



# NINE ACRES NEWS

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09/01/2026

## KEY DATES



### JANUARY 2026

**NEW** Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 - Year 6 SATS Information Session.  
**NEW** Mon 19<sup>th</sup>, Tues 20<sup>th</sup> & Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026 - EYFS Phonics Sessions - Sign up sheets in foyer from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026).  
**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026** - EYFS Amazon World Visit.  
**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026** - Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Visit.

### FEBRUARY 2026

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026** - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit.  
**NEW 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

**NEW Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026** - Parents' Evening.  
**NEW Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - Parents' Evening.  
**NEW Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** - World Book Day.  
**NEW Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026** - Attendance Focus Fortnight begins.  
**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.  
**NEW 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.  
**NEW Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Helping Hands Summer Fayre.  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**  
**NEW Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026** - KS2 Sports Day.  
**NEW 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.  
**NEW Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - EYFS Beach Visit.

### JULY 2026

**NEW 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,

**Happy New Year!** It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school full of energy, focused and ready to learn.

On Monday in assembly, we shared with the children that this year has been identified nationally as **'The Year of Reading'**.



As you know, reading is a vital skill that supports learning across all areas of the curriculum. It builds vocabulary, improves comprehension, sparks imagination and helps children develop empathy and critical thinking skills. Most importantly, fostering a love of reading opens the door to lifelong learning and enjoyment.

Throughout the year, we will be planning a range of events and activities to promote reading and to build our love for books even further. Please keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to get involved and support reading at home and in school.



We look forward to an exciting year of reading together!

**Warm regards,**

**Miss McDonald**

## HOUSE POINTS



148



154



143



150



**WELL DONE TO:  
YELLOW HOUSE**



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# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



# ARRIVE  
AND  
STRIVE!



## ATTENDANCE

### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET:



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK IS: **95.14%**

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

### CLASS ATTENDANCE

DATES - 19/12/2025 - 08/01/2026

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>LATES</u>
CARISBROOKE:	97.96%	0
YARMOUTH:	95.33%	0
BIGGLESWADE:	98.67%	1
CORFE:	98.33%	0
BALMORAL:	92.00%	1
WINDSOR:	97.67%	1
ARUNDEL:	95.33%	3
BAMBURGH:	92.00%	4
KENDAL:	95.00%	1
WARWICK:	88.67%	1
EDINBURGH:	98.28%	1
STIRLING:	94.63%	5
DURHAM:	96.64%	3
YORK:	91.67%	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:  
**WINDSOR & YORK**  
CLASSES

## WORD OF THE WEEK



**VALIANT**

**valiant**



being really, really brave and  
courageous, especially when  
things are tough or scary, even if  
it's hard.

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# THIS WEEK'S AWARDS



#Striving  
For  
Excellence

## SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS

EVIE

AUTUMN

THEO

OLIVIA

CAITLYN

BROOKE

LEXIE

ENOCH

ARTHUR

HOLLIE

EVA F

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

## HALF TERM SUBJECT FOCUS: YOUNG AUTHOR AWARD



OLIVIA

HARLEY

ADALINE



RALPH

ROBYN

GRACE

PORSHIA

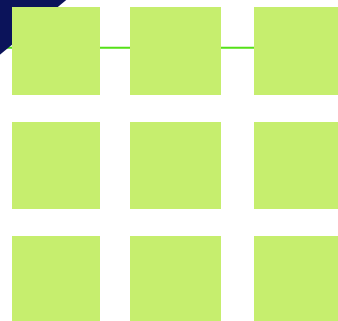
KEENAN

LAYLA

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ELOISE

# IN OTHER NEWS...



## MENU

THIS WEEK WE ARE ON: WEEK THREE

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU		WEEK 3				
		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

🌱 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.

## 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.

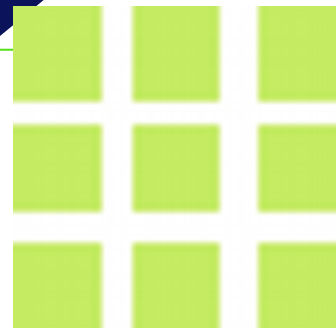


**WINCHESTER  
SCIENCE CENTRE  
AND PLANETARIUM**

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.



### Uniform Reminder

A polite reminder that all children are expected to attend school wearing the correct Nine Acres school uniform. For children in Years 5 and Year 6, this includes a white shirt and school tie, which is the daily expectation. On PE days, children should come to school wearing their Nine Acres PE kit. Please ensure that children do not wear branded clothing for PE. Trainers should only be worn on your child's allocated PE day. On all other days, children should wear black school shoes.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our school standards.



