



Dear Families,

Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our wonderful community for your kind messages and well wishes following my appointment. Your support has been truly humbling and is yet another reminder of just how special Nine Acres and its community are.

It's been business as usual here at Nine Acres this week. The pupils have returned from half term full of focus and ready to learn. Our Year 6 pupils have been showcasing their fantastic writing skills, Year 4 have been busy with their times tables checks, and Year 5 have taken to the water for some exciting sailing sessions!



Today, we have also welcomed more Headteachers from across the country, who visited us to see the academic excellence and unique culture we foster here at Nine Acres.

Looking ahead, we have a jam-packed and exciting half term to come - with highlights including our Summer Festival Fayre, Sports Days, and the all-important Nine Acres Transition events. Please keep an eye out for further information.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I'm so proud to be leading such a vibrant, dedicated, and inspiring school community.

Warm regards, Miss McDonald



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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 <u>Monday 1st September 2025</u> DEVELOPMENT DAY



House Point Totals for Summer Term 2 2025 Well done to YELLOW house who received the most House Points for this week! C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !!! 145 131 124 153

Green

Yellow

Diary Dates 2024/2025



<u>JUNE 2025</u>

10th, 11th & 12th June 2025 - Edinburgh Sailing Sessions. Thurs 12th June 2025 - Year 3 Swimming Begins for Bamburgh Class. Mon 16th – Fri 27th June 2025 - Attendance Focus Fortnight. NEW Tues 17th June 2025 - Year 6 Leavers Photographs. Wed 18th June 2025 - EYFS Beach Trip. Thurs 19th June 2025 - Summer Festival Fayre Thurs 19th June 2025 - Mufti Day for all children. Fri 20th June 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY. Tues 24th June 2025 - KS2 Sports Day. Wed 25th June 2025 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day. Thurs 26th & Fri 27th June 2025 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

JULY 2025

<u>Fri 4th July 2025</u> - DEVELOPMENT DAY. <u>Thurs 24th July 2025</u> - Year 6 NAPA Awards. <u>Fri 25th July 2025</u> - Early Closing at 1.00pm. <u>Mon 28th July 2025</u> - DEVELOPMENT DAY. <u>Tues 29th July 2025</u> - DEVELOPMENT DAY. <u>Wed 30th July - Fri 29th August 2025 - Summer</u> <u>Holidays.</u>

<u>SEPTEMBER 2025</u>

Mon 1st Sept 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

OCTOBER 2025

<u>Mon 20th Oct - Fri 31st Oct 2025 - October Half</u> <u>Term.</u>

<u>NOVEMBER 2025</u>

DECEMBER 2025

<u>Mon 22nd Dec - Fri 2nd Jan 2026 - Christmas</u> <u>Holidays.</u>

New dates will be added - Please check the box for <u>NEW</u> 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 <u>office@nineacrespri.co.uk</u> 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.

School Nurse Meetings

Our School Nurse is Kerry and she is available to help and support you as your child journeys through Primary School. If you would like to meet with Kerry please contact the school office on 522984.

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.





Sessions will be held at Nine Acres Primary School, booking is not required. For further information, please speak to Mrs Hussey.

Wednesday 11th June 2025 - 9.30-11.00am

Wednesday 2nd July 2025 - 9.30-11.00am



you have returned your

child's permission form to

the office by Wednesday

11th June 2025.

We are pleased to confirm we will be holding our NAPA Awards Evening for our Year 6 children on <u>Thursday 24th July</u>.

More details will be out soon!



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 **Eashion Shoes/Trainers**

<u>Year 5 and Year 6</u>

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 <u>Summer Term</u> 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

<u>PE Kit (All Years)</u>

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



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 <u>2.30pm</u>.



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

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/supermovers/articles/ zpxc3j6



School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%. Dates: 23/05/2025 - 05/06/2025

Attendance Lates

Carisbrooke	92.33%	2
armouth	98.67%	1
Biggleswade	92.00%	3
Corfe	91.00%	0
Balmoral:	90.69%	1
Windsor:	92.76%	2
Arundel:	99.67%	1
Bamburgh:	95.33%	1
Kendal:	97.33%	1
Warwick:	93.15%	1
Edinburgh:	86.00%	1
Stirling:	92.95%	0
Durham:	93.00%	0
York:	96.67%	1

Well done ARUNDEL!! Whole school attendance this week is: 93.69%

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.





Summer Festival Fayre 2025

Thursday 19th June 3.30 – 5.00pm

Pony Rides, Bouncy Castle, Inflatable Helter Skelter, Sweet Tombola, Refreshments, Teddy Tombola, Cake Stall, Face Glitter, Festival Pop-Up Shop, Glitter Tattoos, Raffle, Hook a Duck and More...



Year 5 Sailing Sessions

Parentkind

<u>Group B is Edinburgh Class</u> - Tuesday 10th June, Wednesday 11th June, Thursday 12th June.

A flyer has been sent home with Edinburgh class with details of the kit required for the sailing days. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch every day.

Educational Visits at Nine Acres

Edinburgh - 10th/11th/12th June 2025

Year 5 Sailing Trip

These sessions are free for our children.





Wednesday 18th June 2025 EYFS Beach Trip - Bembridge

Full payment was due by Monday 2nd June 2025

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th June 2025

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip. <u>Deposit Payment was due Monday 4th</u> <u>November 2024</u> Full payment was due by Monday 2nd June 2025



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.



