



# NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 25th April 2025



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Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful Easter break. It's been a wonderful first week of the Summer term and we're delighted to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life and their learning.

There's already been a lot happening across the school. Arundel Class had their first swimming lesson this week – a great start to their session and we're so proud of their enthusiasm and confidence in the water.



Year 2 had an exciting trip to the Roald Dahl Museum, which truly brought their learning to life. It was a joy to see their eyes light up with curiosity and imagination as they explored the exhibits – they've brought that same energy back into the classroom!

Meanwhile, Year 5 have been showcasing their creativity through cynatrophe art in their sketchbooks. The detail and thought they're putting into their work is really impressive – we definitely have some future artists in the making!

Next week, the Year 6 children will be taking their mock SATS. They have all been working hard and we are proud of the effort they are making. Good luck team!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're looking forward to a fun and busy term ahead!

Warm regards,  
Miss Paddon



## Development Days

— Monday 2nd September 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY —

Friday 20th June 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 4th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 28th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY

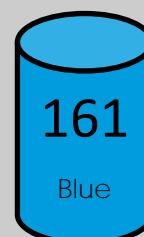
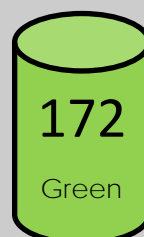
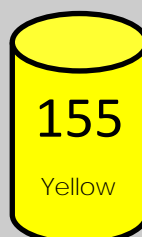
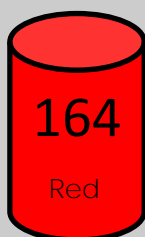
Tuesday 29th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY



### House Point Totals for Summer Term 1 2025

#### Week 1 Totals

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



# Diary Dates 2024/2025



## APRIL 2025

Mon 28th April 2025 - Year 4 Roman Villa Trip.

## MAY 2025

NEW Thurs 1st May 2025 - Corfe Class - Meet the Teacher Session 3.15pm-3.45pm.

Mon 5th May 2025 - Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils.

Thurs 8th May 2025 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

Mon 12th May 2025 - KS2 SATS WEEK.

Mon 19th May 2025 - KS1 SATS WEEK.

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May 2025 - MAY HALF TERM.

## JUNE 2025

Week Commencing 2nd June 2025 - Year 4 Multiplication Check.

2nd, 3rd & 4th June 2025 - Year 5 Sailing Trip.

10th, 11th & 12th June 2025 - Year 5 Sailing Trip.

Thurs 12th June 2025 - Year 3 Swimming Begins for Bamburgh Class.

Mon 16th - Fri 27th June 2025 - Attendance Focus Fortnight.

Wed 18th June 2025 - EYFS Beach Trip.

NEW Thurs 19th June 2025 - Summer Fayre & Mufti Day.

Fri 20th June 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

NEW Tues 24th June 2025 - KS2 Sports Day.

NEW Wed 25th June 2025 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Thurs 26th & Fri 27th June 2025 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

## JULY 2025

Fri 4th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Thurs 24th July 2025 - Year 6 NAPA Awards.

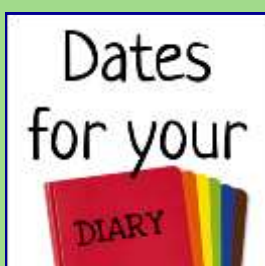
Fri 25th July 2025 - Early Closing at 1.00pm.

Mon 28th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

Tues 29th July 2025 - DEVELOPMENT DAY.

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

*New dates will be added - Please check the box for **NEW** 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 [office@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto: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.

# 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.*



# Nine Acres Community Primary School

## Spelling Champions of the week

Spelling Champion  
in Durham Class

Maisy



Spelling Champion  
in BAMBURGH Class

Eva

Spelling Champion  
in Windsor Class

Loki



**"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.

# Spring/Summer - School Dinner Menu

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU		WEEK 2				
		WED: 28/04/2025, THUR: 29/04/2025, FRI: 30/04/2025, SAT: 01/05/2025, SUN: 02/05/2025				
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	OPTION 2	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	OPTION 3	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry Served with Wholegrain Rice	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Quorn and Vegetable Tikka Masala Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	OPTION 4	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 Cake	Strawberry Jelly	Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Ice Cream	Lemon Cake

Week Commencing  
Monday 28th  
April 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 \*\*

Chartwells  
So much more than fantastic food



# 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



## 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.



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

## School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.

Dates: 04/04/2025 - 24/04/2025

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke	96.58%	0
Yarmouth	97.92%	1
Biggleswade	96.67%	1
Corfe	97.08%	0
Balmoral:	96.55%	0
Windsor:	95.69%	0
Arundel:	95.42%	2
Bamburgh:	97.08%	2
Kendal:	96.25%	1
Warwick:	97.08%	0
Edinburgh:	93.33%	0
Stirling:	92.31%	1
Durham:	89.58%	0
York:	93.33%	0

Well done YARMOUTH!!

