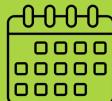


NINE ACRES NEWS

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

ISSUE 12
05/12/2025

KEY DATES



DECEMBER 2025

Mon 8th Dec - Fri 19th Dec 2025 - Attendance Focus Fortnight.
Thurs 11th Dec 2025 - KS2 Festive Craft Sessions.
Fri 12th Dec 2025 - Helping Hands Christmas Fayre.
Tues 16th Dec 2025 - EYFS Nativity PM.
Wed 17th Dec 2025 - EYFS Nativity AM.
Wed 17th Dec 2025 - KS1 Nativity PM.
Thurs 18th Dec 2025 - KS1 Nativity AM.
Thurs 18th Dec 2025 - Christmas Dinner Day.
Fri 19th Dec 2025 - Christmas Jumper Day.
Fri 19th Dec 2025 - Early closing at 1.00pm.
Mon 22nd Dec - Fri 2nd Jan 2026 - Christmas Holidays.

JANUARY 2026

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

FEBRUARY 2026

Tues 3rd Feb 2026 - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit.
Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb 2026 - February Half Term

Mon 23rd Feb 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Tues 24th Feb 2026 - First day of Spring Term 2.

MARCH 2026

Thurs 10th March 2026 - Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Visit.
Friday 27th March 2026 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

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

APRIL 2026

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

Thurs 23rd April 2026 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Visit.

Tues 28th April 2026 - Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Visit.

MAY 2026

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

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

JUNE 2026

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

Friday 19th June 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Wed 24th-Thurs 25th June 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

JULY 2026

Friday 24th July 2026 - Last day of term.

Mon 27th July 2026 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

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

Dear Families,

December has truly started at Nine Acres this week with the selling of Nativity tickets, planning for our Christmas Market and the beginning of our Christmas craft sessions for EYFS and KS2. Tiny voices of KS1 practising for the Nativity are filling the hallways and there is a real sense of excitement building throughout the school.



We know this is a joyful but very busy time of year, both in school and at home. It can also bring additional pressures for many in our community. Should you need a little extra support, please get in touch with the school team - we are here to help in confidence and without judgement - sometimes a small conversation can make a big difference and we're here to listen.



Thank you for your continued support with all of our events. From sending in donations for the fayre to helping children learn lines and songs and even braving the cold for our performances, your involvement makes these moments truly special for the children.

We look forward to welcoming you into school over the coming weeks to share in the festivities.

Wishing you all a calm (as it can be) December,
Miss McDonald



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THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

ARRIVE
AND
STRIVE!



**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
TARGET:**



**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
THIS WEEK IS: 94.54%**

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



ATTENDANCE

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DATES - 28/11/2025 - 04/12/2025

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
CARISBROOKE:	92.54%	1
YARMOUTH:	97.67%	1
BIGGLESWADE:	97.00%	0
CORFE:	96.33%	0
BALMORAL:	91.33%	0
WINDSOR:	96.33%	1
ARUNDEL:	91.67%	1
BAMBURGH:	98.00%	3
KENDAL:	94.33%	1
WARWICK:	92.33%	2
EDINBURGH:	95.86%	0
STIRLING:	94.33%	4
DURHAM:	94.14%	1
YORK:	91.67%	1

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:
WINDSOR & ARUNDEL
CLASSES**

WORD OF THE WEEK



NATIVITY



the Christian story about the birth of Jesus.

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



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SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS



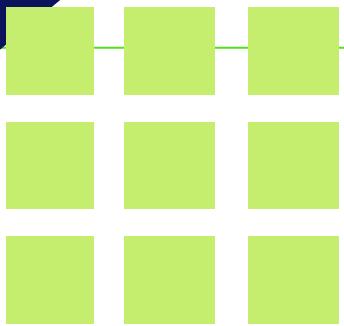
**# ARTICULATE # PASSIONATE # PERSUASIVE
POSITIVELY INFLUENCING THE WORLD AROUND US**

HALF TERM SUBJECT FOCUS: MATHS AWARD



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IN OTHER NEWS...



