



Parent Information Bulletin



10th July 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...

- **A very special visit from Nomatron 3000:** We were delighted to welcome a very special visitor to our school today – **Nomatron 3000**, the food waste collection truck named by our very own **Freddie from Year 5** after winning a city-wide competition!



Our wonderful Lord Mayor of Southampton joined us for this exciting occasion to congratulate Freddie on his fantastic achievement. She was very complimentary of our wonderfully welcoming school. In front of his proud family, fellow pupils and staff, Freddie was presented with a certificate and prize to celebrate his winning entry.



We were also thrilled to meet Nomatron 3000's driver, who was incredibly friendly, making the visit even more memorable. The pupils loved seeing the truck up close and learning more about its important role in collecting food waste around Southampton.

It was a wonderful event and a real moment of pride for our school. We are delighted that one of our pupils was chosen to name a vehicle that will be seen across the city, helping to raise awareness of food waste recycling.

A huge congratulations to Freddie on this fantastic achievement. Keep an eye out for **Nomatron 3000** as it makes its way around Southampton on its food waste collection rounds! 🇬🇧 ⭐



We certainly won't forget this special day!

- **Weather:** At last night's Directors' meeting, they asked us to pass on their sincere thanks to all families for their support during the recent hot weather.

With temperatures potentially rising further next week, Directors have requested that, if needed, and where possible, we continue with the same flexible arrangements that worked so well previously. This may include offering families some flexibility around attendance or early collection to help keep children comfortable and safe during particularly hot periods.

Please keep a close eye on emails and communications from the school, as we will provide updates if any additional measures are needed to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all pupils and staff.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and understanding. Together, we can help ensure everyone remains safe and comfortable during the warm weather. ☀️ 🍷

- **Southampton's Cultural Services Summer Workshops:** If you're looking for ways to keep the children entertained over the Summer Holidays, Southampton City Council has organised a fantastic range of activities for children and families to enjoy.

The programme includes a variety of **history and art workshops, family walking tours, hands-on activities, and all-day wraparound sessions**. Designed to be engaging, accessible and educational, these activities provide wonderful opportunities for family learning and fun throughout the summer break.

There is also the much-loved return of Tudor House and Garden's Summer Fête, promising a great day out for families.

Further information, including booking details, can be found in the flyer at the end of the PIB. Many activities also have a number of Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) places available for eligible families. HAF parents can book through the following link [HAF registration and booking](#).

- **Water Safety Reminder:** With the warm weather continuing, many families may be spending more time near water. We would like to remind everyone of the importance of talking to children about **water safety**.

While rivers, lakes, ponds and the sea can look inviting on a hot day, they can be extremely dangerous, even for strong and confident swimmers. Water temperatures can remain very cold, which can cause cold water shock, affecting breathing and movement. Hidden currents, deep water, slippery banks and underwater hazards can also pose significant risks.

Please take some time to remind your child:

Never enter water without an adult's knowledge and supervision.

Avoid swimming in rivers, lakes, ponds, reservoirs and other open water areas unless it is a designated safe location.

Stay away from steep, slippery or unstable riverbanks and edges.

Look out for friends and never encourage risky behaviour near water.

If someone gets into difficulty in the water, children should be reminded **not to enter the water themselves**.

Instead:

Call **999** immediately and ask for the appropriate emergency service.

Encourage the person to float on their back if they can.

Throw something that floats to them if available and safe to do so.

We hope everyone enjoys the sunshine safely and thank families for helping us reinforce these important messages at home. **Please see the flyer below for free water safety sessions at Shirley Pool!**

- **Great British Summer Savings:** Families may be interested in the Government's **Great British Summer Savings** scheme, running from **25th June to 1st September 2026**. The scheme aims to help families make the most of the summer holidays by reducing the cost of a range of activities and days out. [\[gov.uk\]](#), [\[summersavings.gov.uk\]](#)
 - Participating attractions and businesses are offering savings through a temporary reduction in VAT, which may mean lower prices for:
 - Soft play centres, theme parks, zoos and adventure attractions
 - Cinema, theatre and exhibition tickets
 - Children's meals in restaurants
 - Family days out and leisure activities across the UK

There is also some good news for families travelling this summer. Throughout **August 2026**, children aged **5–15** can travel **free on local bus services in England**, helping families get out and about for less.

