Nine Acres
Primary School

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

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

PROSPECTUS 2026-2027

'Pupils blossom at Nine Acres. They are inspired and enthusiastic learners. They thrive in this exceptional school'
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HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

Dear Families,

My name is Miss McDonald and I am delighted to welcome you to Nine Acres Primary School. It is a privilege to lead such a vibrant, caring and inspiring learning community, where every child is supported to grow, explore and achieve their very best.

Nine Acres is a place where curiosity, creativity and community come together to help every child thrive. Our pupils leave us with the skills, confidence and determination to shape their own futures.

At Nine Acres, we root our teaching through four core values:

- **to be articulate**
- **to be passionate**
- **to be persuasive**
- **to positively influence the world around us**

These qualities help our pupils express their ideas, advocate for themselves, embrace challenges and lead their lives with kindness, respect and purpose.

Our motto, 'Striving for Excellence', reflects our commitment to combining strong academic foundations with enriching experiences across the curriculum. Supported by our devoted staff and engaged families, every child is encouraged to flourish, explore their passions and make meaningful contributions to their communities.

We warmly welcome new families to visit Nine Acres, see our pupils in action and experience the OUTSTANDING Learning environment we provide.

If you require any further information, we would be delighted to assist and provide everything you need to learn more about our school.

Warm Regards,

Miss McDonald

OUR VISION

We are a school in which everyone is 'Striving for Excellence'. We aim to create an environment where curiosity is encouraged, inquiry welcomed and excitement in learning is fostered. We want to enhance the life of every child, equipping them with the skills and ability to make sense of the world thus creating a community that has values and attitudes that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives.

We encourage high self-esteem, aspiration, expectation and respect in all our pupils. We recognise that all are different, but each is special. The pupils will leave Nine Acres with good skills in English, communication and Mathematics which they can apply across all areas of the curriculum. They are ready to face the challenges of secondary education with enthusiasm.

Our aims are:

· To set and promote the highest standards of teaching, learning, progress and achievement
· To promote equality and appreciation of diversity
· To promote and achieve the highest standards of learning behaviour
· To develop independence and creativity
· To provide a healthy, safe and happy environment
· To develop positive links with families and the local wider community.

LEARNING AT NINE ACRES

Our focus at Nine Acres is learning. This applies to everyone; Pupils, Staff, Parents, Governors and our school community. You are never too old to learn and you can never learn enough!

With our young learners, we want to equip them with all of the skills needed to live and work in a modern technological, multi cultural world through a learning programme that is relevant, meaningful and exciting. We want to capture their minds so that they want to carry on learning throughout their lives.

<u>So what do we do and how do we do it?</u>

Our curriculum meets all the requirements of the National Curriculum, covering every subject you would expect and more. Learning at Nine Acres is about making meaningful connections, helping children understand not just what they are learning but why it matters.

We enrich classroom learning with a wide range of educational visits and inspiring visitors, bringing lessons to life and making learning tangible. Studying castles from a book is one thing, but exploring a real castle creates memorable experiences that deepen understanding and spark curiosity.

These opportunities provide our pupils with regular 'WOW' moments, linking their learning across subjects and helping them engage fully with the world around them.

NINE ACRES SCHOOL DAY

Start Time

EYFS, Year 1 & 2 doors open at 8:45am

Years 3,4,5,6 doors open at 8:30am

Break Time

EYFS,Year 1 & 2- 10:30am-10:45am

Year 3,4,5,6- 10:45am-11:00am

Lunchtime

EYFS 12:00pm-1:00pm

Year 1 & 2 12:10pm-1:00pm

Year 3,4,5,6 12:30pm-1:15pm

End of Day

EYFS 3:00pm

Year 1,2,3,4,5,6 3:10pm

For the safety of all our pupils, the school playgrounds open at 8:25am. Please do not arrive before this time, as we are unable to supervise children and want them to be safe and comfortable. Families with children attending Little Acres are welcome to enter earlier through the front playground in order to access this provision.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We want our children to look smart, feel confident and be proud to be part of Nine Acres. Commitment to our uniform policy helps achieve this, ensuring all pupils present themselves ready for learning.