MENU

THIS WEEK WE ARE ON: WEEK THREE

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

WEEK 3
W/C: 17/11/2025, 08/12/2025, 12/01/2026, 02/02/2026, 02/03/2026, 23/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1 Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad  	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread  	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2 Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Pasta Salad  	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Quorn and Vegetable Tikka Masala with Wholegrain Rice  	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	Chocolate Marble Cake 	Apple Crumble with Custard 	Lemon Cookie 	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly 
BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY With a choice of toppings 					
AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water 					
					
<small>▼ Vegetarian ♀ Vegan ⚡ Oily Fish 🍀 Fruity! ⚡ Wholegrain ⚡ Nutritionist's Choice</small> <small>Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.</small>					

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

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Wednesday 1st October 2025 - Year 1 Osborne House Visit

Tuesday 14th October 2025 - Year 6 Milestones Museum Visit.

Wednesday 26th November 2025 - Year 5 London Visit.

Thursday 4th December 2025 - Year 1 Mayflower Studios Visit.

Thursday 22nd January 2026 - EYFS Amazon World Visit.

Thursday 29th January 2026 - Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Visit.

Tuesday 3rd February 2026 - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit.

Tuesday 10th March 2026 - Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Visit.

Thursday 23rd April 2026 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre Visit.

Tuesday 28th April 2026 - Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Visit.

Thursday 7th May 2026 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Visit.

Wednesday 24th June-Thursday 25th June 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Visit.

June 2026 - Year 5 Sailing at RVYC, Seaview.

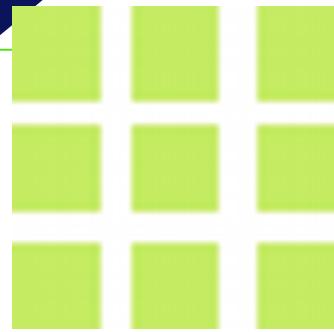
Tuesday 30th June 2026 - EYFS Bembridge Beach Visit.

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

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.



Help Through Crisis

Help Through Crisis (HTC) aims to assist island residents who are in genuine hardship, enabling them to quickly access help in an emergency. There is a limited fund to provide immediate emergency help with food, gas and electricity. This can only be offered to those in the most need and as a last resort. No cash can be given but help will be provided to find other sources of assistance. We will do our best to help but we cannot give assistance in all circumstances.

After you have completed your application, Help Through Crisis will contact you so that we can talk about your situation further. If you need help to apply please telephone on 01983 684684 or leave a message on 309309 for a callback.

<https://iwc.iow.gov.uk/helpthroughcrisis>

Early Closing



Reminder we are closing early on **Friday 19th December 2025**.

All children will be leaving at 1.00pm and collection will be from their usual classroom doors.

Any children from Years 4/5/6 with permission to walk home for this academic year will be released at 1.00pm on the 19th December unless you notify the office by **Wednesday 17th December** of alternative arrangements.

Please either email office@nineacrespri.co.uk or call 522984.

We are a Nut/Sesame Free School

Reminder: Our school is a nut & sesame free environment. Please check the items in your child's lunchbox do not contain nuts.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.



Christmas Jumper Day - 19th Dec 2025

We warmly invite our school community to come in wearing their school uniform but are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper too.

Maddox's Foodbank

Well done to Maddox for delivering all the items collected for the Foodbank. The Foodbank were very grateful for your donations.



Poppy Appeal 2025

We are pleased to confirm we raised a magnificent total of £352.29.

We have won the shield this year for the school that collected the most money.

Well done Nine Acres!



Attendance Focus Fortnight

Attendance Focus Fortnight begins next week from **Monday 8th December** and runs through to **Friday 19th December 2025**.

The challenge - to stay above our school target of 97% over the two weeks, and you could be in for a chance to win a prize!

We will have 10 fantastic Amazon vouchers up for grabs! Winners will be selected at random and celebrated during our special Attendance Celebration Assembly in January.

Let's make it fun, let's make it count - show up, shine, and let's smash that attendance target!



EYFS & KS1 Nativity Ticket Sales

Tickets for the EYFS and KS1 Nativities are on sale at the school office. These are priced at £2.50 per ticket and each child is allocated 2 tickets per performance.

