



Parent Information Bulletin



26th June 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...

- **INSET reminder:** A polite reminder that the academy is closed to children due to staff training on Monday 29th June. Thank you.
- **Weather:** What a hot week it has been!



We would like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing staff team. Their dedication and commitment to putting children first has meant that we have been able to remain open for all those who have needed us during the exceptionally warm weather. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work, flexibility and care.

We would also like to thank our wonderful children, who have been so adaptable, resilient and positive throughout the week. Whether it has meant changes to routines, spending more time indoors or finding cooler ways to learn and play, they have approached everything with great maturity and good humour.

A special thank you goes to our parents and carers for your kindness, patience and support. Your understanding and respectful approach during a challenging week has been greatly appreciated. We were especially touched by the thoughtful gestures from families, including those who treated staff to ice pops – such a lovely and much-appreciated surprise!

Thank you all for working together to help us keep our school community safe, happy and supported during the heatwave. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a caring and supportive community.

Here's hoping for some cooler temperatures next week so that we can all enjoy a good night's sleep!



- **Green Flag Eco Schools Status:** We are proud to share that we have successfully renewed our Green Flag status again this academic year. Well done to our fantastic Eco Warriors for their enthusiasm, passion and hard work throughout all of our projects. We are especially proud of the new planters which are looking beautiful. Please see our Green Flag feedback at the end of the PIB - which we achieved with MERIT!



Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Steinman who has led us through this award, dedicating her time to do our bit for our school, our community and the wider world! We are so grateful for you!



**PLEASE
RETURN
YOUR
LIBRARY
BOOKS!**

- **Book Returns:** Please can all library books be returned to school ready for the end of year audit. Currently we have 570 books which need to be returned!

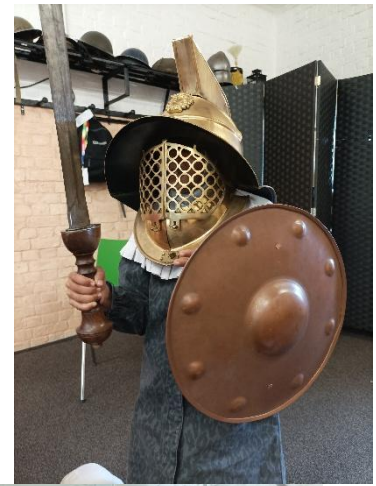
This year the class which returns all (or almost all) of their library books will receive a prize! Class teachers will have a list so you can check with them if you are unsure which books need to be returned.

Thank you for support with this!

- **Year 3 Fort Nelson Visit:** Y3's recently went on an educational visit to Fort Nelson for their 'The Romans are Coming day'!

The children loved dressing up as gladiators and learning about the Roman army's military tactics. They behaved impeccably all day and were great ambassadors for the school.

Well done year 3!



- **Summer Gymnastic Camps 2026:** Looking for an active and exciting way to keep children busy during the summer holidays? Active School UK's Summer Gymnastics Camps are back, featuring gymnastics, obstacle courses, games, challenges and lots of fun for children of all abilities.

- ★ 10% Early Bird Discount available until Sunday 21st June
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- **Free Play Day:** Southampton Junior Wardens are offering an invitation for Play Day 2026, 24th July 11am-3pm in Hoglands Park, to all your young people and parents.

Play Day is a **FREE** day of activities, advice stalls and fun for all the family. It's about bringing people together, strengthening community and enhancing community cohesion. See the flyer at the end of the PIB for more information.

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 29th June 2026** – INSET day – academy closed to children
- **Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July** – Sports Week
- **Monday 13th July 2026 2pm** – Leavers Service in Church for Year 6 parents and children
- **Wednesday 15th July 2026** – Annual Reports out
- **Monday 20th July 2026 9.30am** – Nursery Graduation
- **Monday 20th July 2026 2pm** – Headteachers Awards
- **Tuesday 21st July 2026 9.30am** – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- **Tuesday 21st July 2026** – Year 6 Leavers Disco
- **Wednesday 22nd July 2026** – Last day of term
- **Thursday 23rd July 2026** – Academy closed for the summer break

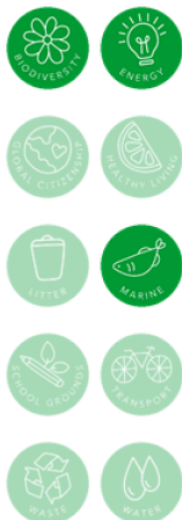


Green Flag 2026

Freemantle CofE Community Academy

Award Level:
Merit

Focus Topics:



Your Greatest Overall Success:

We were delighted to read that your year with Eco-Schools has been such a positive experience for your school, with a range of excellent eco-projects completed. It is superb that your pupil's knowledge and awareness of the issues has expanded and they learnt how their own choices and actions can help make a positive difference. Equally wonderful is hearing about your great NE Nature parks grant to create your green space and the enthusiasm it raised. A year of greater engagement, successful projects and some real sustainable changes in habits and behaviours – terrific results!

We Also Loved:

- That your pupils launched a wonderful biodiversity initiative by planting shrubs and small trees and building bird feeders and bug hotels and installing a wildlife camera. This will reinforce their learning about the delicate balance of nature, how living things are interconnected, enhance their practical, creative and teamworking skills and provide a lovely facility to enhance your school grounds for years to come.
- It was also fantastic that they undertook a marine conservation project by reducing plastics and litter around your school with regular school litter-picks, an assembly and poster competition about plastic pollution and a terrific community litter-pick with families. This enhances pupil's learning and teaches them about the importance of reducing waste, recycling and how their individual efforts can make a difference and help the environment.
- The fact that they also organised a superb energy saving initiative with an Earth Hour, appointing Energy Monitors and a 'switch-off' campaign with awareness posters. These are all fantastically positive changes that can help to reduce your school's carbon footprint and raise awareness. They also make a real difference to reducing emissions and fossil fuel use and this helps to reduce the effects of climate change.
- We were impressed by the excellent links you forged between these vital topics and your curriculum, with your fabulous school trip to Blashford Lakes, lessons on the effect of pollution in the oceans and the youngest planting and nurturing flowers and herbs. A superb range of topics reinforcing learning, expanding pupil's knowledge, awareness of a wider world and connection to nature, and fostering a real sense of environmental responsibility.
- We were also thrilled by your efforts to get the wider school community, staff, students and parents alike, fully informed and involved in your efforts via the use of a dedicated Eco-board, assemblies, posters, class feedback newsletters and social media. This is a brilliant way of extending the effect and influence of your good work to promote better awareness, habits and behaviours far beyond the boundaries of your school. Well done.

Next Year, Why Not Try...

Building on these great foundations is one clear way forward – perhaps a water saving initiative to compliment your energy one? Expanding gardening, growing your own fruits and vegetables? A marine mural of waste plastics? Or expanding your recycling efforts with some school toy/book/clothes swap shops? Or an active travel promotion?

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JULY

WEEK 2



4 - 6
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WEEK 3



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JULY

24th
2026



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29th June – 3rd July

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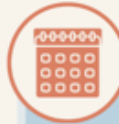



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Shirley Support Group

For parents and carers of children who are neurodivergent and/or have mental health needs



Children welcome

10-12

Friday 3rd
July



A safe, welcoming space to connect with other parents and carers who share similar experiences.

Meet others who understand, and get advice and support from our trained staff with lived experience.

You can also find out more about the wider support and projects we run across the city.



St James Road Methodist Church, St James Road, Shirley, SO15 5HE
Onsite parking available at the rear and fully accessible.



For dates and details, visit:
www.reminds.org.uk or scan the QR code