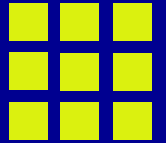




# NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 3rd May 2024



Nine Acres Community Primary School, South View, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1QP  
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Dear Families of Nine Acres,

As we eagerly await the arrival of summer, we want to remind everyone that it's still important for our children to have a coat in school. We understand that lost items of clothing can be a source of frustration, so please remember to label all belongings. Next week, we will have our lost property box out in the office foyer, hoping to reunite any lost items with their rightful owners!



You may have heard about the ongoing consultation by the Isle of Wight Council regarding the declining pupil numbers on the Island and the surplus of empty places in primary schools, which is causing financial and educational pressures across the Island. We are incredibly fortunate that at Nine Acres, our pupil numbers continue to increase, allowing us to offer an exceptional educational experience.



Recently, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children participated in the consultation with Local Authority officers, sharing their views on what they would like to see in educational provision for Island children. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school and provided valuable insights that will contribute to shaping the future of education on the Island. It's a privilege to be part of making positive changes in our community. You can also share your views here:

[Island School Place Planning \(office.com\)](https://www.isleofwight.gov.uk/consultation/consultation-on-school-place-planning)



After a week filled with learning, our Year 5 pupils are eagerly anticipating their trip to London on Wednesday to explore the sights and sounds of the capital city. Additionally, next week promises to be another exciting week for all our pupils as they continue to build, practice and demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

Enjoy the upcoming long weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday,  
Mrs Dyer



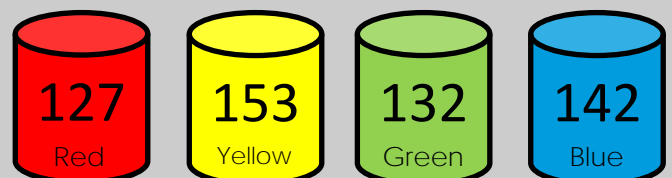
## Development Days

- Friday 1st September 2023—DEVELOPMENT DAY—
- Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024—DEVELOPMENT DAY—
- Friday 14th June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Friday 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY



## House Points Totals

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



## Diary Dates 2023/2024



### MAY 2024

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

**NEW** Tues 7th May 2024 - No swimming for Arundel Class.

Wed 8th May 2024 - Year 5 London Trip.

Week commencing 13th May 2024 - Year 6 SATS.

**NEW** Tues 14th May 2024 - No swimming for Arundel class.

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 13th June-14th June 2024 - Year 3 Novium Trip for Arundel class.

**Fri 14th June 2024** - **DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Thurs 20th June 2024 - Summer Fayre.

**Fri 21st June 2024** - **DEVELOPMENT DAY**

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

Thurs 27th-Fri 28th June 2024 - Year 3 Novium Trip for Bamburgh Class.

### 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.*

# The Art of Gratitude

In our gratitude box today, we celebrate the remarkable contributions of Miss Bekesi and Mrs Spencer from our Year 4 team.

Miss Bekesi, with her unwavering dedication, ignites a flame of passion for children's education, nurturing young minds to blossom into their full potential. Her commitment to fostering pupils growth and development of manners and gratitude is second to none.

With a heart filled with generosity and care, Mrs Spencer extends her nurturing embrace to both her pupils and colleagues alike. Her boundless compassion creates a nurturing environment where everyone feels valued and supported.

Together, they form a dynamic duo, with Miss Bekesi inspiring a love for poetry and Mrs Spencer nurturing a passion for writing in all its forms, from the technical to the creative. Their combined efforts enrich the educational journey of all who have the privilege of crossing their path.

Today, we express our heartfelt gratitude to Miss Bekesi and Mrs Spencer for their invaluable contributions to our school community. May their passion continue to inspire and uplift us all.



## Dinner Menu Update for Next Week

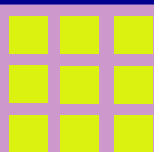
The menu for Tuesday 7th May 2024  
will be the following:

Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with half a Jacket Potato.

BBQ Quorn Fillet served with Wholegrain Rice.

Crispy Crackle Bar with fruit

The rest of the week follows Week 1 as per the menu.



## Social Media

Do you follow us on Facebook? Scan the QR code to see our page!!



SCAN ME

# PE DAYS



Summer Term 1 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 - Wednesday
- Year 3 - Tuesday
- Year 4 - Thursday
- 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 up.

# Enrichment Clubs

Summer Term 1 Enrichment Clubs are in full swing. Children are enjoying the selection this term. Look out for an EYFS Sports Club beginning in Summer Term 2 on our next club form.