Tickets are cash only at the school office.



We look forward to welcoming you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Squirrels BEAVERS cubs SCOUTS EXPLORERS

Less Bored More Reward

Aged between 4 and 18?
Looking for new adventures, fun and friends?

From crate stacking and climbing to hiking and abseiling, no two weeks are the same.

Sound rewarding?
Start your new adventure.

[Get involved
scouts.org.uk/groups](https://scouts.org.uk/groups)

Message from Ms Culpin - our Languages Leader

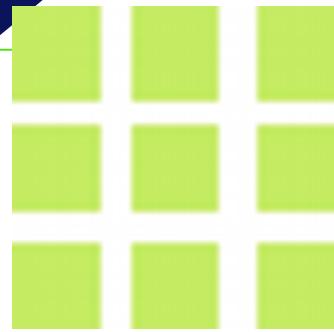
St. Nikolaus Day

In European German speaking countries on either the eve of the 5th or 6th of December, it is tradition for children to leave a shoe or boot outside of their front door. If the children have been good St. Nikolaus will leave small items such as nuts, fruit, candy canes or chocolate for them.

If however, they have been naughty Knecht Ruprecht or Krampus, will leave sticks in their shoe (a bit like the old English tradition of coal in your stocking)! In our German lessons, the children will learn about this tradition and if you would like to join in at home then please do.



IN OTHER NEWS...



HELPING HANDS PTA

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

Diary Dates



Christmas Market - Friday 12th December 2025

Helping Hands Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 13th January 2026 (more information to follow next week)

Christmas Fayre and Mufti day

Thank you for all your generous donations for the Christmas Market. You all looked so colourful in your Mufti clothes. Please don't panic if you forgot to bring your donation today, Monday is fine!

Donations of the following would be gratefully received:

EYFS, Years 1, 2 and 3 - Chocolate

Years 4 - Cakes (homemade or shop bought welcome).

Please bring cakes on the day of the fayre (12.12.25) rather than on the mufti day.

Years 5 and 6 - Decorate or fill a jar for the tombola.

Thank you for all your continued support.



NEW IMPORTANT - Santa's Grotto

This year we are trying something new in order to avoid unnecessary queuing.

We have listened to our feedback from last year and are trialling booking slots for Santa's Grotto, in advance. The sign-up sheet will be in the foyer before school Monday morning.

Christmas Raffle Tickets

As last year, the Christmas Raffle will be taking place during the Christmas Fayre! Prizes include a £100 cash prize, fabulous hampers full of Christmas goodies, chocolates, bottles, vouchers and other amazing prizes.

Now, your child has brought raffle tickets home. If you wish to buy any, please return the stubs, with the details filled in and the money (£1.00 per ticket) to the office before the Christmas Market on Friday 12th December. If you would like any additional tickets, they are available at the office.

If you do not wish to buy any, please return unsold tickets to the school, as soon as possible, in order for them to be sold to someone else.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 6th January, 8.45am**, meeting in the foyer. 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

CHRISTMAS @ NINE ACRES

CHRISTMAS DATES AT NINE ACRES

Thursday 11th December 2025 - KS2 Festive Craft Sessions.

Year 3 - 9.00-9.45am

Year 5 - 11.00-11.45am

Year 4 - 10.00-10.45am

Year 6 - 2.15-3.00pm

To help us manage space and ensure a calm environment, please note:

- One adult per child can attend.
- We are unable to accommodate younger siblings, pushchairs, or buggies during this event.

We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a truly special and creative afternoon!

Friday 12th December 2025 - Helping Hands Christmas Market.

Tuesday 16th December 2025 - EYFS Nativity 2.00pm.

Wednesday 17th December 2025 - EYFS Nativity 10.00am.

Wednesday 17th December 2025 - KS1 Nativity 2.00pm.

Thursday 18th December 2025 - KS1 Nativity 10.00am.

Thursday 18th December 2025 - Christmas Dinner Day.

Friday 19th December 2025 - Christmas Jumper Day.

Friday 19th December 2025 - Dinner Menu - Hotdogs and Vegetarian Hotdogs.

Friday 19th December 2025 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

