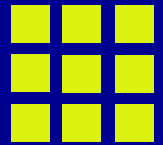


NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 25th July 2025



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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the school year, it is a good time to reflect and look back on the incredible year it has been at Nine Acres!

This year has brought some changes but one thing has remained constant: the incredible spirit of this community. Our dedicated staff, wonderful pupils and supportive families have continued to 'Strive for Excellence' in everything they do - and it truly shows! Whether it's sending in ingredients for DT, being flexible with changes to pick-up times when traffic hits, creating brilliant World Book Day costumes, helping make the Summer Fayre such a success or simply being there for one another during tougher moments. It's all these little (and big!) acts of support that make Nine Acres such an incredible place.

As we say our goodbyes to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, there is of course a touch of sadness - but so much pride too. They are more than ready for the exciting journey ahead in Secondary School and we know they will go on to do amazing things. We'll miss them dearly, but we're cheering them on every step of the way.



As we look ahead, we're really looking forward to another fun-filled year at Nine Acres - packed with exciting learning, new adventures and plenty of opportunities for our whole community to get involved. We can't wait to welcome our new pupils and families and make even more brilliant memories together as one big team!

Finally - on a personal note - thank you once again for making my first half term as Headteacher so special - your kindness and encouragement have meant so much - I can't wait for the year ahead.

Wishing all of you a restful, happy and sunshine-filled summer.

Miss McDonald



Development Days

Mon 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

2025-2026

Monday 1st September 2025 -
DEVELOPMENT DAY



SEPTEMBER RETURN DATE

Our return to school date for September 2025 will be:

Tuesday 2nd
September
2025.



Uniform from Sept 2025

From September 2025, children going into Year 1 are to wear a white polo shirt instead of a blue polo shirt and children going into Year 5 should wear a plain white shirt with a school tie.

Any donations of old uniforms would be welcome for our new families. Thank you.

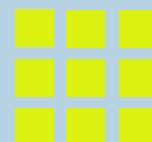
Boom Reader

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.



Dinner Menu from September 2025

We return to school on Week 2 of the School Dinner Menu.



School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.
Dates: 18/07/2025 - 25/07/2025

	Attendance	Lates
Biggleswade	97.33%	0
Corfe	95.52%	1
Balmoral:	95.00%	0
Windsor:	96.67%	1
Arundel:	97.93%	2
Bamburgh:	97.24%	2
Kendal:	95.00%	0
Warwick:	94.67%	0
Edinburgh:	91.03%	0
Stirling:	95.67%	2
Durham:	97.64%	0
York:	88.67%	2
Year 7 Durham:	95.67%	1
Year 7 York:	89.67%	1

Well done ARUNDEL CLASS!!

Whole school attendance this week is: 94.83%

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.



Permission Forms

Important Reminder: EV3 Permission Form & Walking Home Permission Form

An EV3 Permission Form must be completed and returned in preparation for September 2025.

These forms have been sent home within your **child's end of year report**. An EV3 permission form is required for your child to attend school trips during the academic school year.

From September 2025, if your child is in Year 4 or above and you wish for them to walk home, please complete a Walking Home Permission Form.

Please note the school has the right to withdraw walking home permission should there be any reports of inappropriate or anti-social behaviour by your child. During these times, parents/carers will be required to collect.

Please ensure your child's permission forms are returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Diary Dates 2024/2025



JULY/AUGUST 2025

Mon 28th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Tues 29th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

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

SEPTEMBER 2025

Mon 1st Sept 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Tues 2nd Sept 2025 - First day of Autumn Term 1.

OCTOBER 2025

Mon 20th Oct - Fri 31st Oct 2025 - October Half Term.

NOVEMBER 2025

Mon 3rd Nov 2025 - First day of Autumn Term 2.

DECEMBER 2025

Mon 22nd Dec - Fri 2nd Jan 2026 - Christmas Holidays.

JANUARY 2026

Mon 5th Jan 2026 - First day of Spring Term 1.