Our Helping Hands Summer Festival Fayre will be held on Thursday 19th June from 3.30pm - 5.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!!



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



Please note the dates have been changed. Tuesday 24th June 2025

KS2 Sports Day

Wednesday 25th June 2025

EYFS & KS1 Sports Day

Families are welcome to join us in the afternoon on the school field.

Times to be confirmed

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! <u>Parking permits are available from the school office for Chapel Street car park.</u>



Year 6 will have their Leavers Class Photographs on Tuesday 17th June.

Children to come to school in full school uniform.



Word of the Week

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

Our word this week is 'foliage'.





Attendance **Focus Fornight**

Our Attendance Focus Fortnight is approaching fast and will be held during the 2 weeks of Monday 16th June 2025 - Friday 27th June 2025.

> Our attendance target for the academic year is 97%.

Who will be above 97% a the end of the academic year?







AGES 2-5

Monday 0930-1015 Thursday 0930-1015



AGES 5-9

Thursday 1020-1115 (Home Ed) Thursday 1545-1640 Saturday 0900-0955



MINI ORANGE/GREEN **AGES 9-14**

Thursday 1120-1215 (Home Ed) Thursday 1645-1740 Saturday 1000-1055 saturday 1100-1155 (all ages welcome)

ADULT BEGINNERS AGES 14+ Monday 1130-1225



ADULT ADVANCED **AGES 14+**



Tuesday 1700-1815 Saturday 1200-1315 Sunday 1130-1245



Thursday 1345-1440



Monday 1230-1325 Thursday 1245-1340

Bamburgh Swimming Lessons

Bamburgh Class swimming lessons continue.

The children will need to wear their swimming costume/shorts to school under their PE Kit in

order for them to be ready for their lesson.

Please ensure your child has had a good breakfast on the day before swimming and any inhalers should be up to date and with your child on the day. If your child does not have their inhaler they will not be able to participate.

On Thursday's, each week that your child will be swimming, they will require a packed lunch brought in from home along with a snack for after swimming.

Swimming will take place on the following dates:

- Thursday 12th June 2025 1.00-2.00pm
- Thursday 19th June 2025 1.00-2.00pm
- Thursday 3rd July 2025 1.00-2.00pm
- Thursday 10th July 2025 1.00-2.00pm
- Thursday 17th July 2025 1.00-2.00pm



Please ensure all payments are made on ParentPay. We still have a few spaces available in some of our clubs. To book places, please email enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk



HELPING HANDS PTA

Nine Acres Parent/Teacher Association Festival Fayre - Thursday 19th June

Welcome back - we hope you had a lovely break at half term.

Wow - there are less than 2 weeks until the Festival Fayre - we can't believe it.

Remember, there will be a mufti day on the day of the Festival (19th), where the children will be allowed to wear their own clothes in exchange for donations to the Festival. Please can the <u>children from Years</u> <u>1-6</u> please bring in their donations on the Monday of that week (Monday 16th June). Children in EYFS bring their donations on the day of the Fayre.

Donations of the following would be gratefully received:

EYFS - Cakes (shop bought or home-made)

Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Sweets

We would also be very grateful for any donations that could be used as raffle prizes.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already brought in teddies for the tombola. If you have any teddies, you would like to donate, please bring them into the office.

We would also like to have another uniform sale soon (date to be confirmed dependent on weather) so if you have any uniform that you no longer need, please pass this to the office too.

Our next meeting will be Friday 11th July, 8.45am, meeting in the foyer. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on <u>helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk</u> or leave a message for us at the school office.

Dates for Diaries

NEXT MEETING – Friday 11th July 2025, 8.45am meet in school foyer.

Monday 16th June – Y1,2,3,4,5,6 bring in sweet donations for mufti day.

Thursday 19th June – Wear mufti clothes and Festival Fayre 3.30-5.00pm.

Thursday 19th June – EYFS Bring in cake donations

PE DAYS

<u>Nine Acres Primary School</u> Week Commencing Monday 9th June 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 - Wednesday 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.



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





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.



Please ensure your account is activated.



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.



Spare Seat Application Window - Academic Year 2025/2026

This notice applies to those parents/guardians of current Year 6 students who are moving up to secondary school next year and wish to apply for a place on a Council-contracted school bus service.

<u>Dear Parent/Guardian,</u>

The dates for the spare seat application window for academic year 2025 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a spare seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply between 9am on Monday 30th June 2025 and 4pm on Friday 11th July 2025. Please note that the online form will only be live between the above times and that applications received outside of this window will not be accepted.

Further information on the spare seat process can be found online, here: <u>Spare seat scheme (iow.gov.uk)</u>. Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage.

If you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage you will see the bus services for which you can apply. This information will be live from 9am on Monday 16th June 2025. Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.



Do bear in mind that making an application for a spare seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Ticket costs and payment

The cost of a ticket will increase from academic year 2024. This was agreed following a Cabinet decision made on 9th May 2024 following the recent <u>School Transport Policy Consultation</u>. Spare seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

Up to a full term £194.18 Up to half a term £97.09 Up to a full-term AM or PM only £97.09 Up to half a term AM or PM only £48.54

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: <u>transport.info@iow.gov.uk</u> or telephone: 823780.

Important Points to Note

- There will only be 1 application window before the start of the academic year so please ensure you apply during this window for your child to be considered for a seat.

- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from 9am on Monday 16th June 2025.

- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.

- There is a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.

- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.