



Parent Information Bulletin

12th 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...

- **Nativity joy:** What a joyous week it has been here at Freemantle! Our nativity performances have truly filled the school with festive cheer. We are so proud of our pupils in the lower school, who sang their hearts out and shared the wonderful message that *"everyone is welcome"* here. They really are incredible.

Our staff worked so hard to prepare for these events and we are so grateful for their hard work and perseverance! We are so blessed to have such a great team.

We have also received so many lovely compliments about our beautiful Christmas tree, decorated with the most delightful craft creations. The decorations, purchased by our wonderful Friends of Freemantle, have transformed our tree into a display of Freemantle elves — and it looks fantastic.



We are immensely grateful for all the hard work FoF have given over the past few years. Although they have now chosen to retire for the time being, we offer our heartfelt thanks for everything they have done for our school community. While FoF may be stepping back, we do hope that parents and carers will continue to support our fundraising events throughout the year.

As we head into our final week of term, we are looking forward to even more festive fun with our pupils. Thank you for your support and for attending our events this week — it is always appreciated.

Warmest wishes, Nina Myszkowski

- **Sharing Christmas joy:** The children in Year 2, 3 and 5 shared the Freemantle festive spirit by making cards for residents in a local care home. The children worked very hard on their designs and they will make the residents of the care home feel happy and remembered this Christmas. Thank you to the classes involved.
- **Litter picking:** The Key stage 1 Eco Warriors have been hard at work picking up litter from the Mansion Road entrance into our school. They found lots of small pieces of plastic such as sweet packets and wrappers.

Litter not only looks unsightly but often ends up being blown or washed into waterways clogging up ponds and ditches or being washed out to sea. Plastic does not decompose, instead it just breaks down into smaller pieces of plastic. Microplastics are often eaten by wildlife which can be very harmful.

Well done Eco Warriors for helping to keep our environmental litter free!



- **Christ Church Freemantle Crib Service:** Please see the flyer at the end of the PIB for an upcoming crib service at Freemantle Church where everyone is welcome!
- **Giving devices at Christmas time – How to keep your child safe:** Have a look at this link for some safety tips on allowing children to explore electronic online devices:
<https://www.childnet.com/blog/christmas-2022/>

Top tip:

Set up the device ahead of your child opening it

A great way to ensure your child starts their experience in the safest way is to get the device set up before you give it to them. Once you've researched the device, you can charge it up and have a go at putting in place some safety settings and parental controls to help you feel comfortable with your child using it.

If you are gifting a second-hand device to your child, you can make sure that the device has been reset to factory settings before you give it as a gift. This means that any apps or settings that are already on the device have been removed, and you can start with a blank slate.

On Android devices you can restrict [what content can be downloaded in Google Play](#).

On Apple devices you can go into [Content & Privacy Restrictions in Screen Time](#) to help block and limit specific apps and restrict explicit content, purchases and downloads.

Although setting these parental controls is a key step towards keeping your child safe online, it is important that this is not done in place of open conversations.

For more on parental controls, visit Child Net's [webpage](#).

- **Clever Never Goes:** Please have a look at the link and leaflet below to learn more about 'Clever never goes' – this is the child friendly way of teaching children how to stay safe from abduction when outside or online. <https://clevernevergoes.org/parents-2/>

Please remember, you can always click the CEOP button on our website if you come across any worrying content online too. The button is on the main page of the website and looks like this:
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>



If you need to hide this site quickly, just click here



Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online?

Make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors

Should I make a report to CEOP? →

If you're worried about online abuse or the way someone has been communicating online, let CEOP know.



What happens when I make a report? →

One of our experienced Child Protection Advisors will be there to make sure you get the help that you need.



How can CEOP help me? →

Online abuse affects many children and young people every day, CEOP has helped thousands of people in need of support.



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

- Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December 2025 – Winter Wonderland Event – please pay £1
- Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day – prebooking needed
- Friday 19th December 2025 – Last day of term before the Christmas break
- Monday 5th January 2026 – INSET – academy closed to children
- Tuesday 6th January – Academy reopens for the spring term – gates open at 8.35
- Tuesday 6th January 2026 – First day of spring term for our children

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OUT WITH STRANGER DANGER IN WITH CLEVER NEVER GOES



TEACH THE CLEVER OPTION AT HOME

CLEVER NEVER GOES is the new, child-friendly lesson that teaches children how to stay safe from abduction when they are outside (e.g. walking to or from school), or online.

It's been created to help parents/guardians talk to their children about staying safe in a simple way.

Instead of creating a fear of people it teaches them to recognise the danger in a situation, regardless of who's involved.

THE RULE:

If anyone asks you to go - even someone that you know - if it hasn't been agreed, remember: CLEVER NEVER GOES



The **CLEVER NEVER GOES** rule means children shouldn't go anywhere with anyone - even if they know them - if it hasn't been agreed in advance by a parent or guardian.

And please remember, children learn through repetition so make sure you remind them regularly of **CLEVER NEVER GOES** when they're going outside or online.

For more information, ideas and resources to have that clever conversation go to: clevernevergoes.org

WHY CHANGE?

Since it was introduced in the 1970's, the 'stranger danger' message has been fundamentally flawed.

Most strangers will help rather than harm a child, and many people that do pose a risk to children are not strangers.

Furthermore, it demands that all strangers should be treated with suspicion, which breeds fear in our communities. This has led to children spending less time outdoors, fuelling a rise in obesity and mental health problems.

Add to this, children are spending more time online, increasing their risk of being groomed. Now is the time for a new approach that creates safer, happier and healthier children.

Backed by more than 1,000 schools across the UK, **CLEVER NEVER GOES** is more practical than stranger danger and gives children the skills and confidence to safely explore their outdoor and online worlds without fear. And gives parents the reassurance to let them.

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On Mondays-

January 12th - March 23th

No class- Monday 5th January INSET

MONDAY 16th February Half term

From 3:15-4:15

For Years 2/3/4/5/6

Learn Street and Disco routines

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ARTISTIC ADVENTURERS

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THERE WILL BE NO
ARTISTIC ADVENTURERS
DURING THE CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS

WE WILL BE BACK
ON MONDAY 12TH
JANUARY 2026





You are warmly invited
to join with us for our
Crib Service

Christ Church Freemantle with Millbrook
Waterloo Road, SO15 3BS

24th December 2025
16:30

*For unto us
a child is born!*

Please do dress up ready to join in
with the service!



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