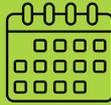


# NINE ACRES NEWS

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

ISSUE 25  
27/03/2026

## KEY DATES



### MARCH 2026

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.

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Summer Term Enrichment Clubs begin.

**NEW** Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Year 4 Drama Workshops.

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Year 4 Kendal - Roman Villa Visit.

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Year 4 Warwick - Roman Villa Visit.

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Arundel Class Swimming begins.

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.

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Visit.

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.

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Bamburgh Class Swimming begins.

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 Festival 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.

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 - Early Closing at 1.00pm.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**

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.

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2026 - Islandwide Development Day.

### Dear Families,

We've come to the end of the Spring term and what a term it has been!

I have been so proud of the pupils at our school and how - even when the rain kept coming during January and February - they still kept smiling and **'Striving For Excellence'**!



As the evenings now get lighter and the sun is trying to come out, we look forward to the Summer term and the events of the year that give us a chance to come together as a community.

However you are spending your next two weeks, rest, relax and recuperate.

I look forward to seeing you on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

Take care,

Miss McDonald

## HOUSE POINTS



132



144



158



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**WELL DONE TO:  
BLUE HOUSE**



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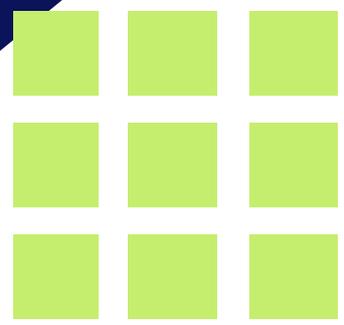


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Striving For Excellence

# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



# ARRIVE  
AND  
STRIVE!



## ATTENDANCE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
TARGET:



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK IS: **94.34%**

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

### CLASS ATTENDANCE

DATES - 20/03/2026 - 26/03/2026

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
CARISBROOKE:	96.00%	0
YARMOUTH:	90.33%	2
BIGGLESWADE:	96.33%	0
CORFE:	93.33%	0
BALMORAL:	95.33%	0
WINDSOR:	92.00%	0
ARUNDEL:	95.00%	3
BAMBURGH:	91.67%	2
KENDAL:	96.67%	0
WARWICK:	98.00%	0
EDINBURGH:	96.90%	1
STIRLING:	94.33%	1
DURHAM:	97.00%	2
YORK:	88.00%	2

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



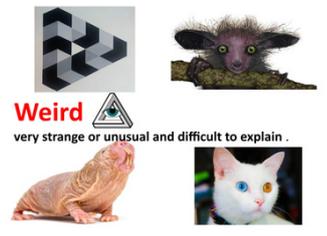
  
SCHOOL ID:  
**59721**

WELL DONE TO:  
**WINDSOR, CORFE,  
KENDAL & YORK  
CLASSES**

## WORD OF THE WEEK

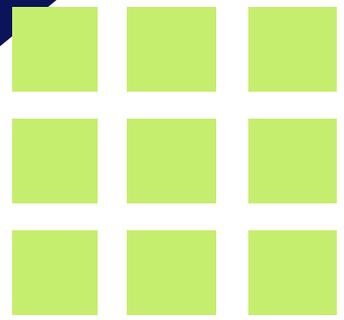


**WEIRD**



**Weird**   
very strange or unusual and difficult to explain.

# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



## SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS

FREDDIE

RONNI-RAE

LILY

GRACE

LAYLA

THEA

MARCUS

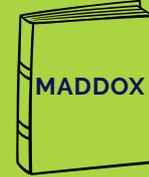
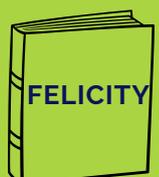
ISABELLE

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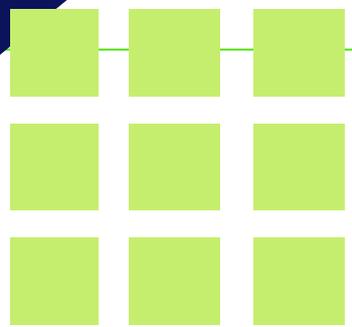
EITHEN

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

## HALF TERM SUBJECT FOCUS: YOUNG AUTHOR AWARD



# IN OTHER NEWS...



# MENU

NEXT WEEK WE ARE ON: **WEEK ONE**

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 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 Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	I.O.W Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	Years 3-6 only	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Chocolate Brownie	Oat Cookie	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Vanilla Slice with Melon Wedges	Chocolate Ice Cream

**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

Chartwells Schools

# EDUCATIONAL VISITS

## EDUCATIONAL VISIT DATES

- 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.
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April & Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Year 4 Roman Villa 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.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June & 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Year 5 Sailing at RVYC, Seaview.
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - EYFS Bembridge Beach Visit.

