



Parent Information Bulletin



9th January 2026

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...

- **Hapy new year and welcome back:** We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed spending some quality time together as a family. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back this week and the children have been keen to pick up where they left off last year.
- **Academy start time:** Please remember that gates open at 8.35 ready for an 8.40am start. Please help everyone by arriving to school on time. Thank you.
- **Staff Update: New Acting Assistant Heads:** Following Mrs Bevan-Mackie's retirement at Christmas, we are pleased to share that Mr Seymour and Mr Whittle will be taking on the roles of Acting Assistant Headteachers for the remainder of the academic year.

In these roles, they will be out of class one day per week. During this time, their classes will be taught by familiar faces: Mrs Allen in Year 1 and Mr Banning in Year 6, who already support the children regularly for PPA cover.



Mr Seymour and Mr Whittle have been part of the Senior Leadership Team working with Miss Myszkowski and Mrs Bevan-Mackie for the past three years, and as such, are already well-versed in the vision and direction of the academy.

If this revised leadership model proves successful, we plan to advertise the Assistant Headteacher roles in the summer term, ready for September 2026.

- **2026 National Year of Reading:** 2026 is the Year of Reading! At Freemantle we believe that every child is a reader and we strive to foster a love of reading from the moment that the children begin school. This year we are excited to share that there will be even more book and reading activities than ever!

We are starting the new year with lots of amazing new books in our school library! Many of these were purchased with money raised at our school book fair in November- thank you families for your support.

Watch this space for a special 'Year of Reading' activity for each month...





- **Uniform Reminder:** As shared in the December PIB, here is a little reminder about uniform:



We kindly ask that parents ensure children are arriving in school wearing the simple uniform outlined in our policy. Uniform does not have to have the school logo – please purchase whatever you can afford.

We also have a selection of preloved uniform available – please enquire in the office if you would like to have a look at our wider selection.

Your support helps us maintain high standards and a consistent approach across the school. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the admin team located in the academy office. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **Freemantle Christ Church messy Church:** Freemantle Christ Church are holding a messy church event in January – please see the flyer at the end of the PIB for more information.

If you are planning on attending, please can you email: rectorpa.ccfm@gmail.com This is just to make sure they have the information they need before setting up (e.g. dietary needs, allergies, etc). Thank you.

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

- **Friday 13th February 2026** – Last day of the half term
- **February 16th – Sunday 22nd February 2026** – Spring half Term Break – Academy closed
- **Monday 23rd February 2026** – First Day of Spring 2
- **Wednesday 18th March 2026** – Parents Evening
- **Thursday 19th March 2026** – Parents Evening
- **Friday 27th March 2026** – Last day of spring term
- **Monday 30th March – Sunday 12th April 2026** – Easter Holidays – Academy Closed
- **Monday 13th April 2026** – First day of summer term

Coming up at Re:Minds



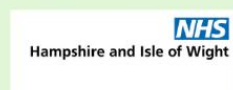
9th - 19th January 2026

Kerstin from our 16–25 service Mental Health Collective will be at each group to offer her support and guidance for anyone who is looking after a young person in this age group

Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book your space at the clinic

with thanks to:

No need to book to attend the support group - just drop in!



Shentons
Solicitors

crafts and activities

stories and music

Messy Church

food and prayer

For families and individuals
of all ages and stages

Have fun exploring faith together

This month's theme will be "I am the Good Shepherd"

25th January 2025 at 16:00

Christ Church Freemantle with Millbrook

To book a space email rectorpa.ccfm@gmail.com

Strengthening Families

Book a place on the course by emailing info@sfttrust.org.uk

**FREE course online
via ZOOM**

Explore subjects together such as:

- Encouraging positive behaviour
- Communicating when you don't agree
 - Using consequences
 - Setting loving limits
 - Making house rules
 - Building bridges

Learn helpful tips to strengthen your relationship with your child!



Southampton
Family Trust
building relationships



Mums, Dads and Carers participate together with one of their children.

**Must be aged
10–14 years**

8-week course
starting 20th Jan 2026

Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 PM
via ZOOM

20th & 27th Jan
3rd, 10th & 24th Feb
3rd, 10th & 17th March

Course materials and snacks
will be sent to your home!