Whole school attendance this week is: 95.35%

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.



## 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>



# Free Family Film Friday

Friday 4th April Newport Minster

Doors 4pm Film at 4.30pm



Scan for tickets

Friday 23rd May Newport Minster

Doors 4pm Film at 4.30pm



Scan for tickets

Tickets also available from the Minster Cafe



## Arundel Swimming Lessons

Arundel Class swimming lessons continue on Thursday 1st May 2025.

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 1st May 2025 - 1.00-2.00pm
- ◆ Thursday 8th May 2025 - 1.00-2.00pm
- ◆ Thursday 22nd May 2025 - 1.00-2.00pm
- ◆ Thursday 5th June 2025 - 1.00-2.00pm

## HELPING HANDS PTA



Nine Acres Parent/Teacher Association



Thank you to all the children who have entered the Easter Colouring Competition - The draw will take place on Monday 28th April. There will be 3 prizes of an Easter Egg - one each for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Winners will be selected at random from the entries.

Our next meeting will be Friday 2nd May, 8.45am, meeting in the foyer. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email [helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk) or leave a message for us at the school office.



### Dates for Diaries

Deadline for the Easter colouring competition - Friday 25th April 2025.

NEXT MEETING – Friday 2nd May 2025, 8.45am meet in school foyer.

## SATS Week Details

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May 2025

Year 6 SATS Week

## Trip Permission Forms

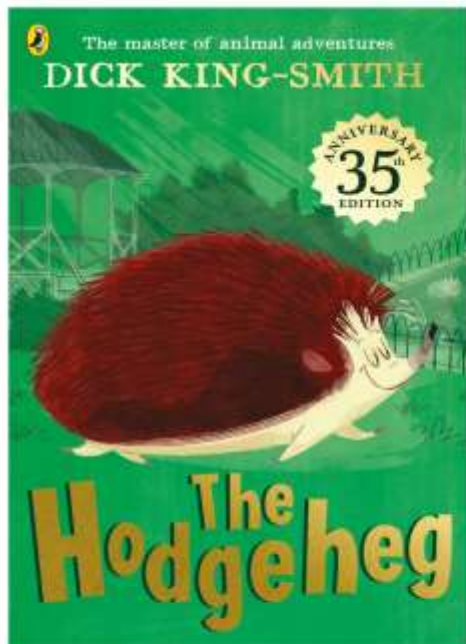
We have some trip permission forms outstanding for our upcoming trips across school, these have been sent home to families, please sign & complete the form and return it to the office.



# Governor Book Recommendations

In support of our reading programme here at Nine Acres, our Governors will be sharing their book recommendations with you each week on the newsletter.

#NineAcresReading #ReadingChallenge #BookLovers #GetReading #letsgetreading



"A great story to read aloud to children in KS1, and for KS2 to read independently."

"A good focus for road safety and, different ways to cross the road."

"Introduces how to use speech in story telling."

"Children love the way Max gets his words mixed up."

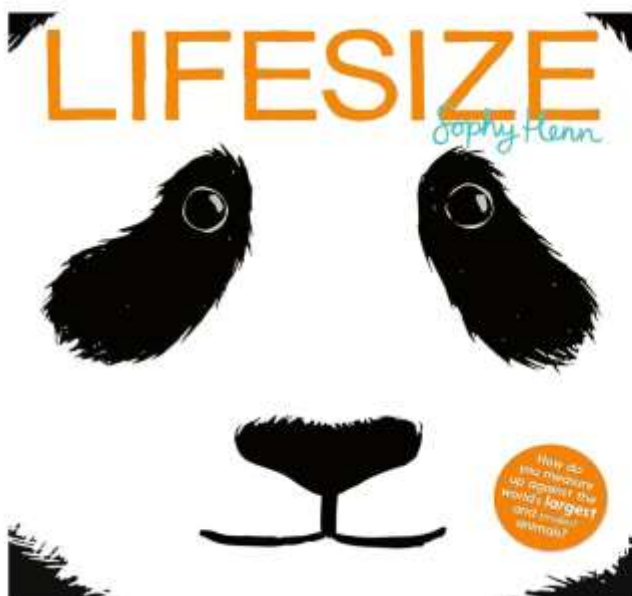


## The Hodgeheg

By  
**Dick King Smith**

## Lifesize

By  
**Sophy Henn**



This interactive non-fiction adventure features LIFESIZE illustrations of some of the smallest and largest animals in the world and invites children to compare parts of their bodies with these amazing animals.