FEBRUARY 2026

Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb 2026 - February Half Term

Mon 23rd Feb 2026 - First day of Spring Term 2.

MARCH 2026

Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April 2026 - Easter Holidays

APRIL 2026

Mon 13th April 2026 - First day of Summer Term 1.

MAY 2026

Mon 4th May 2026 - BANK HOLIDAY School closed to pupils.

Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May 2026 - May Half Term.

Dates
for your



Diary Dates 2024/2025 Continued

JUNE 2026

Mon 1st June 2026 - First day of Summer Term 2.

JULY 2026

Tues 28th July - Monday 31st August 2026 - Summer Holiday's.

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

Returning Reading Books

Thank you to those families who have returned reading books to your child's class teacher. Please return any outstanding books to your child's class teacher in September.



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.



All ages welcome

Tuesday 5th August
10-11.30am
Newport Family Hub
PO30 2AX
01983 529 208
Joined by smoke free Island

Monday 11th August
10-11.30am
West Wight Family Centre
PO40 9XH
01983 529 208
Joined by Blair from Youth Trust

AUGUST 2025



SUMMER POP IN AND PLAY SESSIONS

**Come and join us for fun activities and an opportunity
to speak to our Barnardos team**

Thursday 14th August
10-11.30am
Ryde Family Hub
PO33 2JF
01983 617 617
Joined by smoke free
Island



Monday 18th August
10-11.30am
Ventnor Family Centre
PO36 9EQ
01983 408 718
Joined by Sarah from
Department for Work
and Pensions

Painting

Books

Tuesday 26th August
10-11.30am
Cowes Family Centre
PO31 7ET
01983 529 208
Joined by smoke free Island

Playdough

Water play

BARNARDOS

Changing childhoods.
Changing lives.



Isle of Wight
Council

Spring/Summer - School Dinner Menu

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU		WEEK 2 MON: 28/08/2025, TUE: 29/08/2025, WED: 30/08/2025, THU: 31/08/2025, FRI: 01/09/2025 15/09/2025, 06/10/2025				
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	OPTION 2	Macaroni Cheese Vegetarian	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholegrain Pasta Vegetarian	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	OPTION 3	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice Vegetarian	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Potato Wedges Vegetarian	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn and Vegetable Tikka Masala Served with Wholegrain Rice Vegetarian	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	DESSERT	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DESSERT		Apple and Golden Syrup Cakes	Strawberry Jelly	Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Ice Cream	Lemon Cake

Week Commencing
Monday 1st
September 2025
Week 2

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.

** Please note that Jacket Potatoes are only for children in Years 3-6 **

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.



Have you moved house or have a new number?

Have you moved house recently or do you have a new mobile phone number. It is vitally important that we have the correct information on file in case we need to contact you during school hours.



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.



You Are Invited To



AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT CORPS, 72 PYLE STREET, NEWPORT, PO30 1UJ

On Saturday 30th August
10:30am-1pm



ACTIVITIES



STORIES



LUNCH



GAMES



CRAFTS

FOR FREE




Year 3 School Dinners

From September, for children in Year 3, payment will be required for School dinners which are priced at £2.70 per day, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals through benefits.

Please ensure your dinner account on ParentPay is kept in credit for school dinners.

Packed lunches are also welcome. At Nine Acres, we promote healthy eating, so please do not include sweets or fizzy drinks in packed lunches.

Additionally, due to allergies, no items containing nuts are allowed in school.

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.

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:
https://emsonline.iow.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

HELPING HANDS PTA

Nine Acres Parent/Teacher Association



Thank you!

Thank you for all your support throughout the year - and what a year it has been... sponsored run, snowglobe, visit from Santa in his sleigh, 2 fayres, film night, pumpkin parade, Easter colouring competition, disco and uniform sales! Wow! Talking of uniform sales, we are planning to have another uniform sale towards the end of the holidays. If you have any uniform that you no longer require, please bring it along. Look out for more information via social media!