To find participating venues and offers near you, visit: www.summersavings.gov.uk

We hope families are able to take advantage of these savings and enjoy a fun-filled summer together!

- **John Hansard Gallery Art Summer School:** Are inviting children aged 7 to 11 to their Summer School, taking place 18th-21st August at John Hansard Gallery. This is a free opportunity for children who are either looked after or supported by pupil premium aged 7-11. It is based on one of their current exhibitions, the [Community Takeover](#), which has been co-created by members of the local community based around the overall theme of 'Care and Kindness'. They will be welcoming four artists whose work is displayed in the exhibition to work with the children on a variety of creative and artistic activities. They encourage pupils to attend all four sessions and those who do will receive their Discover Arts Award at the end of the week! Sessions run 10am-3pm and they will need to bring their own packed lunch. Please see the poster further down for more details.

Please email Florence on florence@jhg.art to sign up or 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 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



Next week at Re:Minds

13th – 17th July

Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book in for advice clinics. No need to book for a support group, just check the events section of our Facebook group

With thanks to:



Advice Clinic

10am Monday 13th July

About the Clinic

Book a private, 10-minute virtual appointment to speak with a clinician about support for your child's mental health, behaviour, attention, and day to day challenges. For parents and carers who are concerned about their child's mental health, including where ADHD may be contributing to their needs.

Appointments will be with Laura Nisbet, Lead ADHD Nurse from CAMHS

To book your advice slot, please email: info@reminds.org.uk

Advice Clinic

10.30am Tuesday 14th July

About the Clinic

Book a private 10 minute, virtual appointment to speak with a clinician about support for your child's mental health, behaviour, attention, and day to day challenges. For parents and carers who are concerned about their child's mental health, including where autism may be contributing to their needs

The clinic is led by clinicians from the Southampton Autism Assessment Service.

To book your advice slot, please email: info@reminds.org.uk

SEND Legal Advice Clinic

From 12.30pm Tuesday 14th July

About the Clinic

We are linking with Shentons Solicitors to offer free SEND legal advice clinics for Re:Minds families. These sessions provide clear guidance and support on issues such as:

- EHC needs assessments and how to request one
- Problems at school related to SEN (with or without an EHCP)
- Appeals, including refusals to assess, refusals to issue a plan, and issues with plan contents or placement
- Preparing for Tribunal and gathering evidence of need
- Issues with provision in an EHCP, including non-delivery or placement breakdown
- Annual reviews, statutory timescales, and LA compliance
- Health and social care needs linked to EHCPs
- Disability discrimination in education
- Rights of young people aged 16+ (with capacity) regarding their EHCP

To book your 30 minute advice slot, please email: info@reminds.org.uk

Advice Clinic

10am Thursday 16th July

About the Clinic

Book a private, 10-minute virtual appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues covered by CAMHS.

This clinic is led by the Southampton Specialist CAMHS service and is open to all Re:Minds members seeking general advice.

To book your advice slot, please email: info@reminds.org.uk

FREE WATER SAFETY SESSIONS

STAY SAFE. HAVE FUN. SAVE LIVES.

Join us for **FREE**, fun and practical water safety sessions designed to teach children what to do if they get into a difficult situation in water.



It's really important that every child knows how to remain safe in water.



ESSENTIAL
LIFE SKILLS
EVERY CHILD
SHOULD KNOW!

SESSION DATES



Tuesday 28th July



Friday 31st July



Monday 10th August



Thursday 13th August

SESSION TIMES



1:30pm – 2:30pm

Primary school-aged children



2:30pm – 3:30pm

Secondary school-aged children



WHAT TO BRING:

Swimwear, a towel and some old clothing or pyjamas to wear over your swimwear that you don't mind getting wet.



BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

Places are limited – to book, please call us on

023 8078 1901



HELPING CHILDREN STAY SAFE
IN AND AROUND WATER

FREE
1 HOUR
SESSIONS

Shirley Swimming Pool
Kentish Road, Southampton SO15 3GR

023 8078 1901

info@shirleyswimmingpool.co.uk

www.shirleyswimmingpool.co.uk

JHG Summer School

Four free creative artist-led sessions inspired by our Community Takeover theme of care!

7-11 year olds

This is an opportunity for students receiving Pupil Premium. Participants will be asked to bring their own packed lunches.

18-21
August
2026

Tuesday
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Tracey Bush

Artist, illustrator and bookmaker Tracey Bush will explore Acts of Kindness!

Vanessa Rolf

Textile artist Vanessa Rolf will explore care through textile printing to add to our blanket of care!

Wednesday
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Thursday
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Antosh Wojcik

Soundscape and creative writer Antosh will explore Sounds of our City!

Jonny Hannah

Illustrator Jonny Hannah will explore re-designing clothing to go into our Community Takeover!

Friday
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To book your space email Florence florence@jhg.art



Summer Holiday ACTIVITIES

**AT SOUTHAMPTON
MUSEUMS AND GALLERY**



From £6 per activity

ART FOR ALL

Fri 24 Jul | **Print a Pangolin and More** (6+)
 Tue 28 Jul | **Paint with Palette Knives** (7+)
 Mon 27 Jul | **Fossil Plaster Casting** (5+)
 Tue 28 Jul | **Shrinkable Tudor Portraits** (6+)
 Wed 29 Jul | **Gruffalo Clay** (4+)
 Thu 30 Jul | **Summer Sun Prints** (all ages)
 Fri 31 Jul | **Fossil Plaster Casting** (5+)
 Tue 4, Wed 5 Aug | **Brilliant Beach Bags**
 Mon 10 Aug | **Clay Capybaras** (5+)
 Tue 11 Aug | **Surrealism Starts Here** (6+)
 Wed 12 Aug | **Animal Magic Monoprinting** (5+)
 Mon 17 Aug | **Bugs in Boxes** (4+)
 Tue 18 Aug | **Impressionism Starts Here** (6+)
 Wed 19 Aug | **Greek Pottery Pots** (6+)
 Mon 24 Aug | **Summer Sun Prints** (all ages)
 Tue 25 Aug | **Highland Cows in Clay** (5+)
 Wed 26 Aug | **Pencil Case Printing** (5+)
 Thu 27 Aug | **Pet Portrait Printing** (6+)
 Fri 28 Aug | **Dino Drawing and Printing** (6+)

HANDS ON HISTORY

Thu 23 Jul | **Potty Prehistory** (7+)
 Mon 27 Jul | **Knight School** (6+)
 Mon 3 Aug | **Shiver Me Timbers** (6+)
 Tue 4 Aug | **The Hidden History of Harry Potter** (5+)
 Fri 7 Aug | **Discover Titanic** (6+)
 Fri 14 Aug | **Soaring Spitfires** (7+)
 Thu 20 Aug | **Great Fire of London** (6+)
 Fri 21 Aug | **Awesome Egyptians** (7+)

TOURS FOR ALL

Thu 6 Aug | **Secrets of Southampton Castle** (6+)
 Thu 13 Aug | **Titanic Walking Tour** (6+)
 Tue 18 Aug | **Roman Southampton Walking Tour** (6+)

TODDLER TIME

Thu 30 Jul | **Delightful Dinosaurs** (under 4s & friends)
 Thu 20 Aug | **Gorgeous Birds** (under 4s & friends)

BOOK YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURE TODAY

For times, prices and locations visit our venue websites

seacitymuseum.co.uk | southamptoncityartgallery.com | tudorhouseandgarden.com