To book spaces, please email [enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk)



# 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 office team, calling 522984 or by emailing [office@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:office@nineacrespri.co.uk)



# Spring / Summer School Dinner Menu

Chartwells		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRING/SUMMER 2024	NOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza @ Served with half a Jacket Potato	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	B&B Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes	Turkey Con Chili @ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	JACKET POTATO	B&B Queen Fillet @ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Burger @ Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Cottage Pie @ Served with Gravy	Chilli No Cheese with Crispy Tortilla @ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dishes @ Served with Chips
		Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes @ with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayo sauce @	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
<p>Jacket Potatoes are for Year 3 and above</p> <p>All main meals are served with two vegetables</p>						
DESSERT		Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit @	Raspberry Jelly	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice @	Vanilla Ice Cream	Original Flapjack
<p>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</p> <p>Water, milk, freshly made school, prepared &amp; fresh food</p> <p>Vegetarian    Oily Fish    Wholegrain</p> <p>Fruity!    Nutritionist's Choice</p>						

Week Commencing  
Tuesday 7th  
May 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.



## Nine Acres Community Primary School



Biggleswade  
Erin - Arts

## Explorer Awards



Corfe  
Ruby - History



Balmoral  
Tabitha - history

Windsor  
Blake - History

Arundel  
Prisha - RE

Bamburgh  
Lana - Computing



Kendal  
Harry - Computing

Warwick  
Max - History

Edinburgh  
Elexi - Geography

Stirling  
Blake - RE

Durham  
Oscar - Arts

York  
Joy - Languages



Well done everyone!!

# HELPING HANDS PTA

Festival Fayre - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024

It's already May and the Fayre will be with us all too soon!

Teddy Tombola Update – If you are having a clear out over the May Bank Holiday you may like the opportunity to 're-home' some of your soft toys. We are asking for donations of any soft toys (in as good condition as possible please). Our 're-homing project' AKA 'The Teddy Tombola' has been incredibly popular over the last few years at the Fayre.

*Please bring any donations to the office.*

Thank you again for all your continued support. Our next meeting will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 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 at the school office.

*Helping Hands*



# 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.



## 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)

# Kingswood Isle of Wight Open Day

Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>

Old School Buildings,  
Hillway Road,  
Bembridge,  
PO35 5PH



**£7 ENTRY/  
FREE  
under 5's**



**High Ropes  
Adventure Activities  
Field Games  
& MORE!**

## Contact:

yazmin.wright@inspiring-learning.com | 01983875353

# Walk the Wight 2024

Not long to go, the countdown has officially started!

We are totally blown away by how many children have signed up this year to take part in Schools Walk the Wight, with 817 signed up, thank you so much!

Please see below the current leader board, it is amazing to have 3 schools with over £1,000 raised and the others so close behind! The grand total as it stands at the moment is £16,271.04, this time last year schools had raised just over £8,000, so we are over double this year. Thank you SO MUCH for your support!



Schools Walk the Wight Leaderboard		
1st	Canisbrooke CE Primary	£1,350
2nd	Ryde School With Upper Chine - Juniors	£1,153
3rd	Nine Acres Primary	£1,000
4th	Lanesend Primary	£974
5th	Hannymill Primary	£894

## 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



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

## 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 healthy sleep'.

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/relaxation-tips/>



# Year 6 SATS Week

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May 2024

**Breakfast at 8.15am**

## Year 3 - Arundel

### Swimming Lessons

Arundel Swimming lessons began on Tuesday 16th April 2024.

On Tuesday's, Arundel Class must come to school in their PE kits with their swimming costume or swim shorts underneath as this will make changing easier at the swimming pool.

*Please bring a pair of goggles, a named towel and a plastic bag for wet items. Children with verruca's will need to wear a verruca sock and children with long hair should have it tied up or wear a swim cap.*

All children need a packed lunch and a healthy snack on swimming days and a filled water bottle is also required.



Tuesday 7th & 14th May 2024

No swimming

Tuesday 21st May 2024

1.00-2.00pm

Tuesday 4th June 2024

1.00-2.00pm

## 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.*

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.

## **Bank Holiday**

Monday 6th May 2024 is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed to pupils.

We hope you have a lovely long weekend!!

# Educational Visits

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Year 5 London Trip.

Deposit Payment was due - Friday  
2nd February 2024

Full payment was due by Friday  
19th April 2024



Wednesday 5th June 2024

Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Deposit Payment was due - Friday 1st  
March 2024

Full payment is due by Friday 17th May 2024



Thurs 13th/Fri 14th & Thurs 27th/Fri 28th  
June 2024

Year 3 Novium Museum Trip.

Arundel - 13th/14th June 2024

Bamburgh - 27th/28th June 2024

Deposit Payment was 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 was 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.*

# School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.

Dates: 26/04/2024 - 02/05/2024

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	96.00%	0
Yarmouth:	98.00%	1
Biggleswade	96.43%	4
Corfe	93.33%	0
Balmoral:	97.67%	3
Windsor:	95.33%	3
Arundel:	98.62%	0
Bamburgh:	94.00%	5
Kendal:	96.00%	1
Warwick:	91.67%	0
Edinburgh:	97.67%	1
Stirling:	97.33%	0
Durham:	92.96%	0
York:	94.14%	1

Well done ARUNDEL CLASS!  
Whole school attendance this  
week is: 95.67%

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.



## 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 EYFS to  
Year 6 should be reading  
at home at least 3  
times a week.



## 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.

## 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!

