



12th September 2025

The PIB is our weekly bulletin to keep our families informed of what is happening at our academy. Here are some key things to share for the week...

- **Welcome Back:** I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful and happy summer. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to our pupils, and a special welcome to those joining our school family for the first time. It was really lovely to welcome everyone back this week looking refreshed and ready for the new school year.



We are excited to begin the new academic year and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your children continue to thrive, both academically and personally. Our dedicated staff have been busy preparing engaging learning opportunities, and we are confident the year ahead will be filled with growth, achievement and enjoyment. This week we have been focusing on how we can strengthen relationships and connections with each other, as well as ensure that we all understand our norms and expectations which will enable us to thrive and work together harmoniously.

As always, your support plays a vital role in your child's education. Together, we can make this year a positive and successful one for every child at Freemantle CE Academy. Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. We look forward to another fantastic year ahead.

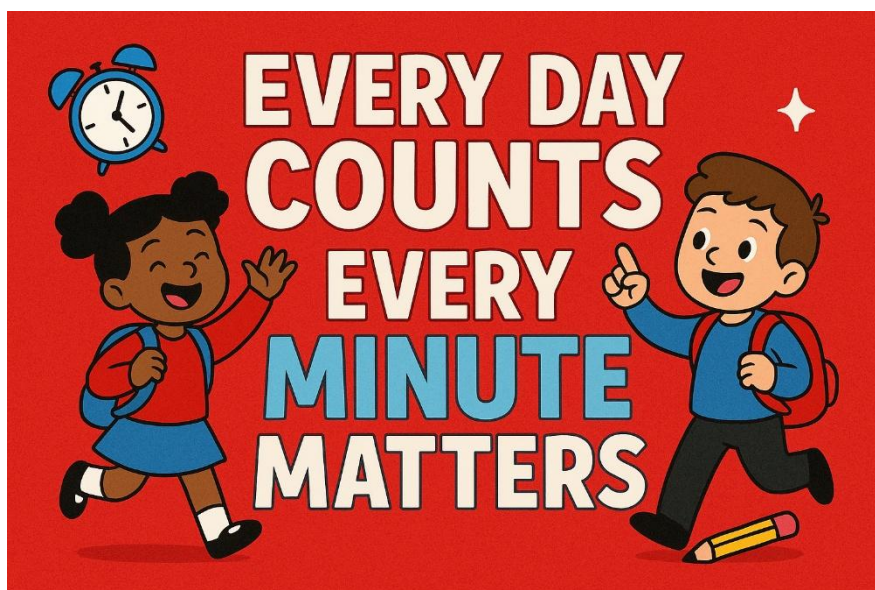
Kindest wishes, Miss Myszkowski

- **Attendance:** At Freemantle, we know that when children come to school regularly and on time, they feel happier, more confident, and make the most of their learning. Each day in school is a chance to discover something new, share experiences with friends, and build skills for the future.

Even small amounts of absence can make it harder for children to keep up, and arriving late can mean missing those important first few minutes that set a positive tone for the whole day. By working together to support good attendance and punctuality, we're giving our children the strongest foundations to succeed and flourish.

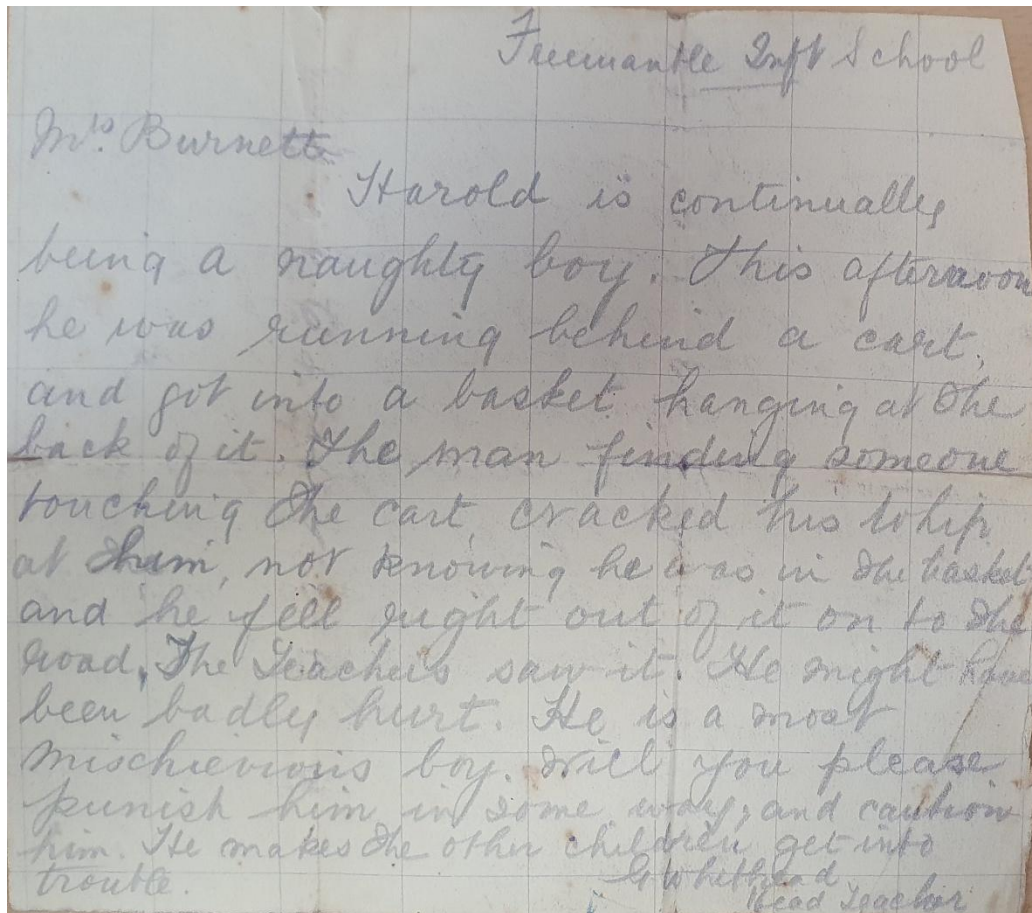
We also understand that sometimes illness or family challenges can get in the way, and we're here to help whenever you need support.