UNIFORM

- Nine Acres Logo Jumper or Cardigan
- Nine Acres Logo Polo Shirt (Blue for EYFS and White Y1,2,3&4)
- White buttoned shirt with tie (Y5&Y6 only)
- Grey Trousers or Grey Skirt or Grey Shorts
- Grey Socks or White socks or Grey tights
- Black shoes (no boots or trainers)
- Blue Summer Dress (Optional)

All children must wear sensible black school shoes; training shoes, fashion shoes or knee-length boots are not permitted. For health & safety reasons please ensure long hair is tied back.

PE KIT

- Nine Acres logo green PE shirt
- Blue Shorts (available from most supermarkets)
- Blue Hoodie/Sweatshirt (optional in winter)
- Blue tracksuit bottoms (optional in winter)
- Trainers

For health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed for all physical activities. If your child wishes to have their ears pierced, we recommend doing so during the summer holidays to allow time for healing and safe removal.

Our uniform is available from Kids and Co in Ryde, where orders can be placed in-store or online at www.kidsandcodirect.co.uk.

KEEPING IN TOUCH @ NINE ACRES

Text Messaging & Email

When your child starts at Nine Acres, you are automatically signed up for our text and email updates. This service is our main way of sharing important information quickly, from urgent messages to reminders about school events. If you'd like to opt out, please let us know in writing.

Updating Your Contact Details

It is very important that we always have your up-to-date contact information. Please inform us immediately of any changes to phone numbers, addresses, or emergency contacts. This ensures we can reach you promptly if your child is unwell, has an accident, or if there is important school news. Keeping us informed also helps us support your child effectively and ensure their safety at all times.

Newsletters & Knowledge Organisers

Every Friday, we email a newsletter with news of events, trips, and school activities. Printed copies are available from the school office, and all newsletters are also on our website.
Each term, your child will bring home a Knowledge Organiser, giving you information about their year group's learning and upcoming events. This helps you stay involved in their education and know what they are learning each term.

Social Media

Our Facebook page celebrates learning, trips, special visitors, and school events. It's a great way to see the exciting opportunities your child experiences at Nine Acres.

KEEPING IN TOUCH @ NINE ACRES

Meetings & Parents Evenings

We arrange parent meetings and evenings throughout the year. If you have any questions or want to discuss your child's progress, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with their class teacher.

Raising Concerns

If you have any worries about your child or school procedures, please speak first with their class teacher. If you would like to meet Miss McDonald, Headteacher, appointments can be made via the school office. Our complaints procedure is available on the school website.

Details of our website & email contact details are below:

- Website - www.nineacrespri.sch.iow.uk
- Email Contact - office@nineacrespri.co.uk

HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT

At Nine Acres, we believe children achieve their very best when home and school work together in partnership. This agreement sets out our shared commitment to supporting your child's learning and wellbeing.

The School Will:

- **Provide a safe, welcoming and supportive environment.**
- **Ensure every child feels valued, listened to and respected, fostering a sense of belonging.**
- **Offer high-quality teaching and a broad, enriching curriculum.**
- **Communicate regularly with families about your child's progress, school events and important updates.**
- **Listen to concerns and respond promptly and respectfully.**
- **Model and promote kindness, respect and high expectations at all times.**

Parents/Carers Will:

- **Support the school by ensuring children attend on time and in the correct uniform.**
- **Communicate respectfully with staff in person, by phone or online.**
- **Inform the school of anything that may affect your child's learning or wellbeing.**
- **Support your child's learning at home and encourage a positive attitude to education.**
- **Work with the school to resolve any concerns constructively.**

Children Will:

- **Work hard and always try their best.**
- **Be kind, respectful and helpful to others.**
- **Take care of school equipment and property.**
- **Talk to an adult if they are worried or need help.**
- **Represent Nine Acres proudly in their behaviour and attitude.**

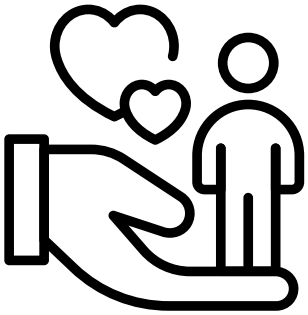
Together, we will create a respectful, supportive partnership to give every child the opportunity to thrive, achieve and be proud of their learning.

