



NINE ACRES NEWS

'Striving for Excellence'

Friday 15th March 2024



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Dear Families of Nine Acres,

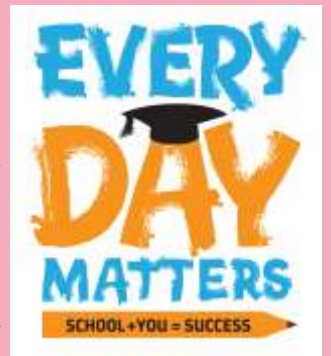
I am delighted to share some lovely feedback we've received about our pupils recently. It's always uplifting to hear positive stories about their conduct and kindness in the community.



One account from Waterstones praised our children for their exceptional behaviour and politeness during our recent school trip. It's wonderful to know they represent Nine Acres so well beyond the school gates.

Another instance highlighted a young pupil's admirable initiative in keeping our surroundings clean by picking up litter without hesitation. Such actions truly reflect the values we strive to instill in our pupils. #livingourvalues

Our attendance and lateness has seemed to have taken a dip again at Nine Acres! I know there are lots of illnesses going round but we are also seeing an increase in children having odd days off here and there with no particular reason. It is so vital that your child attends their learning every day. Every day we do something new and when your child is absent they miss out.



Over the next two weeks, we welcome in visitors from the NHS for careers talks to our Year 5 and 6 pupils and also a selection of island designers, architects and businesses to talk to all our year groups about structures, sustainability and design as part of our next focus in Design and Technology.



We are also fortunate to welcome Nia from the Isle of Wight Music Hub, who will continue to support our staff in enhancing our music curriculum delivery through professional development sessions.

With such a busy half term, I encourage you to continue supporting your child's love of reading, as it not only benefits them academically but also contributes to their overall well-being.

Finally, a reminder that school will finish at 1.00pm on Thursday 28th March for the start of the Easter Break.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Dyer



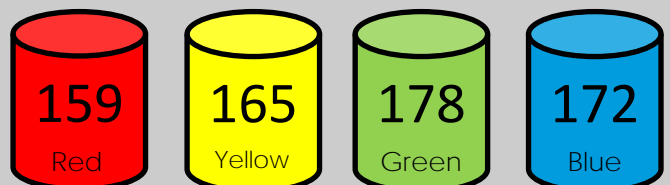
Development Days

- Friday 1st September 2023 – DEVELOPMENT DAY—
- Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 – DEVELOPMENT DAY—
- Friday 14th June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Friday 21st June 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY
- Friday 26th July 2024 - DEVELOPMENT DAY



House Points Totals

Well done to GREEN house who received the most House Points for this week!



PE DAYS

Week Commencing Monday 18th March 2024

All children should come to school in their Nine Acres PE kits on their allocated day.

PE Days for each Year Group

EYFS - Monday

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 - Tuesday

Please ensure your child has a Nine Acres PE kit and sensible footwear for PE lessons. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school everyday. Please remove all earrings before your child comes to school and ensure that long hair is tied

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 office team, calling 522984 or by emailing office@nineacrespri.co.uk



ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Have your circumstances changed? Could you now be entitled to Free School Meals? Families of children in Year 3 and up are required to pay for School Dinners unless you are entitled to benefit related Free School Meals.

To apply online please go to:

www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Free-School-Meals/Key-Stage-1-and-2

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.



The Art of Gratitude

****The Art of Gratitude Box: Celebrating teachers Miss Hayward and Mrs Gould****

We shine a spotlight on two exceptional educators who embody the essence of passion, dedication, and advocacy for our pupils: Miss Hayward and Mrs Gould.

****Miss Hayward****, our Year 2 teacher and PSHE Leader, infuses her classroom with energy and enthusiasm, fostering a nurturing environment where every child feels valued and heard. Her commitment to instilling essential life skills and promoting positive relationships across our school is truly inspiring.

