLD AROUND US**

## HALF TERM SUBJECT FOCUS: YOUNG AUTHOR AWARD



ELIJAH

ARLEN

COLBIE



GEORGE

SHELBY

ELOISE

ANNABELLA

SAMUEL

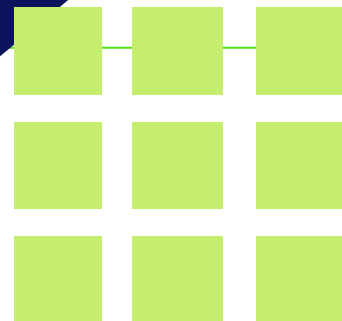
JASMINE

ELLA B

ZOE

TOMMY

# IN OTHER NEWS...



## MENU

THIS WEEK WE ARE ON: WEEK ONE

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Sticky Lemon Chicken with Wholegrain Rice 🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 🌱	Potato and Lentil Curry with Wholegrain Rice 🍷	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot 🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DESSERT		Crunchy Apple Slice 🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream	Oat Cookie 🌱

**BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY** With a choice of toppings 🌱

**AVAILABLE DAILY** Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

🌱 Vegetarian 🌱 Vegan 🍷 Oily Fish 🌱 Fruity! 🍷 Wholegrain 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

**Chartwells** Schools

## EDUCATIONAL VISITS

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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025** - Year 1 Osborne House Visit  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025** - Year 6 Milestones Museum Visit.  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025** - Year 5 London Visit.  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025** - Year 1 Mayflower Studios Visit.  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026** - EYFS Amazon World Visit.  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026** - Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Visit.  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026** - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit.  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Visit.  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026** - Year 2 Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre Visit.  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Visit.  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Visit.  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Year 6 Leavers Visit.  
**June 2026** - Year 5 Sailing at RYVC, Seaview.  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - EYFS Bembridge Beach Visit.

More Educational Visits will be added to the list, so please keep checking.



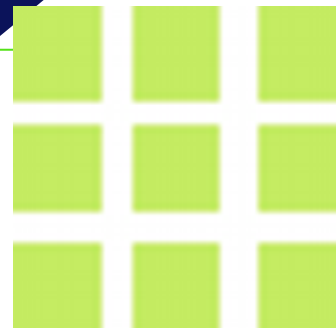
**WINCHESTER  
SCIENCE CENTRE  
AND PLANETARIUM**

Please return the permission forms to the office as soon as possible and ensure deposits and full payments are made on time using ParentPay. Barcode letters to make payments via a PayPoint site in a local shop are available by request at the school office.





# IN OTHER NEWS...



## OFFICE NEWS

### Development Days

**Monday 1st Sept 2025** - DEVELOPMENT DAY  
**Monday 23rd Feb 2026** - DEVELOPMENT DAY  
**Friday 19th June 2026** - DEVELOPMENT DAY  
**Monday 27th July 2026** - DEVELOPMENT DAY

We have 1 more development day to take during the 2025-2026 academic year.



### Asthma & Care Plans

If your child has recently started using an inhaler, please ensure you have completed a Asthma Care Plan at the school office.

If your child already follows an Asthma Care Plan in school, please ensure your child has an inhaler that is kept in school at all times. This is vitally important in regards to school visits, an inhaler must be taken on all visits.

**Please ensure all other medical information relating to your child is kept up to date with school.**

Thank you for your continued support.



### EYFS Phonics Sessions

We are inviting families of children in EYFS to join your child for a Phonics session! This is your chance to see first hand how they are developing essential early reading skills and to be a part of their learning journey.

This is an opportunity to gain insight into how phonics is taught in school and how your child learns. Most importantly, this is a chance to share a wonderful, interactive experience with your child, celebrating their progress and fostering a love for reading together.

**Join us from 9:00am – 9:30am on one of the following days:**

- Monday 19th January
- Tuesday 20th January
- Wednesday 21st January



### Attendance Focus Fortnight

We will be running our Attendance Focus Fortnight from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.



### Lost Property

Our lost property has now been re-located to the main office foyer, so please pop in if your child has lost an item of clothing.

Please remember to clearly name all of your child's school uniform.



### Staff Car Park

A reminder that the Nine Acres Staff Car Park is for staff and authorised visitors only.

Chapel Street car park permits are available at the school office.



### Have your circumstances changed?

Are you entitled to Free School Meals? Here is the link for making an application:

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/>



### Are your details correct?

Please ensure you keep your child's information up to date so we are able to contact you in an emergency. Please notify the school office of any changes.

## UPCOMING EVENTS @ NINE ACRES

### Nine Acres Parent Café

We are excited to introduce a Parent Café at our school!

This will be a welcoming space for families to connect, share and build community. Invitations to our first Parent Café will be coming soon, so please keep an eye out for more details.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*



### Save the Date

#### Parents' Evenings

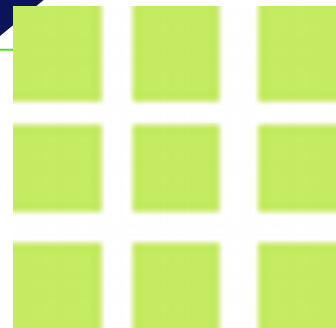
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development at school during our upcoming Parents' Evenings.

Sign-up sheets will be available from **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.



# IN OTHER NEWS...



## HELPING HANDS PTA

Dates for your calendar from Helping Hands  
(Nine Acres Parent Teacher Association)

NEW Diary Date

**NEW EVENT - Valentine's Disco - Thursday 12th February 2026**



Thank you to all the Parents/Carers who attended our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday this week. It was fabulous to see so many of you there. We are so grateful to you for sharing your time with us - **THANK YOU!**



Of course, we are now looking forward to and planning our next event - the Valentine Disco! More information coming in next week's newsletter!



Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 3rd February, 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.

Our next committee meeting will be on **Tuesday 3rd February, 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.

If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please speak to Clare Sim or contact [helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*Helping Hands*

## ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Our Enrichment Club Programme for **Spring Term 2026** is in full swing. The programme is open to all children from Year 1 to Year 6. We have some spaces available in clubs. If your child would like to join a club, please email [enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk) to request spaces.

There will be no clubs running on **Monday 23rd February 2026** due to a School Development Day.

There will be no clubs running on **Thursday 12th February 2026** due to the Valentine's Disco.

There will be no clubs running on **Friday 28th March 2026** due to Early closing at 1.00pm.

### Introducing a new Club!

Thank you to those families who have emailed to book spaces for the Year 1 'Just Dance' Club. We still have a few spaces available on Tuesday's from 3.10pm to 4.10pm.

The price will be £27.00 for the 9 sessions.

This club will start this week on **Tuesday 20th January 2026.**

Please email [enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk) to book spaces.



**GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL!**  
FUN AND INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL FOR ALL ABILITIES!

**Who?**  
Girls in Year 2-7

**When?**  
Wednesday 5pm-6pm

**Where?**  
The Bay CE School Astro

**Only £5 per Session**

**CONTACT US TO BOOK A PLACE TODAY!**  
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