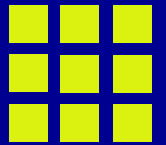


# NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 13th December 2024



Nine Acres Community Primary School, South View, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1QP  
www.nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk 01983 522984 Head teacher: Mrs E. Dyer BA Hons QTS, NPQH



Dear Families,

This will be the final newsletter of 2024, and what a fantastic year it has been!

Next week, we eagerly anticipate our Christmas performances from our younger learners. They have been working incredibly hard, and we are all so proud of their courage and confidence in standing up in front of an audience. We know you'll join us in cheering them on, along with the dedicated staff who have supported them every step of the way.



Don't forget it's Christmas Wear Day on both Thursday and Friday next week - perfect for spreading festive cheer and saving on washing! Thursday will also be Christmas Dinner Day, where the Chartwells kitchen team will be serving over 300 delicious meals. Each child will receive a festive cracker to enjoy as part of the celebration.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Market today starting at 3:30pm from the main entrance! A huge thank you to the Helping Hands team, staff, and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make this event possible. All proceeds raised will go directly to benefit the children of Nine Acres.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Nine Acres team for always going above and beyond. Whether it's staying late to prepare for learning or events, supporting our children in their learning journeys, or fostering a caring environment, your passion and commitment are truly remarkable.

To our wonderful community, thank you for your ongoing kindness and support. Your contributions - whether through attending events, volunteering, or simply sharing a kind word - make Nine Acres such a special place. Together, we've created a school filled with opportunity, warmth, and pride.

#TeamNineAcres

Hope you have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Dyer



## 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 -

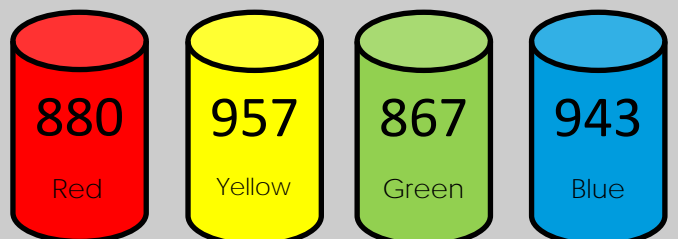
DEVELOPMENT DAY



### House Points Totals for Autumn Term 1 2024

Well done to **YELLOW** house who received the most House Points for this term! They have enjoyed a mufti day today.

CONGRATULATIONS !!!



# Ch r i s t m a s a t N i n e A c r e s

Join us on our Community Christmas countdown.....

## Tuesday 17th December & Wednesday 18th December 2024 - EYFS Nativities

Our youngest children have been starting to build their confidence with their performance 'The Wiggly Nativity'. You're warmly invited to join us on Tuesday 17th December (2:00pm start) and again on Wednesday 18th December (10:00am start).

To ensure everyone is seated and settled, please:

- **Arrive** no earlier than 1:45pm for the Tuesday performance.
- **Arrive** no earlier than 9:45am for the Wednesday performance.

Tickets are limited to two per family for each performance, with additional tickets available closer to the date if space permits. Children under 3 do not need a ticket but we ask they sit on an adults lap.



Please note - Our EYFS Nativities will take place outside on the front playground due to our high numbers of children so wrap up warm and bring a blanket! Hot Chocolate and shortbread will be available for you to enjoy!

Tickets are on sale from the school office priced at £2.50 per ticket. Tickets are still available to purchase by cash only.

## Wednesday 18th December & Thursday 19th December 2024 - KS1 Christmas Performances

Prepare to be dazzled! Our KS1 children have been practicing their songs and lines with enthusiasm and festive cheer. You're warmly invited to join us for their play 'Baubles' on Wednesday 18th December 2024 (2:00pm start) and again on Thursday 19th December 2024 (10:00am start).

To ensure everyone is seated and settled, please:

- **Arrive** no earlier than 1:45pm for the Wednesday performance.
- **Arrive** no earlier than 9:45am for the Thursday performance.

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## Thursday 19th December 2024 - Christmas Dinner Day

Our much-loved Christmas Dinner will take place this coming Thursday 19th December 2024. Please note there will be no jacket potato option on the day). Thank you to those families who have let us know that their child does not want a Christmas Dinner. Numbers have now been submitted to our kitchen in readiness. Let's get ready to enjoy this seasonal treat together!

## Thursday 19th December & Friday 20th December 2024 - Christmas Festive Wear

We warmly invite our school community to come in wearing their Christmas Jumpers or festive clothing on Thursday 19th December 2024 and again on Friday 20th December 2024. From sequins and sparkles to baubles and bells, we can't wait to see the children spreading holiday cheer with their fabulous outfits!

We also have a special visitor taking time out of their very busy Christmas schedule to visit us on Friday 20th December 2024 ... can you guess who it might be?

## Friday 20th December 2024 - School Dinner Menu & 1.00pm Early Closing

The dinner menu for Friday 20th December 2024 will be Hotdogs and Vegetarian Hotdogs (please note there will be no jacket potato option on the day). All children will finish at 1.00pm on Friday 20th December 2024 - collection will be from usual classroom doors.