Jump in the book,  
high-five a Polar Bear,  
examine a **Toucan's beak**  
and peer at a  
*Kangaroo's ears.*

# Word of the Week

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

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



## Letter from our Chair of Governors to Mrs Dyer

Dear Beth,

The Governors wanted to thank you for all the work you have done over the 10 years that you have been Head Teacher at Nine Acres Community Primary School. You have brought the school an incredibly long way from where it was when you joined; and its latest Ofsted rating of "Outstanding" in all areas is a testimony to your efforts over those years.

You have had a clear vision of what you wanted the school to achieve from the very outset and a plan of how to achieve it. Your drive and determination have inspired Staff, Governors and children to be better, aim higher and achieve more. Under your leadership the school has grown in confidence, and this has made an enormous difference to our children's development and what they achieve. And we know, from talking to Staff, Children, Parents and Carers, how important your leadership has been in creating the wonderful environment that everyone feels as they enter the school. This is one of the consistent comments from those who visit the school. Your achievements are reflected not only in academic progress but also in the positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning shown by our children. Your passion is inspiring, and the governing body will continue to promote the school's ethos.

We hope that you enjoy your new role, we are pleased that you will still be in education on the island, and we look forward to working with you in this next stage of your career.

Our very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,  
George Rowing,  
Chair of Governors

## Enrichment Clubs

### Summer Term 1 2025

Our clubs for Summer Term 1 2025 began this week.  
There are a few places available in some clubs.

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





**LLAMA DRAMA**

# Kids Drama Club

**For ages 5-8 & 7-11+**

**Fun & Creative Drama Games & Activities**

**Activities:**

- Storytelling
- Role Play
- Drama Skills
- Fun Games
- Miming
- Silliness!
- & Much More!

**Free trial for Y3+ class!**  
£5 per session thereafter

**Register Online Today**

**Thursdays at Nine Acres**  
Y1-3: 3.10-4.10pm  
Y3+: 4.15-5.15pm

**Get in Touch!**  
ALLY MAC  
☎ 01983 655126  
📱 Llama Drama IOW  
📧 [llamadrama@iow.co.uk](mailto:llamadrama@iow.co.uk)  
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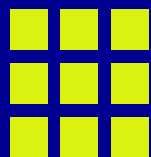
*~ Book Now ~*  
[llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io](http://llama-drama-iow.classforkids.io)

## Corfe Class - Meet the Teacher - Thursday 1st May 2025

As you are aware Mrs Gosset has returned from Maternity Leave and we would like to invite families from Corfe class to meet with her on Thursday 1st May 2025 between 3.15-3.45pm. This will be an opportunity to pop in and say hello.



# PE DAYS



Nine Acres Primary School

Week Commencing Mon 28th April 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.



## SCHOOL DETAILS

School Telephone Number

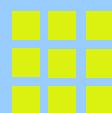
01983 522984

School Office Email

office@nineacrespri.co.uk

School Website

www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk



## 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.



## 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



Please ensure your account is activated.

## Social Media

Do you follow us on Facebook?

Scan the QR code to see our page!!



## 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.



# Educational Visits at Nine Acres

Monday 28th April 2025

Year 4 Newport Roman Villa Trip

Full payment was due by Monday 31st  
March 2025



Thursday 8th May 2025

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

Deposit Payment was due Monday 6th Jan 2025  
Full payment was due by Monday 4th April 2024



June 2025

Year 5 Sailing Trip

The letter will be sent out shortly. These  
sessions are free for our children.



Wednesday 18th June 2025

EYFS RNLI Beach Trip

Letter and Payment Details will be  
sent out shortly.



Thursday 26th & Friday 27th June 2025

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip.

Deposit Payment was due Monday 4th  
November 2024

Full payment is due by Monday 2nd June 2025



*Please ensure deposits and full payments  
are made on time using ParentPay.*

*Barcode letters to pay via Paypoint in a local shop  
are available on request at the office.*

## 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:

<http://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/>

## Sports Day Dates

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!

Parking permits are available from the school office for Chapel Street car park.