Our next meeting will be Friday 12th September, 8.45am, meeting in the foyer – it would be great to see you there. 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. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Helping Hands

Dates for Diaries

NEXT MEETING – Friday 12th September, 8.45am, meeting in the foyer.

Nine Acres Community Primary School

Spelling Champions of the week

Spelling Champion in
Bamburgh Class

Phoebe C.

Spelling Champion in
Kendal Class

Matilda

Spelling Champion in
Windsor Class

Saisha

Spelling Champion in
Stirling Class

Eloise N

Spelling Champion in
Edinburgh Class

Mykola

"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.

Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Help your child discover the joy of reading this summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge** in Isle of Wight Libraries is a FREE fun-packed way to keep children reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow!

Why Join?

- It's FREE! Available in all island libraries
- Earn a medal and certificate and other fun rewards
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read over the summer, which can really help with reading motivation and enjoyment. Any type of book counts!
- The main challenge is for children aged 4 and over, but there's a mini-challenge for little ones, too.



The challenge starts on Saturday 5 July. Visit your local library to get started.

Help your children start their reading adventure today!

FREE

Family COSTUME WORKSHOPS

new
carnival

Join the New Carnival team to create simple costumes to take to your local summer carnival
Children must be accompanied by an adult.



& theme

Shanklin
Falcon Cross Hall

29 July
Tuesday

10am - 4pm
Spring

Newport
Newport Parish Centre

30 & 31 July
Weds & Thurs

12-3pm both
days - Summer

Ventnor
Better Days Cafe

30 July
Wednesday

10am - 4pm
Steampunk

St Helens
The Pavillion

19 August
Tuesday

10am - 4pm
Goose Island

East Cowes
Scout Hut

20 August
Wednesday

10am - 4pm
Let's Celebrate!

Ryde
The Coaching House

21 August
Thursday

9am-12 & 1-4pm
Jack in the Green

Sandown
Sandown Library

26 August
Tuesday

10am - 4pm
Illuminated
hats



FUN!

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to book a place

Educational Visits at Nine Acres

Here at Nine Acres, we are very proud to be able to offer your children a variety of brilliant educational visits.

As part of their learning, we would like the children to explore museums, go to theatre shows and to enjoy overnight residential trips to inspire their work in school.



Our trips at Nine Acres are known to be amazing and are regularly commented on, however we continue to take into consideration the rise in the cost of living and how we can maintain providing these wonderful opportunities for your children.

During the next few weeks and in to the new academic year, you will notice several trip letters being sent out to families. We feel it is vitally important that we book trips ahead of time, especially any mainland trips, which then gives you an extended period of time to make the payments required so these experiences can continue.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for trips to be added to the list.



Word of the Week

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

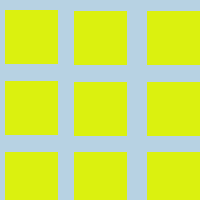
Our word this week is **'intimidate'**.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our families for their continued support this year and for all our kind gifts at the end of term.

Have a lovely Summer break!



RLTCC Summer Holiday and Food Programme

August Programme Dates:
Week 1: Monday 11th - Friday 15th
Week 2: Monday 18th - Friday 22nd

SPORTING AND NUTRITIONAL ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPANIED WITH A HOT MEAL

10:30AM - 2:30PM

15
Funded Spaces Per Day

Places are limited.

To book a place and find out more please scan the QR code below.

