



Parent Information Bulletin



3rd October 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...

- **Attendance:** A big thank you to all parents and carers who ensure their children arrive on time every day – it makes such a difference. Remember, every minute counts! Arriving promptly helps pupils start the day calmly, join in with learning straight away and make the most of every opportunity.

Whole School attendance this week is: 94.3%

Please help us to reach our target of 95%... we are getting there!

- **False Nails:** Please ensure children do not wear false nails to school. They can cause accidents during play and make it difficult for pupils to take part in learning activities safely and comfortably. Thank you.
- **Autumn Travel Survey:** Well done to the year 6's who came to school early to help with our first travel survey of the academic year. During this count we saw 228 vehicles overall with 9 idling. This is an improvement from Autumn term last year which had 331 vehicles passing and 22 idling!

The hands up surveys completed in classes showed a sustainable travel rate of 69.23% which is a 0.75% increase since autumn last year. Let's keep up the good work!



Autumn	Current	Current
Walk	174	51.5%
Cycle	16	4.7%
Scooter	25	7.4%
Bus	19	5.6%
P&S	17	5.0%
Car	87	25.7%
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- **Walktober 2025:** This week saw the start of Walktober when we encourage families and staff to make as many of their journeys as active as possible. My Journey invite you to complete a Walktober 'Journey Report' to share your experiences and encourage others to make a positive change! Examples of how you may inspire others:

Swap the car for the bike or bus
Use a Park and Stride
Lift share with other pupils/friends
Switch engines off when stopped
Take part in a road safety walk or wheeling trip

For more information use the following link: <https://myjourneysouthampton.com/walktober>

- **Bikes and scooters:** Please remember to ask your child to disembark from their bike or scooter when entering the academy grounds. This ensures the safety of themselves and others. Thank you.

- **10 by 10:** At Freemantle, we are committed to ensuring that we provide rich and meaningful experiences that go beyond the classroom and support children's personal development.

As part of this, we pledge that all children will participate in meaningful and carefully planned activities during their time with us in order to broaden their horizons, inspire curiosity and nurture lifelong memories.

This year, we are launching our '**10 by 10**' initiative on the **Friday 10th October 2025** - 10 activities we want our children to experience before they leave Freemantle.

In order to fundraise for these activities, Friday 10th October will be a non-uniform day and we would be grateful for £1 donations to contribute towards this. Thank you.



- **Reminders:** Two little reminders/pleas:

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Every Friday celebration assembly we celebrate awards and achievements outside of school.

If your child has something to share, please let their teacher know on Friday morning - their teacher can keep any medal/certificate/trophy in a safe place before and after the assembly.



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to disembark from
their bike or scooter**



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of themselves and others.**

Reminder – No False Nails in School



**Please ensure children do not wear
false nails to school.**

Warmest wishes from the Freemantle Team

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

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Upcoming dates

- **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

Next week at Re:Minds... 6th - 10th October 2025

Shirley Evening Support Group
Monday 6th October
6.30pm-7.30pm

Join us for a friendly cuppa with others who truly 'get it'

Meet fellow parents/carers, chat about the ups & downs of neurodiversity and mental health in our children, share experiences, pick up top tips and get support & advice from the Re:Minds team

No need to book, just drop in! There's no cost to attend and you'll be warmly welcomed!

You can also access the book & sensory library while you're here
This is an adults only group

Find us at:
St James Road Methodist Church, SO15 5HE
Upstairs in Room 7

Access is from the rear of the church via the car park
Please let us know if you need to use the lift

Autism Advice Clinic
Tuesday 7th October 10.30am

Book a private, 10 minute virtual Zoom appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues related to Autism

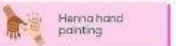
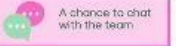
The clinic is led by the
Southampton Autism Assessment Service

 **Email info@reminds.org.uk to book**

ReCharge & Refresh
11-1, Wednesday 8th of October 2025
A chance to think about your own wellbeing

Free Lush lucky dip for the first 30 people!

 Craft activities	 Henna hand painting
 Games with Board in the City	 Refreshments
 Pampering with Angle's Brows & Lush	 A chance to chat with the team
 Reiki/Reflexology	 Quiet Room

For all Re:Minds parents and carers – adults only please!

Hall B, Upstairs, St. James Methodist Church, St. James Road, Shirley, Southampton, SO15 5HE
When/where Accessible

Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book your space at the clinics
No need to book to attend the support group - just drop in!



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