SAFEGUARDING

At Nine Acres, your child's safety and wellbeing are our highest priority. As a school, we also have a legal responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. The Children's Acts 1989 and 2004 place a duty of care on us to ensure every pupil is safe, valued, and supported.

All staff and volunteers working or helping in school undergo rigorous checks, including an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and verification of their right to work in the UK. This helps us ensure that every adult in school is safe, trusted, and committed to supporting your child.

We have a range of policies and procedures in place to keep children safe. These cover areas such as:



- Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Site Management and Security
- Attendance and Punctuality
- Behaviour and Anti-Bullying
- E-safety and Online Learning
- Health and Safety

These procedures are designed to ensure that your child is safe, supported, and able to thrive every day.

We believe that working in partnership with parents and carers is the most effective way to keep children safe. By sharing information openly and working together, we can provide the best possible support for your child's wellbeing and learning.

SAFEGUARDING

If we ever have any concerns about your child's safety, we will follow our child protection policies and procedures. This includes a legal duty to report concerns to Children's Services and where appropriate, share information with other agencies involved in an investigation. Throughout this process, the school will support and advise you, helping you understand and cooperate with any steps needed to protect your child.

Our full Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy, along with all other school policies, is available on our website. We encourage all parents to read them to understand the procedures we follow to keep every child safe.

At Nine Acres, your child's safety is everyone's responsibility. By working together, we can ensure a secure, nurturing, and supportive environment where every pupil feels safe, valued, and able to thrive.

SITE MANAGEMENT & SAFETY

To ensure the safety of all pupils at the beginning and end of the school day, parents are asked to use the gates at the front of the school and the gate on the lane adjacent to the school. These gates are open each morning at 8:25am and again at 3:00pm at the end of the school day.

All other external doors are kept locked and operate via a key code system. Parents and carers are only permitted entry between 8:30am and 3:10pm when accompanied by a member of staff.

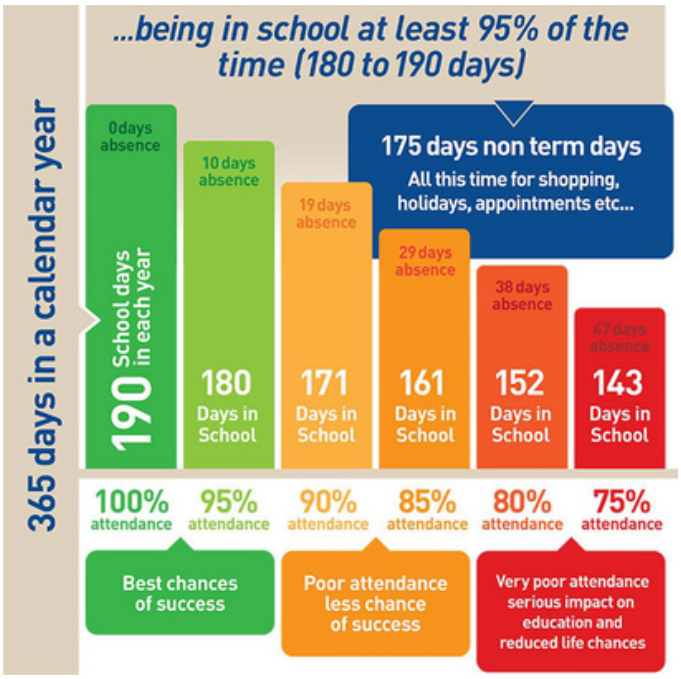
For safety reasons, the school car park is for staff and permit holders only and is not to be used for dropping off or picking up children. Free short-stay parking is available at Chapel Street, and permits can be obtained from the school office.

