



Parent Information Bulletin



27th February 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...

- **Attendance:** Our overall attendance this week is **93.6%**. This is sadly below our national figure of **95%**, so please do your best to arrive at school on time and remember to notify the office on adminoffice@freemantleschool.co.uk if your child is unwell. Thank you.
- **Southampton University Science and Engineering Day:** Discover something extraordinary at Science and Engineering Day this March! The University of Southampton's annual Science and Engineering Festival (SOTSEF) returns this March, offering an exciting chance to explore the world of STEAM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Running alongside British Science Week, the festival's flagship event, Science and Engineering Day, takes place on Saturday 14 March.

This free, family-friendly day invites visitors to enjoy more than 140 activities, including inspiring talks, interactive shows, hands-on workshops, and behind-the-scenes laboratory tours across the state-of-the-art Highfield and Boldrewood campuses. No previous knowledge is needed—just curiosity!

Free tickets are available via the festival website: www.sotsef.co.uk

The poster features the University of Southampton logo at the top left. The main text reads 'DISCOVER THE AMAZING' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DAY' and 'Saturday 14th March 2026'. A magnifying glass icon is next to the date. Further down, it lists 'Free activities, workshops, talks, lab tours and live shows suitable for all ages'. At the bottom left, there is a purple box with a white arrow icon and the text 'Book your FREE tickets www.sotsef.co.uk'. To the right of this box are social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and X, followed by the hashtag '#SOTSEF'. On the right side of the poster is a photograph of a young girl wearing a VR headset and holding a controller, looking upwards with an expression of wonder.

- **Increasing biodiversity:** You may have spotted our fabulous new planters around the school grounds. These were built by the brilliant Mr Wyatt over the half term holiday. This is the first part of our 'turn a grey space into a green space' project - which is funded by National Education Nature Park. We can't wait to get planting!



- **World Book Day 2026:** A little reminder that Thursday 5th March is World Book Day! We would like to invite children to dress up as a book character that they like or come in non-school uniform if they prefer. Please don't spend lots of money buying costumes- we always love to see something that has been put together at home. It may just be some simple props that create the costume. There are lots of ideas online.

https://uk.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=easy%20world%20book%20day%20costumes&rs=ac&len=12&source_id=ac_5rnDi3L4&eq=easy%20world%20b&etslf=6396

We would kindly ask that parents make a contribution of £1 which will be used to buy new books for the school. We have set up a link on Scopy for parents to donate. Thank you.

- **Dolce Special World Book Day Menu:** Please see the flyer below for a special Dolce World Book Day menu for Thursday 5th March. Please ensure that all meals are booked in advance (by Monday 2nd March) to ensure your child is able to have the meal of their choosing. 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

- **Thursday 5th March 2026** – World Book Day
- **Saturday 14th March 2026** – SOTSEF at Southampton University
- **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



Southampton Parent Carer Forum invites you to...

SEND Family Fun Day 2026

Tuesday 31st March - 10am to 2pm

For Children and Young People:
Bouncy Castles, face painters
Unicorn, bubbles and lots more ...

For Parent Carers:
Range of **Local offer Service providers** for
advice, ideas and support

Refreshments for all (drinks, fruit, biscuits and ice cream are all free, there will be a food van with food for sale)

To register



Oasis Academy Mayfield, Ashley Crescent,
SO19 9NA - Free Parking



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