



Parent Information Bulletin



22nd May 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...

- **Happy Half Term:** As we approach the end of this half term, we would like to remind all families that the half-term break is next week. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable week off, with plenty of time to relax and recharge.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 1st June**.



- **Forest School Fun:** This week the year one forest school group experienced popcorn being made over a fire. The children have been learning the fire circle rules all half term to ensure they were able to stay safe while the fire was lit. Some of the children helped to build the fire using thinner sticks (spaghetti width) at the bottom and larger sticks (pencil width) on top.

Watching the fire being lit with a fire striker was very exciting as the children got to see lots of sparks! They enjoyed sharing their own experiences of fire such as bonfires, candles in church and barbeques. The best part of the afternoon was listening to the popcorn when it started popping and seeing it bounce around in the sieves- and of course getting to eat some!



- **Art and History Activities for Families and Children:** Southampton City Council is pleased to announce that they have a wide range of activities for children and their families to keep everyone entertained over the half term!

They have planned a 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.

More details, including how to book, can be found here on the flyer at the end of the PIB or via this link:

[May Half Term in Southampton 2026 | Family Activities.](#)

- **Mayor Making Ceremony:** On Wednesday 4 of our Mental Health Champions were picked out of a hat to attend the 804th Mayor Making Ceremony at Southampton Guildhall. We walked to the Guildhall and took our seats with other schools from across the city. There were some wonderful school choirs performing during the ceremony. As the ceremony started, we all jumped out of our seats as the 17 Port and Maritime Regiment provided a Guard of Honour for the arriving counsellors, the Lord Mayor and Sheriff – they were very loud!

We watched as the nominations were heard for the new Children's Mayor, Lord Mayor and the Sheriff of Southampton. As the ceremony proceeded each person was appointed their new role and given their ceremonial robes. The Mental Health Champions found it really interesting and discovered that they could put themselves forward to be the Children's Mayor if they wanted to.

On the walk back to school we chatted about what they would do, if they could become Children's Mayor. Ideas ranged from a 'No cars/transport day's' and 'litter picking days' – which we know would make Mrs Steinman very happy! When we got back to school, we were all very tired, but had a lovely time.



- **Half Term Fun and Activities:** Please see the end of the PIB for some local child friendly activities taking place next week. Plenty of free fun for you and your children!

Happy Half Term!

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 25th May – Friday 29th May** – Half term
- **Monday 8th June 2026 onwards** – Phonics screening check for year 1 pupils
- **Monday 8th June onwards** – Multiplication Check for year 4 pupils
- **Friday 26th June 2026** – INSET day – academy closed to children
- **Monday 29th June 2026** – INSET day – academy closed to children
- **Wednesday 22nd July 2026** – Last day of term before the summer break

May Half Term

Drop off your young people

Southampton Culture Club for Kids: Story Worlds (6½-12yrs)

📅 Tue 26, Wed 27, Thu 28 May
🕒 9am-4pm
📍 SeaCity
💰 £35, £90 all three days



Bugs in Boxes (4+)

📅 Tue 26 May
🕒 10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm
📍 Tudor House 💰 £6

Tour for All:

Southampton Myths and Mysteries (6+)

📅 Tue 26 May 🕒 11am
📍 Tudor House
💰 £10 (children FREE)

Art for All: Clay Capybaras (5+)

📅 Wed 27 May
🕒 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
📍 Art Gallery 💰 £8

Art for All: Birds, Beetles and Butterflies with Watercolour (7+)

📅 Thu 28 May
🕒 10.30am, 1.30pm
📍 Tudor House 💰 £8



Art for All: Make a Clay Stitch! (4+)

📅 Thu 28 May
🕒 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
📍 Art Gallery 💰 £8



Toddler Time:

Under the Sea (under 4's and friends)

📅 Fri 29 May 🕒 10.30am
📍 SeaCity 💰 £6

Art for All: Minecraft Mosaic Worlds (7+)

📅 Fri 29 May
🕒 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm
📍 Art Gallery 💰 £8



See our "What's on" brochure or venue websites for details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com



THE **GREENHOUSE** *Service*

**31st May and then the first
Sunday of every month**

6:30PM

Our evening service is a chance to gather together,
spend time in worship, with space for the Holy Spirit
to move, and to hear from God's word.

Christ Church Freemantle with Millbrook

Waterloo Road, Southampton, SO15 3BS

Urban Wild Week

23 – 31 May | Various locations across Southampton

Celebrate Southampton's outdoor spaces with a week-long city-wide programme of nature-inspired events and activities. Join guided walks, wildlife sessions, creative workshops and family-friendly experiences taking place in parks and green spaces throughout the half-term holiday. Learn more [here](https://community.nationalparkcity.org/spaces/17083031/events):

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Free fun at IKEA Southampton



[IKEA Southampton](#) is hosting a range of free activities for families over the half-term break. This includes their Eco Explorers crossword challenge to learn fun facts about the world with the help from some of IKEA's most loved characters (23 - 31 May), along with eco pledges (26 May) where you can design your own leaf pledge to take small steps to a more sustainable world. For gardeners 13 and up, you'll love their crafty workshop held on 27 May where you can personalise your own plant pot.



Little Bears in Care are back for Foster Care Fortnight 2026!

Southampton City Council's 'Little Bears in Care' campaign is returning to Southampton from 11th May – 31st May 2026. It runs through The Fostering Network's 'Foster Care Fortnight'.

Little Bears in Care aims to encourage more people to consider becoming foster carers by sharing some of the stories of our children and young people who have experienced care. Businesses in Southampton are displaying bears and [their stories](#) with information about fostering at their locations for you to find and read! Download a copy of our [location sheet](#).

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/media/1p1nd4mk/little-bears-in-care-venues-list-01052026.pdf>

We are sharing photos and posts on our social media, do take a look at [@fosteringsouthampton](#). If you are out and about and find our Little Bears, take a photo and tag us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) with [@fosteringsouthampton](#)!

Star Cars at Westquay

23 – 30 May | The Esplanade

Movie and TV fans can snap photos with a collection of famous vehicles arriving in Southampton this half-term. Keep an eye out for recognisable favourites including the Scooby-Doo Mystery Machine, Lightning McQueen and the legendary Batmobile. Below are some of the iconic vehicles that parked up on The Esplanade last year.