Ages 8yrs - 12yrs

Venue: Ryde Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Playstreet Lane, Ryde, PO33 3LJ

Rackets and Equipment Provided

If you have any questions, please contact via phone (07909681007) or email us at: emma@beachhouselow.uk



SUMMER Pottery Club

£27.50

Children and Adults Welcome



MON, WED, FRI
10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm

POTTERY WHEEL PAINTING MODEL MAKING

book online now at
www.isleofwightpottery.com

SMALL MUSEUM BIG ON HISTORY! NO NEED TO BOOK

MUSEUM of ISLAND HISTORY

- Drop-in archaeological finds identification
- Vectis Searchers 40th anniversary display
- Discover local history
- Artefact handling
- Family trail

• **Saturday 19 July 2025**
• **10am to 1pm**
• **Free entry**

FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY

01983 823433
iow.gov.uk/museums
museums@iow.gov.uk

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

Event organised by IW Heritage Service

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN

Swimming lessons 5-day week £38.75. (Monday-Friday)
Swimming lessons 4-day week £31.00. (Tues 26th-Friday 29th August)

Learner Pool
0900-0930 - Stage 1 - Non-swimmer - Happy to go in the water in armbands.
0930-1000 - Stage 2 - Ready to swim without armbands.
1000-1030 - Stage 3 - 5-10m - Water confident, can swim 5-10m on front and back.

Main Pool
0900-0930 - 10m+ Can swim at least 10m on front and back and happy to put face in water.
0900-0930 - 25m+ Can swim at least 25m on front and back using a recognisable stroke.
0930-1000 - 50m+ Can swim at least 50m using good front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke.
0930-1000 - 100m+ Can swim at least 100m using good front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke.

Monday

Fun Kayaking - 1000-1100 - 8-11 years - £9.00 - An introduction to kayaking through fun and games. Must be able to swim at least 25m. July 28th, August 4th, 11th and 18th ONLY.
Indoor Olympics - 1330-1430 - £6.20 - A multi-sport session including Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis and other sports. August 4th, 11th and 18th ONLY.
Youth Football - 1800-1900 - 13-15 years - £4.00 - Opportunity to play football under the guidance of an FA coach. July 28th, August 4th, 11th and 18th ONLY.

Tuesday

Snorkelling - 1000-1100 - £6.20 - Must be able to swim at least 25m and be happy under the water.
Climbing - 1200-1300 - 7-12 years - £16.85 - A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Fun Hours
Fun and floats in our pool.
Under 8's MUST be accompanied in the water.
£4.50.
Mondays-Fridays 1100-1200
Saturdays and Sundays 1000-1100.

Open Swim Sessions
No lanes, diving boards in use - great for a family swim session. Adults £6.20, Children/under 20's £3 - 1400-1500.

Wednesday

Raft Racing - 1000-1100 - 6 years+ - £6.20 - Fun and games in teams racing on our specially built rafts. Must be able to swim at least 50m.
Climbing - 1200-1300 - 7-12 years - £16.85 - A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Thursday

Diving - 1000-1100 - £9 - Must be able to swim at least 25m, be happy underwater and be able to perform a headfirst entry into the pool.
Climbing - 1300-1400 - 7-12 years - £16.85 - A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.
Climbing - 1400-1500 - 7-12 years - £16.85 - A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Friday

Mermaids Main Pool - 1000-1030 - £6.20 - Must be able to swim at least 50m+ and happy under the water.
Mermaids Small Pool - 1030-1100 - £6.20 - Must be able to swim at least 25m+ and happy under the water.
Rookie Lifesaving - 1000-1100 - 8-12 years - £9 - Must be able to swim at least 50m and tread water. Teaches self-rescue and casualty rescue techniques. Bring an old t-shirt to wear in the water over normal swimwear. Friday 15th and 22nd August ONLY.
Outdoor Olympics - 1230-1330 - £6.20 - A multi-sport session including tug of war, football, cricket and athletics. *WEATHER PERMITTING - we will move indoors if bad weather* August 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th ONLY.

Saturday

Pre-Sailing Skills - 1200-1400 - 7-12 years - £32 - Introduction to sailing skills in a safe and warm environment. Session includes dry sailing skills/games and pool work. Must be able to swim 25m. Please bring your own buoyancy aid if you have one and a coat. Saturday 23rd August only - 1200-1400.

West of Wight Sports & Community Centre