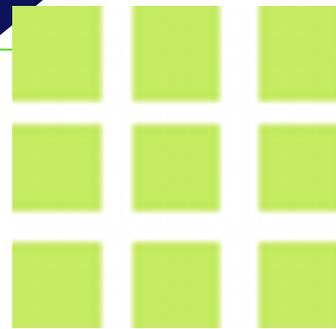
More Educational Visits will be added to the list, so please keep checking.



**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.





## OFFICE NEWS

### Development Days

**Monday 1st Sept 2025** - DEVELOPMENT DAY  
**Monday 23rd Feb 2026** - DEVELOPMENT DAY  
**Friday 19th June 2026** - DEVELOPMENT DAY  
**Friday 24th July 2026** - DEVELOPMENT DAY  
**Monday 27th July 2026** - DEVELOPMENT DAY  
 We have booked all 5 Development Days for 2025-2026 academic year.



### Year 4 Drama Workshops

On **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**, Year 4 will be participating in Drama Workshops led by the Troubadour Stageworks.

Please see the letter sent home today for more details and an exciting opportunity to attend an event performance at The Quay Arts Centre.



### Happy Easter

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very Happy Easter! Enjoy the break and we will see you on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.



### Walk the Wight 2026 Schools Walk

To register, please use the QR code or use the website [www.mountbatten.org.uk](http://www.mountbatten.org.uk)

**Schools Walk the Wight with Mountbatten**

**Join your school team!**  
 Compete for the Schools Walk the Wight trophy!

Family-friendly  
 Freshwater - Alum Bay  
 Medal and certificate included

Raise funds to support Island families cared for by Mountbatten  
**FREE to sign up!**

**Sunday, 10 May 2026**  
 Sign-up now: [mountbatten.org.uk](http://mountbatten.org.uk)

### Year 6 SATs Week

Year 6 will begin their SATs Week from **Monday 11th May to Friday 15th May 2026**. Children are expected to be in school from 8.15am and are to go straight to the school hall to be registered.

### Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Year 3 Swimming lessons will take place at West Wight swimming pool on Thursday afternoons during the Summer term, starting on **Thursday 16th April 2026**.

#### Group A - Arundel Swimming:

Thursday 16th April 2026 - 1.00-2.00pm  
 Thursday 23rd April 2026 - 1.00-2.00pm  
 Thursday 30th April 2026 - 1.00-2.00pm  
 Thursday 7th May 2026 - 1.00-2.00pm  
 Thursday 14th May 2026 - NO SWIMMING

#### Group B - Bamburgh Swimming:

Thursday 21st May 2026 - 1.00-2.00pm  
 Thursday 4th June 2026 - 1.00-2.00pm  
 Thursday 11th June 2026 - 1.00-2.00pm  
 Thursday 18th June 2026 - 1.00-2.00pm  
 Thursday 25th June 2026 - 1.00-2.00pm  
 Thursday 2nd July 2026 - 1.00-2.00pm



### FOREST SCHOOLS

Year 2 will continue Forest Schools on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Children will need to wear Forest Schools clothing and bring in a pair of wellingtons.

See the letter being sent home by email for further details.



### NEW Dinner Menu - Spring & Summer 2026

The **NEW** Spring and Summer menu has been sent by email in readiness for the new term.

We return on Week One of the menu on Monday 13th April 2026.



## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### ENRICHMENT CLUBS Summer Term 2026

The Summer Term Enrichment Clubs will begin on from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026. We still have a few spaces available in some of our clubs on offer. To book spaces please email [enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk). On offer next term, we have a variety of clubs available to all children in school.

Please see below some of the clubs that are on offer next term:

- Y3/5 Netball Club
- KS1 & KS2 Athletics Club
- Y1-6 Jewellery Club
- Y2-6 Skateboarding Club
- Y2-6 Diamond Art Club
- Y1-6 Gardening Club



### SAVE THE DATES

#### Nine Acres Sports Days Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

We are looking forward to holding our annual Sports Day with **KS2 on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** and **EYFS & KS1 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**. Timings are to be confirmed but we expect these to run during the afternoons.



