



5th December 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...

- **Social Media Post Concern- How things can be misinterpreted!** We are aware that a social media post was shared last night, showing a parent looking through the fence at the school. Unfortunately, the post included misleading suggestions that the individual was observing the children with ill intent.

We want to reassure all families that this is not the case. The individual in question is a parent, and no inappropriate behaviour was involved. Mr Barnett has also spoken with the parent to reassure him, and offered advice for the future. Several staff members who saw the post have reported it, and we are working to address the situation as quickly as possible.

We also want to acknowledge that it is increasingly difficult for schools and parents to control the spread of misleading, misinterpreted or fake news online. The Department for Education (DfE), as part of its latest curriculum review, has highlighted the growing threat of fake news in our community. As a result, they have asked all schools to actively tackle this issue with our children, helping them understand how to critically assess the information they encounter online.

We sincerely apologise for any distress or confusion this may have caused. The safety and wellbeing of all our children is our top priority, and we are committed to maintaining a secure and supportive environment for everyone.

For further reassurance, whenever children are in the playground they are appropriately supervised, staff are positioned in strategic places so they have an overview at all times, this includes lunchtimes. The new boarding was placed on the gates to minimise any potential interaction between children and the public, we as always will continue to act and ensure site security is improved as issues are identified or new legislation is introduced.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

- **Christmas Performances:** Hopefully you have signed up for the performances relevant to your child(ren). We very much look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.
- **Winter Wonderland Extravaganza:** As shared last week, on **Monday 15th December** (Nursery to Year 2) and **Tuesday 16th December** (KS2 – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6), we will be hosting some Christmas fun events for our children. Each year group will enjoy a dedicated session in the hall, filled with inflatables and festive activities to help make this Christmas truly memorable.



We are kindly requesting that each child pays £1 for this event. You should have been sent a Scopay link for ease of paying, or you can hand money to your child's class teacher. All contributions will go towards purchasing new visualisers for school, helping us bring learning to life. Thank you!

- **Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day:** A reminder that on Wednesday 17th December, all children can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper. All children who have booked (and paid for if KS2) a Christmas meal with Dolce will also be able to enjoy a Christmas lunch. **Please ensure you have booked and paid for your lunch by Friday 12th December. Thank you.**

- **SCC Christmas Activities:** As the Christmas Holidays is fast approaching, Southampton City Council are pleased to announce that we have a wide range of activities for children and their families to keep everyone entertained, including a visit to see Father Christmas!

They have a planned programme of history and art workshops that cover everything from fun family walking tours to hands on workshops and all day wrap around care. Workshops are engaging, accessible and designed to promote family learning. They also have the return of Father Christmas at Tudor House and Garden. Please see the flyer at the end of the PIB or click on the following link for more information:

[Christmas Holiday Activities 2025](#)

- **Safeguarding:** Please see the guide at the end of the PIB for a guide on child-on-child abuse for parents and carers.

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

- **Wednesday 10th December** – Nursery Tableau
- **Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December 2025** – Winter Wonderland Event – please bring £1
- **Wednesday 17th December 2025** – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- **Friday 19th December 2025** – Last day of term before the Christmas break
- **Monday 5th January 2026** – INSET – academy closed to children
- **Tuesday 6th January 2026** – First day of spring term for our children

Next week at Re:Minds...

8th - 12th December 2025



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



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Christmas

Holidays

Dress for
mess at all our
workshops

Table Decorations for all ages with Victoria Goss

Saturday 21 December | 10.30am - 12.30pm
or 1pm - 3pm | SeaCity | £18

Art School Plus: Paint, Draw (and Breathe!)