We can feel the festive excitement around the building, and we hope you're just as ready as we are to celebrate this special time of year!



# 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



## Friday 20th December 2024 Early Closing

Reminder we are closing early on Friday 20th December 2024. All children will be leaving at 1.00pm and collection will be from their usual classroom doors. Any children from Years 4/5/6 with permission to walk home for this academic year will be released at 1.00pm on the 20th December unless you notify the office of anything different by Wed 18th Dec. Please either email [office@nineacrespri.co.uk](mailto:office@nineacrespri.co.uk) or call 522984.

## 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: 06/12/2024 - 12/12/2024

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke	92.00%	1
Yarmouth	92.00%	0
Biggleswade	87.67%	1
Corfe	94.67%	2
Balmoral:	94.48%	4
Windsor:	93.85%	2
Arundel:	95.52%	1
Bamburgh:	97.67%	3
Kendal:	99.33%	0
Warwick:	95.33%	3
Edinburgh:	91.33%	0
Stirling:	99.00%	1
Durham:	90.00%	1
York:	92.00%	6

Well done KENDAL!!

Whole school attendance this week is: **93.91%**

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 getting a good nights sleep!'



# Diary Dates 2024/2025



## DECEMBER 2024

Tues 17th Dec 2024 - EYFS Nativity PM.  
Wed 18th Dec 2024 - EYFS Nativity AM.  
Wed 18th Dec 2024 - KS1 Nativity PM.  
Thurs 19th Dec 2024 - KS1 Nativity AM.  
Thurs 19th Dec 2024 - Christmas Dinner Day.  
Thurs 19th December & Fri 20th December 2024 - Christmas Festive Wear.  
Fri 20th Dec 2024 - Early closing at 1.00pm.  
Mon 23rd Dec - Fri 3rd Jan 2025 - **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.**

## JANUARY 2025

Mon 6th Jan 2025 - First day of Spring Term.  
Thurs 9th Jan 2025 - Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Trip.

## FEBRUARY 2025

Thurs 6th Feb 2025 - EYFS Amazon World Trip.  
Thurs 7th Feb 2025 - Year 1 Winchester Theatre Trip.  
Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb 2025 - **FEBRUARY HALF TERM.**

Wed 26th Feb 2025 - Year 5 London Trip.

## MARCH 2025

Mon 3rd March 2025 - Parents' Evening.  
Wed 5th March 2025 - Parents' Evening.  
Thurs 6th March 2025 - WORLD BOOK DAY.

## APRIL 2025

Thurs 3rd April 2025 - Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Trip.  
Fri 4th April 2025 - Early closing at 1.00pm  
Mon 7th April - Friday 18th April 2025 - **EASTER HOLIDAYS.**

Fri 18th April 2025 - Good Friday.  
Mon 21st April 2025 - Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils.  
Thurs 24th April 2025 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

## MAY 2025

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.  
Thurs 19th June 2025 - Summer Fayre.  
Fri 20th June 2025 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**  
Wed 25th June 2025 - KS2 Sports Day.

# Diary Dates 2024/2025 Continued

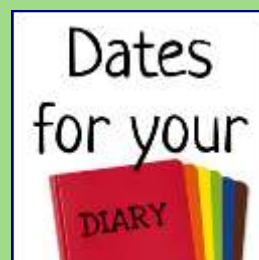
## JUNE 2025 CONTINUED

Thurs 26th June 2025 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.  
Thurs 26th & Fri 27th June 2025 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

## JULY 2025

Fri 4th July 2025 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY.**  
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.

## 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.

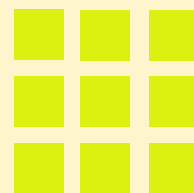
*If you need any support in ensuring your child has the right uniform, we are here to help.*



# Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!

On behalf of myself, the Governing Body, and the entire Nine Acres family, we wish you all

a joyful festive break and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 6th January 2025, ready for another exciting term ahead!



# Christmas Dinner Day - 19th December 2024

Our Christmas Dinner Day is on Thursday 19th December 2024. Please ensure you have made payment of £2.70 using ParentPay for your child's Christmas Dinner if they are in Year 3/4/5/6.

To make payment for your child's Christmas Dinner, please use the school lunch payment option.



## Enrichment Clubs Spring Term 1 2025

Our Enrichment Clubs for Spring Term have been allocated and are on ParentPay to make payment.

Thank you to those families who have made payment already, please ensure payment is made to secure your child's place by Monday 16th December.



## Spaces Available

We do have spaces available in the following clubs:

Years 3/4 Dance Club

LI ama Drama Clubs

Years 5/6 Badminton Club

Years 3/4/5 Chess Club

Years 1-6 **HUXLEY'S ALLSORTS**

Please email:

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

to book places.

# HELPING HANDS PTA

Nine Acres  
Parent/Teacher Association



## Christmas Market

Wow – there is quite a buzz around the school as we start setting up and we are all looking forward to our Christmas Market today! Thanks to your amazing generosity, the tombola's are quite a sight to behold! We hope to see you all there and that you have a fantastic time. I wonder if we can beat last year's total.

