



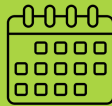
# NINE ACRES NEWS

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

ISSUE 19

06/02/2026

## KEY DATES



### FEBRUARY 2026

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026** - Attendance Focus Fortnight begins.

**NEW Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026** - Year 1 - Be our Guest Ball.

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026** - Helping Hands Valentine's Disco.

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026** - February Half Term.

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026** - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026** - First day of Spring Term 2.

### MARCH 2026

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026** - Parents' Evening.

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Parents' Evening.

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - World Book Day.

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Visit.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Early closing at 1.00pm.

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - Easter Holidays.

### APRIL 2026

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - First day of Summer Term 1.

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026** - Year 2 Roald Dahl Visit.

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Visit.

### MAY 2026

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - BANK HOLIDAY School closed to pupils.

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - KS2 SATs Week.

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - May Half Term.

### JUNE 2026

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026** - First day of Summer Term 2.

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> & Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Year 5/Group 1 Sailing at SVYC, Seaview.

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup>, Wed 10<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Year 5/Group 2 Sailing at SVYC, Seaview.

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Helping Hands Summer Fayre.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026** - KS2 Sports Day.

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026** - KS1 Sports Day.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

**Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - EYFS Beach Visit.

### JULY 2026

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026** - Attendance Focus Fortnight begins.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026** - Last day of term.

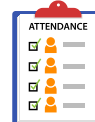
**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026** - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> July - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026** - Summer Holiday's.

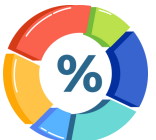
### Dear Families,

Despite the rain that just keeps on coming, the children have done brilliantly this week, embracing the wet weather with fantastic attitudes. When the weather is cold and wet, we know it can be harder for some of us to stay motivated but learning certainly hasn't halted.

Year 4 enjoyed an exciting visit to Winchester Science Museum, where they explored the skies in the Planetarium and took part in an engaging sound workshop. It was a wonderful experience and a real highlight of the week.



Looking ahead to next week, we will be starting the first week of our Attendance Focus Fortnight with the second week being after half term.



Finally, don't forget that tickets are on sale for our Valentine's Disco, taking place next Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February. We hope to see lots of smiling faces on the dance floor!

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Miss McDonald**



## HOUSE POINTS



165



152



144



141



**WELL DONE TO:  
RED HOUSE**



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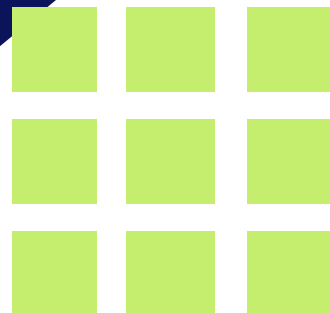


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@NINEACRESPRIMARYSCHOOL

Striving For Excellence

# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



# ARRIVE  
AND  
STRIVE!



## ATTENDANCE

### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET:



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK IS: **95.59%**

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

### CLASS ATTENDANCE

DATES - 30/01/2026 - 05/02/2026

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>LATES</u>
CARISBROOKE:	94.92%	0
YARMOUTH:	97.00%	1
BIGGLESWADE:	98.67%	0
CORFE:	96.33%	0
BALMORAL:	99.33%	0
WINDSOR:	99.33%	2
ARUNDEL:	95.67%	1
BAMBURGH:	82.41%	4
KENDAL:	99.80%	2
WARWICK:	99.33%	1
EDINBURGH:	94.14%	0
STIRLING:	96.00%	1
DURHAM:	96.00%	1
YORK:	90.67%	0

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:  
**BIGGLESWADE &  
DURHAM CLASSES**

## WORD OF THE WEEK



EXOTIC

exotic



Imagine something so unusual you have never  
seen it before, and you know it comes from a  
different part of the world.

Striving For Excellence

# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



#Striving  
For  
Excellence

## SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS

JACOB

OSKAR

WILLOW E

SAMUEL

ROVAN

ESTHER

OHM

ZOE-JAYNE

EDITH

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

## HALF TERM SUBJECT FOCUS: YOUNG AUTHOR AWARD



ALEJANDRO

NIKA

THOMAS-JAMES

PARKER

SASWIN



ISLA

DARCIE

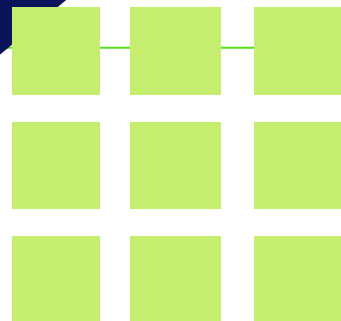
KATIE

LANA

TOMMY

ETHAN

# IN OTHER NEWS...



## MENU

THIS WEEK WE ARE ON: WEEK ONE

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Sticky Lemon Chicken with Wholegrain Rice 🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 🌱	Potato and Lentil Curry with Wholegrain Rice 🍷	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot	Quorn Dippers with Chips
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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		Crunchy Apple Slice 🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream	Oat Cookie 🌱

**BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY** With a choice of toppings 🍷

**AVAILABLE DAILY** Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

🌱 Vegetarian 🌱 Vegan 🍷 Oily Fish 🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Wholegrain 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

**Chartwells** Schools

## EDUCATIONAL VISITS

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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025** - Year 1 Osborne House Visit  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025** - Year 6 Milestones Museum Visit.  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025** - Year 5 London Visit.  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025** - Year 1 Mayflower Studios Visit.  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026** - EYFS Amazon World Visit.  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026** - Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Visit.  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026** - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit.  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Visit.  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026** - Year 2 Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre Visit.  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Visit.  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026** - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Visit.  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Year 6 Leavers Visit.  
**June 2026** - Year 5 Sailing at RYVC, Seaview.  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - EYFS Bembridge Beach Visit.