Nine Acres operates a No Smoking/E-Cigarette Policy. Please do not smoke or vape anywhere in or around the school grounds.

For the safety and comfort of all, dogs and other animals are not permitted on school grounds, with the exception of guide dogs.

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance plays a vital role in how well children succeed at school and in the opportunities they will have in adult life. Every day counts and we ask for your support in ensuring your child attends and arrives on time.



Reporting Absences

If your child is absent, it is a requirement that you let us know each day of the absence and explain why they are not at school. Please support our safeguarding procedures by calling the school office between 8:30am and 9:05am. A quick phone call is all that's needed, and it helps us ensure every pupil is safe and where they should be.

If We Don't Hear From You

If we have not received a message from you by 9:05am, you will contacted by text and/or phone. By contacting the office yourself, you are helping us to minimise the number of families we need to call during this time and, most importantly, supporting us in keeping all children safe.

In line with our Safeguarding responsibilities, if we are unable to reach you and confirm the reason for absence, we may carry out a home visit. This is never intended to worry families, but simply to make sure both pupils and parents are safe and supported.

ATTENDANCE

Punctuality

Being on time is just as important as good attendance. Arriving late can be unsettling for your child and disruptive for the rest of the class. Regular lateness, like absence, is carefully monitored.

Leave of Absence

We know there may occasionally be unavoidable reasons for requesting time away from school. In line with Local Authority legislation, family holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Absences of this nature will be recorded as unauthorised and may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.

We would particularly stress the importance of children being in school during April and May, when pupils in Years 2–6 take part in National Assessments that are key in their progress measures.

If you do need to request a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances, please collect a request form from the school office. The Headteacher will consider each request on an individual basis.
Term dates, holiday dates, and the five annual staff development days (when school is closed for training) are published separately for your convenience.

Working Together

Above all, please remember that we are here to support. We know that not all children find coming to school easy and every family's circumstances are different. By communicating with us openly, we can work in partnership to help your child feel confident, cared for, and ready to thrive.

SCHOOL DINNERS

At Nine Acres, we want all children to be healthy and ready to learn.

School dinners are provided daily by Chartwells at a cost of £2.80 per day. Meals can be paid for using our online ParentPay system, which is quick and easy to use. If you do not have access to a computer or smart device, you can pay in cash at your local PayPoint store — please contact the school office for guidance on setting this up.

Children who meet certain eligibility criteria may qualify for Free School Meals (FSM) through the Local Authority. This is separate from Universal Free School Meals, which are provided for all children in EYFS, Year 1, and Year 2.

Nine Acres is a nut and sesame free school. We have pupils with specific allergies, and their safety is very important to us. Please do not include any products that contain nuts or sesame in packed lunches or snacks. By working together, parents, carers, and the school can help ensure all children are safe and supported during mealtimes.

PARENTPAY

ParentPay is our online payment service which allows families to pay for school dinners, education visits and after school clubs easily and efficiently. When you join Nine Acres you will be provided with a login which you will need to activate. Only one account will be created per child unless requested otherwise. Parent's who are separated can also have their own accounts which enables you to see all payment items relating to your children. If you have more than one child at Nine Acres you can also merge these accounts so that you can see all payment items for all your children easily. *Please note that ParentPay is accessed via the internet and is not a app.*

In the event that you are not able to access the internet via a computer or smart device (iPad, iPhone, Android phone, tablet) there is an option to still pay cash at a local Pay Point store. If you wish to make payment to school via this route please speak to the office who will issue you with a barcode.

ParentPay

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please inform the school office if you need to take your child for an medical appointment. A member of the office team will then collect your child from their classroom. On your return from an appointment, please report to the school office where again a member of the office team will take your child back to their classroom. We require medical evidence of every appointment your child attends. This can be an appointment card/letter or a prescription.