### EYFS Phonics Sessions

We are inviting families of children in EYFS to join your child for a Phonics session! This is your chance to see first hand how they are developing essential early reading skills and to be a part of their learning journey.

This is an opportunity to gain insight into how phonics is taught in school and how your child learns. Most importantly, this is a chance to share a wonderful, interactive experience with your child, celebrating their progress and fostering a love for reading together.

Join us from 9:00am – 9:30am on one of the following days:

- Monday 19th January
- Tuesday 20th January
- Wednesday 21st January



### Parking Permits

Parking Permits for Chapel Street Car Park are available from the school office.

Please ask a member of the office team for one.



### Winter Norovirus

Key Actions for Schools & Parents

- **Exclusion:** Keep children home for at least 48 hours after they've stopped vomiting or having diarrhoea.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water is crucial; alcohol gels are less effective against norovirus.



### Year 3 Swimming

Children in Year 3 will begin their swimming lessons after the Easter Holidays in April.

A letter with more details will be out soon for families to complete and return to the school office.



### Year 6 SATS Information Sessions

We will be holding SATs information sessions for our Year 6 families on **Wednesday 14th January 2026**. There will be two sessions available on this date: 3.20pm or 5.00pm. A letter has already been sent home. Please return the reply slip indicating which session you will be attending. We look forward to seeing you.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

YOU ARE INVITED

**new: carnival**

**IOW MARDI GRAS 2026**



**Join Us for an Exciting Launch Event!**  
Find out all about this year's theme, how to get involved and what support is on offer.

**JAN 28TH 5.30-6.30PM**  
Minghella Theatre, Quay Arts, Newport

RSVP: [gemma@newcarnival.co.uk](mailto:gemma@newcarnival.co.uk)

Isle of Wight Pottery

Starts Fri 9th Jan

**Kids Afternoon Pottery Club**

Fridays 4pm - 5.30pm during term time.

£108 for 6 weeks

An exciting opportunity for your child to learn a variety of making techniques in our working pottery studio. Over a 6 week period, we will explore wheel throwing, sculpting and modelling and follow the pottery process through to completion. They'll finish with a range of glazed and fired pieces to take home.

To book visit us at: [www.isleofwightpottery.com](http://www.isleofwightpottery.com)



**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.

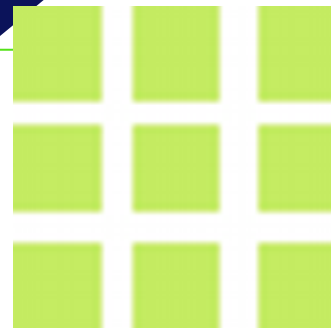
Sound rewarding?  
Start your new adventure.

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



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# IN OTHER NEWS...



## HELPING HANDS PTA

### Diary Dates

Helping Hands Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 13th January 2026



#### Annual General Meeting

We look forward to welcoming you to the AGM of Nine Acres Community Primary School PTA, known as "Helping Hands", which is next week on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. The PTA Annual General Meeting will start at 8.45am, in the school hall and should last for roughly half an hour.

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTA of their intention to stay in their role.

Our next committee meeting will be on **Tuesday 3rd February, 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.

If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please speak to Clare Sim or contact [helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Helping Hands

## ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Our Enrichment Club Programme for **Spring Term 2026** started this week Monday 5th January 2026. The programme is open to all children from Year 1 to Year 6.

We have some spaces available in the clubs below, if your child would like to join, please email [enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk) to book spaces.

There will be no clubs running on **Monday 23rd February 2026** due to a School Development Day.  
There will be no clubs running on **Thursday 12th February 2026** due to the Valentine's Disco.  
There will be no clubs running on **Friday 28th March 2026** due to Early closing at 1.00pm.



#### Monday

Years 1-6 Huxley's Allsorts

#### Tuesday

Years 3/4/5 Chess Club  
Years 3/4/5 Diamond Art Club  
Years 3/4/5 Dodgeball Club

#### Wednesday

KS1 Cricket Club  
KS2 Cricket Club

#### Thursday

Years 1-3 Llama Drama Club  
Year 4-6 Llama Drama Club



#### Introducing a new Club!

We are looking to introduce a **Year 1 'Just Dance' Club** on Tuesday's from 3.10pm to 4.10pm.

There will be 12 places available and the price will be £27.00 for the 9 sessions.

This club will start on **Tuesday 20th January 2026**.

Please email [enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk) to book spaces.