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



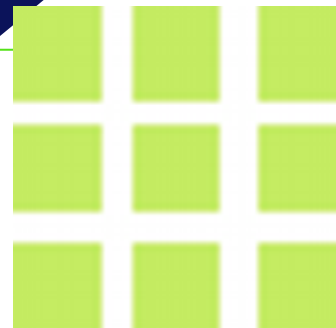
**WINCHESTER  
SCIENCE CENTRE  
AND PLANETARIUM**

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.



### World Book Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. We will be working with Waterstones Book shop on the day. The letter has been sent out today.



### House Point Mufti Day Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Congratulations to **GREEN House** who have collected the most house points for this half term.

There will be a mufti day for **GREEN House** on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to celebrate.



### Pancake Day Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, our school kitchen will be offering pancakes with chocolate sauce for dessert. **School dinners are priced at £2.80 per day.**



### Year 5 River Trips

Year 5 River Trips are happening this month. **Stirling Class** will take place on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** and **Edinburgh Class** on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. These walks are led by Southern water.



### BE OUR GUEST BALL

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

We are looking forward to welcoming our **Year 1 families** to our 'Be our Guest' Ball on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026.



### HALF TERM REMINDER

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026** is half term and school is closed to pupils. **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** is also a Development Day.



### Parents' Evenings Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development at school during our upcoming Parents' Evenings.

Sign-up sheets will be available from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.



## UPCOMING EVENTS @ NINE ACRES

### School Attendance Update

We have reviewed our Attendance processes at Nine Acres to ensure children can attend school regularly and access their full educational entitlement. We work closely with families and understand that there may be circumstances, including medical needs, that affect attendance. Please contact the school if you would like to talk things through or need guidance around your child's attendance.



### Attendance Focus Fortnight

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

A reminder that our Attendance Focus Fortnight begins next week **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026** and runs for 2 weeks ending on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026. This will be split either side of the half term.

Thank you for working with us to give every child the best possible start to each school day. Let's do this together!!



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

# IN OTHER NEWS...

## HELPING HANDS PTA

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

### Diary Date

Thursday 12th February 2026 - Valentine's Disco



### Valentine's Disco

Thank you to everyone who has already bought their tickets. As in previous years, it is going to be a very popular event. Please do not worry if you have not got yours yet as the tickets will be available all next week from the office!

A quick reminder, in order to ensure spaces for all who want to come, there will be two discos...

**3.30 – 4.15pm = EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children**

**4.30 – 5.30pm = Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.**

Children attending the first disco (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children) will bring their party clothes to school and get changed after school in class before going to the hall accompanied by staff.

Children from the first disco will leave through the EYFS doors while the KS2 children will enter and leave through the main office entrance – all children must be collected by an adult to go home, as it will be late and dark!

Hope to see you there!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd March, 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 for us at the school office.

*We look forward to seeing you soon!*  
**Helping Hands**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

**MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026**  
**THE RIVERSIDE CENTRE, NEWPORT**  
**1PM - 4PM**

Join the Isle of Wight NHS Trust Community Health Fair - Discover hospital services, connect with local organisations, and explore charities that benefit our community.

**EMPLOYMENT ADVICE**

**DISCOVER LOCAL SUPPORT NETWORKS**

**MENTAL HEALTH GUIDANCE**

For more information, please contact Isobel on [isobel.irwin@nhs.net](mailto:isobel.irwin@nhs.net)



**NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA**

**MUSEUM ISLAND HISTORY**

#### CLAY DAYS

- Create a unique Roman-inspired self-portrait in clay
- Decorate your artwork with your name in Latin



Above: Copper alloy coin of Constantine I

#### CREATIVE COINS

- Craft an embossed foil metallic masterpiece!
- Discover and handle coins from across history and be inspired by symbols and portraits.



Above: Silver Penny of Alfred the Great

- £1 per person
- 10am to 2pm
- Monday 16 February
- Wednesday 18 February

Cypress Road, Newport, IW, PO30 1HA

01983 823433  
[low.gov.uk/museums](mailto:low.gov.uk/museums)  
[museums@low.gov.uk](mailto:museums@low.gov.uk)

Events organised by the Isle of Wight Heritage Service

- £1 per person
- 10am to 1pm
- Tuesday 17 February
- Thursday 19 February

Guildhall, High Street, Newport, IW, PO30 1TY

Isle of Wight Council



## Half-Term SPORTS CAMP

**18 & 19 FEBRUARY**  
**AT NINE ACRES PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**FOR AGES 5-11**

**FOOTBALL**

**BASKETBALL**

**CRICKET**

**Cost: £FREE**  
(If an income related Free School meals)  
Funded by the Department of Education  
(LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED)  
OR  
£15 per day

**Wednesday 18th February** - Gym, Dance, and Cheerleading  
**Thursday 19th February** - Team Sports including Football, Basketball, and Handball

For more information:  
Email Andy Day - [paschd@gmail.com](mailto:paschd@gmail.com) or phone/text 0797009509  
<https://eequ.org/book/pssc-half-fun-sports-nine-acres-with-premier-school-sports-coaching-limited-23356>

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- EXPERT COACHES
- DEDICATED RELAXATION AREA
- SKILL-BUILDING, TEAMWORK & CONFIDENCE

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