****Mrs Gould****, our Year 2 teacher and RE Leader, brings a deep knowledge of her subject and a genuine desire to nurture children's spiritual growth. Through her empathetic approach and engaging lessons, she encourages pupils to explore diverse perspectives and cultivate compassion and respect for others across the school.

Both Miss Hayward and Mrs Gould are champions of our pupils' voices, ensuring that each child's unique perspective is celebrated and respected. Their dedication to children's success, coupled with their acknowledgment of the demands of the national curriculum, sets them apart as exceptional teachers.

As we prepare our pupils for the transition to Key Stage 2, Miss Hayward and Mrs Gould play a pivotal role in equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and resilience needed to thrive in the years ahead.

Thank you to Miss Hayward and Mrs Gould for we are incredibly grateful to have you as part of #teamnineacres



Nine Acres Community Primary School



Biggleswade
Flo - Geography

Corfe
Ernie - Geography



Balmoral
Parker - PSHE

Windsor
Lilly - RE

Arundel
Ella - Computing

Bamburgh
Shelby - Geography



Explorer Awards



Kendal

Albie - Science

Warwick

Anna - RE

Edinburgh

Finley - Geography

Stirling

Stevie-Jo - Geography

Durham

I van - Arts

York

Jayden - Languages



Well done everyone!!

HELPING HANDS PTA



Easter Art Competition

This Easter sees the return of our Easter Art Competition. For £1.00 children can enter a piece of art, using any media (textiles, sculpture, colouring, painting, printing, collage etc.) that represents Easter to them. Entries will be welcomed on Friday 19th April, when they will be judged by our guest judge - Mrs Mayes - with winner and runner-up prizes awarded for each Key Stage.

We can't wait to see them.

Thank you for all your continued support.



Thank you again for all your continued support. Our next meeting will be on Friday 19th April, 8.45am, meeting in the foyer. If you would like to know more, please contact us via email on helpinghands@nineacrespri.co.uk or leave a message at the school office.

Helping Hands

EYFS SUPERHERO DAY



Thursday 28th March 2024

We are inviting the children in Early Years to come dressed to school as their chosen superhero on this day. We know you may have costumes at home but we do welcome the children to make up their own superhero if they want to.

"Remember not all heroes wear capes"



During the day, we have arranged for a very special visitor to come and see the children!

Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the EYFS team if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Shaw and Mrs Edgington
EYFS Teachers



Diary Dates 2023/2024



MARCH 2024

Mon 18th March 2024 - Year 5 Shakespeare Day at Carisbrooke Castle.

Wed 20th March 2024 - Year 6 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Trip.

Thurs 21st March 2024 - EYFS and Year 6 Height and Weight Check.

Thurs 21st March 2024 - Year 1 'Snuggle up and Read'

Mon 25th March 2024 - Year 1 'Snuggle up and Read'

Wed 27th March 2024 - Year 4 Overnight Space Camp.

Thurs 28th March 2024 - EYFS Superhero Day.

Thurs 28th March 2024 - Early closing at 1.00pm.

Fri 29th March 2024 - Good Friday - School closed to pupils.

APRIL 2024

Mon 1st April 2024 - Bank Holiday Monday - School closed to pupils.

Mon 1st April - Friday 12th April 2024 - Easter Holidays.

Mon 8th-Thurs 11th April 2024 - Year 6 Easter School.

Mon 15th April 2024 - Summer 1 Enrichment Clubs begin.

Tues 16th April 2024 - Swimming for Arundel Class will begin.

Fri 19th April 2024 - Helping Hands Meeting - Meet in the foyer at 8.45am.

Thurs 25th April 2024 - Year 4 Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium Trip.

Fri 26th April 2024 - Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.

MAY 2024

Mon 6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed.

Wed 8th May 2024 - Year 5 London Trip.

Week commencing 13th May 2024 - KS2 SATS.

Week commencing 20th May 2024 - KS1 SATS.

Mon 27th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed.

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024 - May Half Term.

JUNE 2024

Wed 5th June 2024 - Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.

Tues 11th June 2024 - Swimming for Bamburgh class begins.