PRESCRIBED MEDICINES

Parents and Carers who need prescribed medicines to be given to their child at Nine Acres must complete the appropriate permission form at the school office.

Only prescribed medicines in their original container can be administered. We cannot accept medicines that are not in the original packaging. The dose and timing must match the instructions on the pharmaceutical label provided by your doctor.

If your child is well enough to be in school but requires a single dose of Calpol (or similar) during the day, you are welcome to either:

- Come into school to administer it yourself, or
- Give written permission via email or text to the school office for that specific dose.

Please also inform us if your child has a serious or recurring medical condition, so we can ensure appropriate care and support while they are at school.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

All children will receive a full medical examination during their first year at school. The school nursing team check hearing, eye sight, height and weight. Height and Weight checks are again taken when your child is in Year 6. You will be informed of this in writing. If you are worried, please contact the School Nursing Team on (Tel: 0300 123 5224).

PERMISSIONS

Educational Visits

Educational visits are an important part of school life and help enhance your child's learning. To ensure we can meet the needs of all pupils, parents and carers are required to complete an EV3 permission form every academic year. This form covers all educational visits, off-island visits, and sports fixtures. Permission forms are available from the school office and must be completed annually.

Walking Home

Only children in Years 4, 5, and 6 may walk home alone and only if the appropriate walking home permission form has been completed. The school reserves the right to withdraw this permission if there are reports of inappropriate or antisocial behaviour. In such cases, parents/carers will be required to collect their child from school.

Photography and Media Consent

At Nine Acres, we sometimes take photos or videos of pupils to celebrate school life in newsletters, on our website, or Facebook. When joining, you will complete a consent form to confirm how your child's image can be used.
Please do not share photos of other children on social media. With your consent, children may also appear in local or national press.

DATA PROTECTION

We collect information about your child and family relevant for the purpose of providing you support information & advice. We keep both written & electronic records in accordance with the latest legislation, GDPR (General Data Protection Rules).

At times it may be necessary for us to share information with professionals and other agencies.

A full copy of our Privacy Notice is available on request.

HOME LEARNING

Learning is a lifelong journey, and sharing it with your child helps you develop new skills while showing them how important learning is for life.

There are many ways you can support your child's learning:

- **Talk about their day: Encourage conversations about what they have learnt and experienced at school.**
- **Encourage curiosity: Rather than providing all the answers, help children find information through books, resources and exploration.**
- **Encourage experimentation: Help children try new approaches and understand that making mistakes is part of learning – taking risks is a valuable skill!**

Homework

Homework at Nine Acres is designed to reinforce the skills pupils have learned in class and support their ongoing learning. Expectations increase as children progress through the school and each year group's requirements are clearly outlined in their knowledge organisers which are shared each term.

Reading with Boom Reader

At Nine Acres, we use a digital platform called Boom Reader to encourage reading at home and at school. Parents and family members can record their child's reading online, and children are rewarded with gems when they complete a book.

Children are encouraged to read at least three times a week. Each week, children who meet this goal earn a raffle ticket, and winners receive a golden token to choose a book from our reading vending machine. Achievements are also celebrated in assembly.
KS2 pupils have their own logins, allowing them to track independent reading using classroom iPads or at home. This gives children responsibility and independence, helping them develop a lifelong love of reading.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

At Nine Acres, we provide children with a wide range of exciting and educational experiences. Throughout their time at school, pupils take part in many interesting visits and have opportunities to share their learning and achievements with you in a variety of ways.

We also invite community visitors to support learning, such as fire-fighters, health workers, and storytellers. Year 6 pupils have the chance to take part in a challenging, team-building residential trip, creating memories and developing important life skills.

After-school clubs are available for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children, including:

- Gardening Club
- Skateboarding Club
- Makaton Club
- Football Club
- ...and many more!