Please do talk to your child's class teacher, senior accountability team (SAT) or our team of safeguarding leaders (DDSLs) if you are finding attendance or punctuality difficult – together, we can find a way forward.



Thank you for everything you do to help your child be ready for learning each day. Your efforts really do make a difference... "Together, we can make every day count".

- **A glimpse into the past:** Recently I came across a school letter from 1910, written to the parents of a boy called Harold who attended Freemantle when it was an Infant school:



"Mr Burnett,

Harold is continually being a naughty boy. This afternoon he was running behind a cart and got into a basket, hanging at the back of it. The man – finding someone touching the cart, cracked his whip at him, not knowing he was in the basket and he fell right out of it on to the road. The teachers saw it. He might have been badly hurt. He is a most mischievous boy. Will you please punish him in some way, and caution him. He makes the other children get into trouble.

G. Whithead – Head Teacher"

Over a hundred years later, it's fascinating to see how things have changed in education. In those days, behaviour was often dealt with by sending a note home and asking parents to punish their child.

Today, we see behaviour differently. With our school rules of READY, RESPECT, SAFE, we place great importance on respect, teaching children how to make better choices and supporting them to understand consequences by working in partnership with families. We know that the best outcomes happen when school and home work together.

That's why your support is so important. Together, we can ensure our children behave positively, learn successfully, and thrive in a safe, respectful environment.

- **Upcoming events:** Please take a look at the diary dates towards the end of the PIB so you are aware of upcoming events. We will update these as more are added.

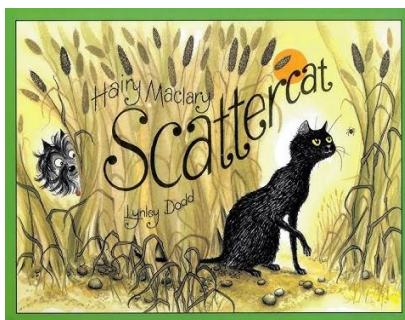
This week you should have received a letter inviting you to attend a parent meeting with your child's teacher. This is an important meeting for you to attend as it will help you understand more about what your children are focusing on this year, receive dates for your diary, and of course, is a chance to get to know your child's class teacher a little better.

- **Upcoming roadworks:** Balfour Beatty is working with Southampton City Council to improve the highways service across Southampton. As part of this they will be carrying out carriageway improvements of Queenstown Road. These works are planned to start on Monday 15th September where there will be a three-day road closure and then a further closure of up to three days on Monday 22nd September. Working hours will be from 7.30am until 5.30pm and may be subject to change due to weather. This may have an impact on your journey time, so please allow extra time for travel on those days.

You can keep up to date with the latest works happening by visiting:

www.transport.southampton.gov.uk/network-repairs/road-repairs/ For any enquiries please email: roadworks@southampton.gov.uk

- **Creativity:** Today Theo in year 4 shared a cat he made out of plasticine inspired by the book 'Hairy Maclary Scattercat' by Lynley Dodd. I was very impressed with his creativity. Keep up the great work Theo!



Warmest wishes from the Freemantle Team

If you have any comments/feedback about our PIB, please email info@freemantleschool.co.uk or call 02380 227925

Upcoming dates

- **Week Commencing 15th September 2025** – Parent welcome meetings (shared via letters)
- **Wednesday 17th September 2025** – Nasal Flu Jabs for children (see admin)
- **Thursday 18th September 2025** – Height and weight checks for year 6 children (see admin)
- **Wednesday 1st October 2025** – Individual and sibling photographs of children
- **Thursday 16th October 2025** – Year R open day for prospective parents
- **Monday 27th October until Friday 31st October 2025** – Half Term. Academy Closed
- **Wednesday 26th November 2025** – Parents Evening
- **Thursday 27th November 2025** – Parents Evening
- **Thursday 27th November 2025** – Year R open day for prospective parents
- **Friday 28th November 2025** – INSET Day. Academy closed to children
- **Friday 19th December 2025** – Last day of term before the Christmas break

ARTISTIC ADVENTURERS

CHRIST
CHURCH
FREEMANTLE

MONDAY 3:15 - 4:30

TERM TIME

STARTING MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

PAINTING

CRAFTS

JUNK MODELS

COOKING

AND A SNACK AND DRINK

