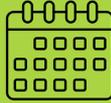


# NINE ACRES NEWS

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

ISSUE 21  
27/02/2026

## KEY DATES



### 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.
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 3 Butser Ancient Farm Visit.
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - EYFS Superhero Day.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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,

What a fantastic first week back after half term! As always, the children have come back ready to learn and have settled straight back into their routines beautifully.

Our Year 5 pupils have been diving into their Geography topic on rivers, supported by experts from Southern Water. This has been a wonderful opportunity to deepen their understanding through real-world learning and hands-on experiences.



It's not just the children who have been learning this week. We have welcomed two expert visitors into school to support our ongoing professional development across the staff team. You can read more about these valuable sessions in the Staff training Updates section of this newsletter.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening. At the halfway point of the academic year, it is a great opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and to discuss their next steps and targets as they continue working towards their goals.

We also have World Book Day to look forward to - always a highlight of our school calendar! We are excited to continue our lovely tradition of walking to Waterstones to choose a special book to bring back to school.

It's set to be a busy week, but one we are very much looking forward to.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss McDonald

## HOUSE POINTS



165



177



184



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WELL DONE TO:  
GREEN HOUSE



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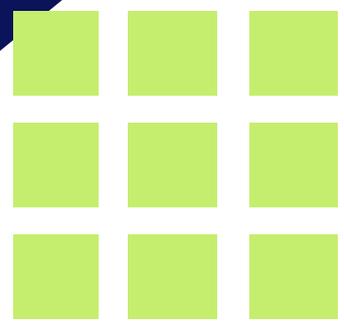


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# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



# ARRIVE  
AND  
STRIVE!



## ATTENDANCE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
TARGET:



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK IS: **95.64%**

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

### CLASS ATTENDANCE

DATES - 13/02/2026 - 26/02/2026

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	LATES
CARISBROOKE:	97.46%	2
YARMOUTH:	95.42%	1
BIGGLESWADE:	98.75%	0
CORFE:	92.08%	0
BALMORAL:	95.42%	0
WINDSOR:	99.17%	1
ARUNDEL:	93.72%	6
BAMBURGH:	94.12%	2
KENDAL:	95.83%	0
WARWICK:	99.17%	2
EDINBURGH:	94.83%	0
STIRLING:	95.00%	1
DURHAM:	97.50%	3
YORK:	90.42%	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 & ARUNDEL**  
CLASSES

## WORD OF THE WEEK



MANOEUVRE



# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

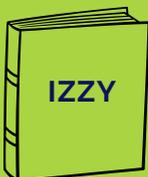
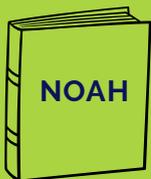


## SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS

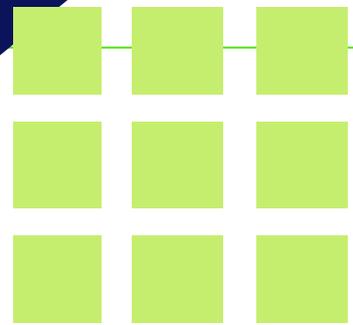


**# ARTICULATE # PASSIONATE # PERSUASIVE  
# POSITIVELY INFLUENCING THE WORLD AROUND US**

## HALF TERM SUBJECT FOCUS: YOUNG AUTHOR AWARD



# IN OTHER NEWS...



# MENU

NEXT WEEK WE ARE ON: **WEEK THREE**

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU		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 🌱

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

**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 menus subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

**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.
- 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 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.

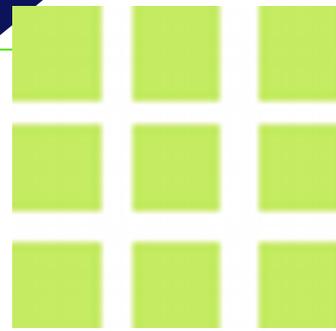


**WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE AND PLANETARIUM**

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.



### Year 2 Forest Schools

This term is Forest Schools for Year 2. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing suitable warm outdoor clothing, sensible footwear and bring a change of outdoor footwear and a waterproof coat.



### EYFS Superhero Day Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026

We will be holding a Superhero Day for EYFS on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.



All children in EYFS are welcomed to come to school dressed as a superhero of their choice.



### Enrichment Clubs Summer Term 2026

The new Summer Term Enrichment Club form will be sent out shortly.



Please keep an eye in your inboxes for the new form. As always, any queries, please contact us using the enrichment clubs email address.

[enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk)

### Early Closing - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**, school will close early at 1.00pm.



Those children in Years 3/4/5/6 with walking home permission for this academic year will be released at 1.00pm, unless you inform us of alternative arrangements. Please inform the office by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026**.

### Year 6 SATS Week

A reminder that the Year 6 SATS start week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and finish on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

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

Next week on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. We have sent home paper plates for our competition - all entries to be brought in on World Book Day.