Fri 14th June 2024 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Thurs 20th June 2024 - Summer Fayre.

Fri 21st June 2024 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Mon 24th June & Tues 25th June 2024 - Year 6 Leavers Trip.

JULY 2024

Thurs 4th July 2024 - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day.

Fri 5th July 2024 - KS2 Sports Day.

Fri 26th July 2024 - **DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Mon 29th July 2024 - Fri 31st Aug 2024 - Summer Holidays.

*New dates will be added - Please check the box for **NEW** to see any added dates.*

Enrichment Clubs

Summer Term 1 Enrichment Clubs have been allocated and payment should be made on ParentPay by Monday 18th March 2024.

To book spaces, please email enrichmentclubs@nineacrespri.co.uk



Social Media

Do you follow us on Facebook? Scan the QR code to see our page on Facebook!!



SCAN ME

Boom Reader (Go Read)

Please continue to log your child's reading on the Boom Reader (Go Read) app. It is an expectation that all children in Years EYFS – Year 6 should be reading at home at least 3 times a week.



Year 1 and 2 DT Projects

Dear Families of Year 1 & 2 children,

As part of our DT week, we will be making squirrel houses. We would appreciate it if your child could bring in cardboard items including shoe boxes, cereal boxes and kitchen roll tubes.

Thanks for your support

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 so we can update your child's medical record.

It is Parents' responsibility to ensure they update the school of any current medical conditions.

Year 1 'Snuggle Up and Read' Sessions



The reading sessions will be held on:

Thursday 21st March

3.10pm – 3.45pm

Monday 25th March

3.10pm – 3.45pm

EYFS and Year 6 Height & Weight Check

The EYFS and Year 6 Height & Weight Check is on Thursday 21st March. Please notify the duty desk on 0300 1235224 or by emailing iowschool-nursing@solent.nhs.uk if you do not want your child to take part.

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.

Schools Walk the Wight with MOUNTBATTEN



Sunday, 12 May 2024

Register now: mountbatten.org.uk/swtw



Schools Walk the Wight Leaderboard

1st	Carisbrooke CE Primary	£310
2nd	Lanesend Primary	£196
3rd	Nine Acres Primary	£180
4th	Holy Cross Primary	£135
5th	Lanesend Primary	£135

Educational Visits



Wednesday 20th March 2024
 Year 6 Ventnor Botanic Gardens Trip.
 Full payment due by Monday 4th March 2024

Wednesday 27th/Thursday 28th March 2024

Year 4 Overnight Space Camp
 Payment was due by Friday 1st March 2024



Thursday 25th April 2024



WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE AND PLANETARIUM
 Year 4 Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium Trip.

Deposit Payment was due by Friday 9th Feb 2024
 Full payment was due by Monday 4th March 2024

Friday 26th April 2024

Year 1 Marwell Zoo Trip.
 Deposit Payment was due - Friday 9th February 2024
 Full payment is due by Friday 12th April 2024



Wednesday 8th May 2024

Year 5 London Trip.
 Deposit Payment was due - Friday 2nd February 2024
 Full payment is due by Friday 19th April 2024



Wednesday 5th June 2024

Year 2 Roald Dahl Trip.
 Deposit Payment due - Friday 1st March 2024
 Full payment due by Friday 17th May 2024



Thurs 13th/Fri 14th & Thurs 27th/Fri 28th June 2024



The Novium Museum

Year 3 Novium Museum Trip.
 Arundel - 13th/14th June 2024
 Bamburgh - 27th/28th June 2024

Deposit Payment due - Friday 1st March 2024
 Full payment due by Friday 17th May 2024

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June 2024

Year 6 Chessington Leavers Trip.
 Deposit Payment due - Monday 6th November 2023
 Full payment due by Monday 3rd June 2024