(11 - 16 yrs)

Monday 22 December | 10.30am - 3.30pm |
Art Gallery | £26

Art for All: Gonk O'Clock (5+)

Tuesday 23 December | 10am, 11.30am or 1pm |
Art Gallery | £6.50

Christmas at Hogwarts (7+)

Tuesday 23 December | 10am - 12 noon or
1pm - 3pm | Tudor House | £12

Art for All: Penguin Print Thank You Cards and More (4+)

Friday 2 January | 10.30am, 12.30pm
or 2.30pm | Art Gallery | £8

Discover Titanic

Friday 2 January | 10.30am, 12.30pm or
2.30pm | SeaCity | £8



Drop off your young people



Christmas at Tudor House

Sat 6, Sun 7, Sat 13, Sun 14, Sat 20, Sun 21 and Mon 22
December | 10am - 5pm | Tudor House | £25

Join us in Southampton's oldest building for a special
visit with Father Christmas in the Banqueting Hall.
This festive experience includes getting creative with
a fun craft activity, then unwinding with a sweet treat
in our café.

Culture Club for Kids: Christmas Holiday Activity Days

(6½ - 12 yrs)

Week Theme - Polar Bears and Penguins

Mon 22, Tues 23 December

9am - 4pm (drop off from 8.45am) |
SeaCity | £35 per day £60 for both days

Get creative, explore our collections and learn
new stuff while making really cool things at our
themed activity days!



See venue websites for further details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com





Child-on-Child Abuse guide for parents and carers

As parents and carers, you have an important role to play in combating prejudice and discrimination among children.

You have the chance to make a difference by:

- Setting a good example for your children through the language that you use and the behaviour that you show towards others
- Talking to your children about what prejudice and discrimination look like and getting them to think about their attitudes and how they treat others
- Giving your children support and encouragement if they experience prejudice and discrimination.



"Prejudice and discrimination seriously limit children's development and growth. They lead to some children being left out and denied the opportunity to develop friendships and to learn new things...in the end, everybody loses out from the effects of prejudice and discrimination."

Fairplay, Barnardos

YOUNG MINDS

Young Minds is a charity set up to support parents/carers and young people to talk about their experiences and promotes positive mental health. youngminds.org.uk

NSPCC

This webpage provides ideas about how to open communication or start difficult conversations with your child. [Talking about difficult topics | NSPCC](#)



Child-on-Child Abuse guide for parents and carers

Child-on-child abuse is any form of physical, sexual, emotional or financial abuse, including coercive control, taking place between children, and within children's relationships (both intimate and non-intimate), friendships, and wider peer associations.

Child-on-child abuse is when a young person is:

- exploited, bullied and/or harmed by their peers who are the same or similar age,
- involved in Child Sexual Exploitation, harmful sexual behaviour and serious youth crime/violence,
- subject to online, social media and electronic platform abuse.

Schools

It is essential that all staff understand the importance of challenging inappropriate behaviours between children that are abusive in nature.

Downplaying certain behaviours, for example dismissing sexual harassment as "just banter", "just having a laugh" or "part of growing up" can lead to a culture of unacceptable behaviours and an unsafe environment for children.

In worst case scenarios, a culture that normalises abuse, leading to children accepting it as normal, may lead to children not coming forward to report it.

Prejudicial Related incidents

"A prejudice-related incident is any incident which is perceived to be prejudice-related by the victim or any other person."

Treating a person less favourably because they have one or more of these characteristics would be unlawful. The protected characteristics are:



Age



Disability



Sex



Pregnancy and Maternity



Race



Marriage and Civil Partnership



Sexual orientation



Religion or belief



Gender reassignment



Child-on-Child abuse might look like:

- bullying
- physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting or hair pulling
- prejudicial language or behaviour, for example, not liking someone based on a protected characteristic
- initiation/hazing type violence and rituals (this could include activities involving harassment, abuse or humiliation used as a way of initiating a person into a group and may also include an online element)
- sexual harassment
- consensual and non-consensual sharing of nude and semi-nude images and/or upskirting
- causing physical harm (this may include sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault).



How to report

① Inform your educational setting who will follow their behaviour policy

① Call the police on 101 or in an emergency, call 999

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