We warmly welcome offers of help with a wide range of activities, from assisting with needlework or school visits to supporting school events. All volunteers are subject to a full enhanced DBS check to ensure the safety of our pupils.

LITTLE ACRES CHILDCARE

Little Acres is a independently ran childcare centre that is based on our school site. They provide the following:

Breakfast Club: 7:45am-8:45am (this includes breakfast)

After School Club: 3:00pm-4:00pm or 3pm-6pm (snack is included for all children)

Holiday Club-7:45am-6pm (Various sessions available)

Children are taken into school for their allocated start time and collected at their end time. Children attending our school clubs can join Little Acres when their club has finished. All sessions have to be pre booked - places are limited.

Telephone - 01983 532358

Email- *littleacreschildcarecentre@gmail.com*

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Our Parent/Teacher Association is called Helping Hands.

Why do we have a PTA?

It is an integral part of the school community. Just in the last few years we have raised thousands of pounds which have been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the school's facilities. However, Helping Hands is about much more than simply fundraising – it also exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal.

How we raise money

Like most PTAs, the majority of our funds are raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are: Pumpkin Carving competition, Halloween events, Christmas Fayre, Valentine Disco and the Summer Fayre.

How we spend the money we raise

The PTA committee are responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent although, we work very closely with the School to provide items that would benefit our children the most. Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting. Our Constitution commits the association to spending money only on things that will benefit the children directly. Some of the items we have recently funded for the school are new reading books, gazebos, art trolley, PE equipment, musical instruments, a contribution towards the back playground (equipment and markings) as well as every year, providing a chance for every child to visit Santa and receive a Christmas present and a Celebration for our Year 6 children when they are leaving.

More communications from us can be found weekly in the school newsletter and every parent is welcome to join us at our monthly meetings.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Our Chair is : Mrs Clare Sim
Our treasurer is : Ms Kayleigh Gardiner

Helping Hands

Nine Acres Community Primary School PTA

OUR STAFF

Strategic Leadership Team

Headteacher – Miss R McDonald
Deputy Headteacher- Mrs G Barbour
Assistant Headteacher/SENCO - Miss R Paddon
School Business Manager – Mrs S Brame

YEAR GROUP	TEACHER	LSA
EYFS	MRS SHAW MISS HAYWARD MRS CAMPBELL	MISS GUY MRS WILTSHIRE MISS GARDINER
YEAR 1	MRS GOSSET MISS CLARK	MISS CHANDLER MISS WOOD
YEAR 2	MISS CUNNINGHAM MRS MAY	MRS CHANDLER MRS FRAMPTON
YEAR 3	MISS BEKESI MRS GOULD	MRS JERVIS MRS WINTER
YEAR 4	MRS BOXELL MISS SLADE	MISS JOHNSON
YEAR 5	MRS SCOTT MRS ECKER	MRS SIBBICK MRS PHILLIPS MR TOULSON
YEAR 6	MRS TINGLE MISS ROWE	MRS SIBBICK MRS SMITH MR CARR

OUR STAFF

NAME	Role
MISS BUCKETT	OFFICE MANAGER
MRS TEAGUE	FINANCE ASSISTANT
MISS HORRIGAN	ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT
MRS HUSSEY	FAMILY LIASON OFFICER
MRS COX	LUNCHTIME ASSISTANT
MR WORRELL	SITE MANAGER
MRS MAYES	ART/DT LEAD
MRS CULPIN	HLTA/LANGUAGES LEAD
MRS MACKRILL	ART TEACHER
MRS SIM	TEACHER / ECO LEADER
MR TOULSON	LSA / ASSISTANT SPORTS COACH
MR MASON	FOREST SCHOOL LEADER
MR TOWNSEND	CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

School Cook - Chartwells
School Cleaner - Top Mops Contractor
School Nursing Team - 0300 123 5224

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DEPUTY HEADTEACHER- MRS G BARBOUR
ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER/SENCO- MISS R PADDON

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