We look forward to seeing your costumes!

### PE Update for Years 1 & 2 and 5 & 6

This term in PE, our Years 1 & 2 pupils will be taking part in Tag Rugby and our Years 5 & 6 pupils will be taking part in Football. These lessons will take place on the school field if the weather is suitable.



Please ensure that your child brings a spare pair of shoes to change into after these lessons. These should be placed in a named bag so they can be easily identified.

Thank you for your continued support!



## UPCOMING EVENTS @ NINE ACRES

### Parents' Evenings

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

We are looking forward to the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development at school during our upcoming Parents' Evenings at the beginning of March.



There is still time to sign up if you haven't booked a slot. Sign-up sheets are available at the office.

> Nine Acres Primary School <

### SCIENCE COMPETITION

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2026

## What's YOUR Question?

Spark Curiosity & Find the Answers!

**BIG QUESTION?**

How did the dinosaurs go extinct?

Create a Poster to Answer a BIG QUESTION! <

Entries Due: 6<sup>th</sup> March

### Nine Acres Parent Survey

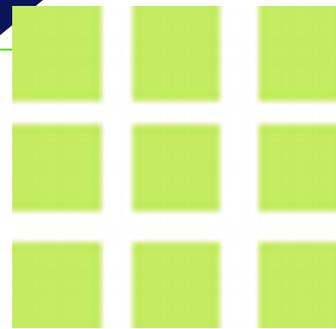
Our Nine Acres Parent Survey goes live on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**.

Nine Acres Primary School is a school that continues to "Strive for Excellence". As a result, your feedback helps us to continue in our mission to ensure that the children receive the best education on offer. Please complete this short survey, one per child to help us shape our curriculum, enrichment and opportunities as well as celebrate our successes as a community together. The Survey will close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and we will share the results within our following Newsletters.

Thank you for all you do and continue to do to make Nine Acres the wonderful school it is today.



# IN OTHER NEWS...



## SCHOOL UPDATES

### Staff Development

This year has brought a number of significant national changes for schools, including the introduction of a new writing framework, a revised Ofsted framework, we are currently in the consultation period for the SEND White Paper and a new curriculum on the horizon. As a school, we are committed to staying fully up to date with these developments and carefully aligning our staff training to ensure we continue to provide the very best educational offer for our children.

To support this ongoing work, we were delighted to welcome **Maddy Barnes**, an internationally recognised English expert, to work alongside our teachers this week. Maddy supported staff in reviewing and refining our approach to writing, helping us to further strengthen opportunities for children to write with purpose and creativity across the curriculum. During her time with us, she spoke with pupils from across the school and commented on how impressed she was with their ability to confidently articulate their learning - something we are incredibly proud of!

We also welcomed **Melissa Heatherson**, an independent school improvement consultant from Impetus, who worked closely with school leaders and Governors. Her visit focused on ensuring that our strategic direction remains fully aligned with current Government legislation and the updated Ofsted framework. These external reviews are invaluable in helping us maintain high standards and continue moving the school forward with clarity and confidence.

We are grateful for the expertise and insight both visitors brought to our school community.

Helping Hands  
Nine Acres



### Parent/Teacher Association

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 3rd March, 8.45am**, meeting in the foyer. If you would like to know more about being a member of Helping Hands, please contact us via our 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

**SAVE THE DATE**

Helping Hands are pleased to announce the **Summer Festival Fayre** this year will be on **Thursday 18th June, 3.30-5.00pm**. We would love to see you there!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Train to teach primary or secondary on the Isle of Wight**  
Join us at our drop in sessions to have your questions answered

WHERE?

WHEN?

Gurnard Primary, Cowes      Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar, 8am - 12pm

Nine Acres Primary, Newport      Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar, 1pm - 4pm

St Francis Primary, Ventnor      Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, 8am - 12pm



- ✓ All primary training delivered on the Isle of Wight at Dover Park Primary in Ryde. No travel to the mainland required
- ✓ All secondary subjects delivered as a lead partner for the accredited provider TES Institute
- ✓ Entry requirements - a degree, grade C/4 or above in English and maths (science also required at primary) and a passion to teach
- ✓ Island based school placements to put learning into practice in local schools

More information  
[www.portsmouthscitt.co.uk](http://www.portsmouthscitt.co.uk)

Our Contact  
023 9237 3432



### Isorropia Taster Session

Join us for a fully funded taster session to learn more about the Isorropia Foundation and how we support islanders to improve their mental wellbeing.

This supportive session gives you the opportunity to explore how Isorropia can help you or others, ask questions, and learn about the support available.

Open to everyone — whether you're attending for yourself, a loved one, or in a professional role.

Wellbeing Coaches will be available after the session for pre-enrolment and further information.



**Medina Valley Centre,**  
Dodnor Lane, Newport,  
PO30 5TE

**Thurs 12th March 2026**

**13:00 - 14:00 PM**