Our next meeting will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 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



## Attendance Focus Fortnight

Our next Attendance Focus Fortnight will be held during the weeks of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

*Who will be at 100% and be in with a chance to win a prize?*



## Thurs 19th & Fri 20th Dec

We warmly invite our school community to come in wearing their Christmas Jumpers or festive clothing on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and again on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. From sequins and sparkles to baubles and bells, we can't wait to see the children spreading holiday cheer with their fabulous outfits!

## Word of the Week

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

Our word this week is 'sleigh'.



## 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.



## Primary School Admissions 2025

Admissions for Primary School places for September 2025 is currently open. The closing date for Primary School applications is midnight on Wed 15 January 2025.

Date for your diary – The National Offer Day is Wed 16 April 2025.





# ACEs RECOVERY

The Adult Adverse Childhood Experiences

## Toolkit

**A 10-week program to help you  
make sense of difficult childhood  
experiences and plan a positive  
path forward**

### What to Expect

- A safe, supportive environment where you won't be asked to share painful memories.
- Tools to help you heal and take back control of your life.

### During the Programme, You Will:



#### Understand ACEs and Build Resilience

Learn about Adverse Childhood Experiences, their effects, and how to strengthen personal and parental resilience.



#### Manage Stress and Emotions

Explore strategies to handle toxic stress and develop healthy ways to regulate emotions.



#### Enhance Communication Skills

Improve communication styles, assertiveness, and interpersonal relationships.



#### Support a Positive Future

Create strategies to reduce the impact of ACEs on children and build a brighter path forward.

Contact: [Liz@ryde.church](mailto:Liz@ryde.church) 07863385633

# Educational Visits at Nine Acres

Thursday 9th January 2025

Year 2 Spinnaker Tower Trip.

Deposit Payment was due Friday 11th October 2024  
Full payment due by Mon 2nd December 2024



Thursday 6th February 2025

EYFS Amazon World Trip

Deposit Payment due Fri 15th November 2024  
Full payment due by Monday 6th January 2025



Friday 7th February 2025

Year 1 Winchester Theatre Trip to see  
'Room on the Broom'.

Deposit Payment due Friday 15th November 2024  
Full payment due by Monday 6th January 2025



Wednesday 26th February 2025

Year 5 London Trip.

Deposit Payment due Monday 4th Nov 2024  
Full payment due by Friday 7th February 2025



Thursday 3rd April 2025

Year 5 Ventnor Botanic Gardens.

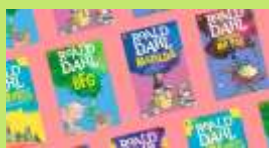
Deposit Payment due Monday 6th Jan 2025  
Full payment due by Monday 3rd March 2025



Thursday 24th April 2025

Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Deposit Payment due Monday 6th Jan 2025  
Full payment due by Monday 31st March 2025



Thursday 8th May 2025

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

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



Thursday 26th & Friday 27th June 2025

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip.

Deposit Payment due - Monday 4th November 2024  
Full payment due by Monday 2nd June 2025



Please ensure deposits and full payments are made on time using ParentPay. Barcodes 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/>

## 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!

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

## PE Lessons

As the weather continues to remain cold and wet etc, please ensure your child comes to school on their allocated PE day in their warm Nine Acres PE kit. This may include a pair of navy jogging bottoms and a Nine Acres navy hoodie. All PE lessons will be held outside as much as possible therefore a warm kit is essential.



Nine Acres Community Primary School

Spelling Champions of the week

Spelling Champion  
in Stirling Class

Tommy



Spelling Champion in  
Edinburgh Class

Youchen

Spelling Champion in  
Bamburgh Class

Thomas



**"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.



# Autumn/Winter - School Dinner Menu

Our menu for the last week of term is slightly amended, please see below the options for each day.

	Red Option	Green Option	Jacket Potatoes Years 3/4/5/6	Dessert
Monday	Macaroni Cheese	Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta	Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Desserts will be a variety of cakes, jelly, ice-cream and cookies.
Tuesday	Classic Beef Burger served with Potato Wedges	Quorn Burger served with Potato Wedges	Tuna, Cheese or Beans	
Wednesday	BBQ Chicken Pizza served with plain pasta	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza served with plain pasta	Tuna, Cheese or Beans	
Thursday	Christmas Dinner Day - <u>No Jacket Potato option today</u>			
Friday	Hot Dogs served with wedges	Vegetarian Hot Dogs served with wedges	No Jacket Potato Option today	

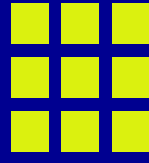
Week  
Commencing  
Monday 16th  
December 2024  
Week 3

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**.



# PE DAYS



Nine Acres Primary School

Week Commencing Mon 16th December 2024

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 - Tuesday
- 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

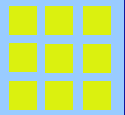
01983 522984

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.