### Students Transferring to Secondary School (Current Year 6)

The deadline for transport applications to be submitted for students transferring to Secondary School is **1st May 2026**. To make an application please visit our website <https://www.iow.gov.uk/article/2418/Apply-for-home-to-school-transport>

Transport for eligible children, whose applications were received on time in line with the dates above, will be allocated to transport by the end of August, and Parents/Carers will be notified about those arrangements via email. For a small number of cases who may require complex transport arrangements, these may not be able to start in September and Parents/Carers will be notified if this is the case.

Applications received after the deadline will be treated as 'late applications' and can only be reviewed after all on-time applications have been processed. For the families of eligible children who apply late, this means that transport may not be in place for the start of the school term in September and may not be available for the first school term. During this time transport arrangements including costs will be Parents' responsibility.

# IN OTHER NEWS...



## HELPING HANDS PTA

Helping Hands  
 Nine Acres  
 Parent/Teacher Association



Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 14th April, 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

### Helping Hands – Nine Acres PTA Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you to all the children who have already brought in their Easter colouring - they look amazing! There is still plenty of time to enter as the closing date is Friday 17th April.

**IMPORTANT** - If you would like to enter the competition, please remember to bring 50p with the picture or you won't be entered for the draw. 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.

*Wishing all our families a Happy Easter and a wonderful holiday!*



### Save the Date

Helping Hands PTA are pleased to announce the Summer Festival Fayre this year will be on **Thursday 18th June 2026**  
**3.30-5.00pm.**

We would love to see you there!



## COMMUNITY EVENTS



Isle of Wight Online Workshops		Isle of Wight Online Workshops	
3 APR 10:00	Free support class relating to SEND to 10.30pm. Confidential nature not recorded. Free support advice to help managing a child's journey. A facilitated session with an experienced support worker.	28 APR 10:00	Free support class relating to SEND to 10.30pm. Confidential nature not recorded. Free support advice to help managing a child's journey. A facilitated session with an experienced support worker.
7 APR 10:00	Helping a child with a mental health problem.	5 MAY 12:30	Helping a child with a mental health problem.
8 APR 18:00	Helping a child with a mental health problem.	12 MAY 13:00	Helping a child with a mental health problem.
15 APR 13:00	Helping a child with a mental health problem.	19 MAY 13:00	Helping a child with a mental health problem.

### The Salvation Army Messy Easter

AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT SALVATION ARMY CHURCH 72 PYLE STREET, NEWPORT, PO30 1JJ

On Tuesday 7th April from 3:15pm - 6pm

ACTIVITIES: DINNER: FREE

EMAIL: [12405@PSW.SALVATIONARMY.ORG.UK](mailto:12405@PSW.SALVATIONARMY.ORG.UK)

### NEWPORT ROMAN VILLA

Celebrating 100 Years of Newport Roman Villa

### Open day

Saturday 28 March, 10am to 2pm

Special discounted entry, just 1!

Guided tours at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, and 1.30pm

Explore the ruins and get hands on in the activity room

### MAGIC FOSSIL ADVENTURES

ISLE OF WIGHT

Presented by HUXLEY MAGIC

COMEDY, MAGIC & FOSSIL HUNTING!

JOIN THE SPELLBINDING ADVENTURE! FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES!

BOOK NOW!

### EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB LUNCH

Bentley Primary School

10am - 3pm

Thursday 1st April

Bookings open now

### TRAILBLAZERS

COMEDY, IMPROV & CREATIVE PROJECTS FOR AGES 11+

THURSDAYS 4.45PM

£5.55

BOOKING REQUIRED: <https://famo-drama-ltd.classroomkit.co.uk>

### youth trust Thursday 2nd April

SEACLIFF PARK FAIRLIE ROAD NEWPORT PO30 2QS

### EASTER EGG HUNT WITH A TWIST

Ages 8-10 11:00am-12:30pm  
 Ages 11-15 13:00pm-14:15pm

PLEASE SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE WE WILL MEET BY THE CASHARY NEXT TO THE PLAY AREA

### Easter Fun

Isle of Wight Donkey Sanctuary

28 March to 12 April

Free Easter Egg Trail

Decorate an egg competition

Free guided tours - daily

Even more to enjoy

Find out more: [lowdownsanctuary.org](http://lowdownsanctuary.org)