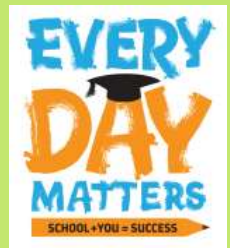
School Attendance

Whole school attendance target 97%.
 Dates: 08/03/2024 - 14/03/2024

	Attendance	Lates
Carisbrooke:	94.00%	1
Yarmouth:	93.33%	0
Biggleswade	93.21%	5
Corfe	98.97%	0
Balmoral:	93.33%	0
Windsor:	93.33%	1
Arundel:	90.69%	0
Bamburgh:	91.67%	3
Kendal:	95.00%	5
Warwick:	91.00%	4
Edinburgh:	94.67%	0
Stirling:	91.67%	0
Durham:	92.07%	3
York:	94.81%	1

Well done CORFE CLASS!
 Whole school attendance this week is: 93.40%

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.



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 ParentPay.

Nine Acres School Car Park



Please do not use the school car park unless you have a school 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!

Family-friendly cycle ride celebrating the joy of two wheels

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult

Join the Kidical Mass

Bike Ride

Seaclose Park, Newport, PO30 2EL

Saturday 16 March 2024

10am for 10.30am

Get on your bike and campaign for safer streets



Wear bright colours, be loud and show the world how our streets can be for everyone - especially children and other vulnerable users.

Organised by CycleWight, the Isle of Wight's cycle advocacy group. Find out more at cyclewight.org.uk

Year 4 Overnight Space Camp

Wednesday 27th March 2024 into Thursday morning. Children in Year 4 will finish school at 3.10pm on Wed 27th March, they will go home for their dinner and then return to school in their school uniform for 6.00pm.

Space Camp will be led by Nine Acres Staff.

An evening snack and drink will be provided along with breakfast on the Thursday morning.

A reminder flyer will be sent home next week with details of what to bring on the night.



All children will be leaving at 1.00pm on Thursday 28th March 2024 due to early closing for the end of term.

Character AI App

Character AI is a new App where users can interact with an AI version of a celebrity, historical figure, book, film or TV character. Children have understandably been drawn to this App, however parents should be aware of some significant risks associated with it:

- ◆ The App is not to be used by anyone under the age of 13. There are no parental controls on the App.
- ◆ Children can easily be exposed to inappropriate and upsetting content.
- ◆ Characters can be created by other users and can be programmed to ask certain questions, this could lead to a child sharing personal information.
- ◆ The App allows group interactions and this exposes your child to the risks of speaking to strangers online. There are also related risks to a child's mental health if they are engaging with AI regularly and not connecting with the 'real world'.

If you are concerned about Character AI and would like some more information, please speak to Mrs Hussey and she will be able to talk to you about helping to keep your child safe online.

c.ai

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 healthy sleep'.

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/relaxation-tips/>



Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a filled water bottle to school everyday.



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



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.

Autumn/Winter School Dinner Menu

Chartwells school		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUTUMN/WINTER 2023	HOT SPECIALS	Chicken and Tomato Pesto w/ served with Pasta Wedges	Classic Beef Burger served with Fries/Wedges	Roast Turkey served with Beef Pastichio and Cheese	Beef Bulgoghani w/ served with Mediterranean Hummus, Garlic, and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers served with Chips
	HOT SPECIALS	Six Fried Vegetable Burgers w/ p	Vegetarian Burger w/ served with Fries/Wedges	Vegetable Curry Balls served with Potatoes and Cheese	Tomato Pasta w/ freshly made tomato sauce served with Cheese	Chicken Gnocchi w/ served with Cheese
	JACKET POTATOES	Jacket Potatoes w/ w/ a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes w/ w/ a choice of hot and cold fillings including Cheese, Marmosette	Jacket Potatoes w/ w/ a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes w/ w/ a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes w/ w/ a choice of hot and cold fillings
All main meals are served with two vegetables						
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie	Crispy Cookie Bar with Fruit	Original Fudge	Seasons Cake	Vanilla Ice Cream	

Week Commencing
Monday 18th
March 2024
Week 1

For children in Year 3 and above the school dinner price is **£2.60** per meal.

The cost for a weeks dinners is **£13.00**.

