



25th September 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...

- **Message from Miss Myszkowski:** It has been wonderful to see how well our children have settled into school since the start of term. They have returned full of enthusiasm and are already working hard in their classrooms. We are incredibly proud of the positive start they have made and the way they have embraced the new school year.

The children have responded brilliantly to our refreshed behaviour curriculum and have been exploring what it means to be **Ready, Respectful, Safe and Belong** in all aspects of academy life. It has been lovely to see these values being demonstrated around the school each day. We have included a visual reminder of our expectations here 



One of our key priorities this year is continuing to improve attendance. You can help us by ensuring children arrive at school on time each day and by keeping us informed if your child is unable to attend. Good attendance has a significant impact on children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging within our school community.

As we move further into the autumn term, we are beginning to see the usual coughs and colds appearing. Please encourage your children to wash their hands regularly and practise good hygiene habits to help reduce the spread of illness.

I hope many of you were able to attend the recent parent meetings and meet your child's teachers. These opportunities are invaluable in helping us build strong partnerships between home and school, ensuring that you are fully involved in your child's learning journey. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

As always, your feedback is very welcome. Please do come and say hello on the gate in the mornings, speak to your child's teacher, or get in touch if there is anything we can help with. Working together is one of the best ways we can support our children to thrive.



Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



- **Academy photo day:** Wednesday 30th September is our academy photo day. Individual photographs will be taken throughout the day, so please ensure that children arrive in their school uniform and ready with their biggest smiles!

We look forward to capturing lots of happy faces and creating some lovely keepsakes for families.

- **Uniform reminders:** A gentle reminder that our academy uniform colours are **navy blue and red**. We are proud of our smart, affordable uniform, which helps to create a sense of belonging and community across the school.

To help families, we have included a visual guide below as a quick reminder of our uniform expectations. Thank you for your support in ensuring that children come to school dressed appropriately and ready for learning each day. We think our pupils look fantastic in their Freemantle uniform! ❤️💙



Freemantle Church of England Community Academy Trust

Our Academy Uniform

A practical, affordable and inclusive uniform that offers families choice whilst maintaining a smart and consistent appearance.

Sweatshirts Red or navy blue	Cardigans Red or navy blue	Polo Shirts Red, white, blue or navy blue	Trousers and Shorts Black or grey
 Without logo  With logo  Without logo  With logo	 Without logo  With logo  Without logo  With logo	 Without logo  With logo  Without logo  With logo  Without logo  With logo  Without logo  With logo	 Trousers (black or grey)   Shorts (black or grey) 
Skirts Black or grey	Pinafore Dresses Black or grey	School Dresses (summer option) Red or blue gingham	
 	 	 	
Sensible, Safe Footwear			
   			
Sensible, safe footwear that children can put on and fasten independently wherever possible. For health and safety reasons, appropriate footwear is required. All items can be worn with or without the academy logo. Black or grey trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafore dresses or gingham school dresses can be worn with any of the sweatshirts, cardigans or polo shirts.			

- **Secondary school applications now open:** A reminder for parents and carers of children in **Year 6** that applications for secondary school places are now open. Applications should be submitted online via the **Southampton City Council website**. We encourage families to apply as early as possible and not leave it until the closing date.

If you need any support with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the academy office.

Apply for a secondary school place link: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-apply-school/school-applications/apply-for-a-school-place/>

- **Attendance:** Breakfast eaten, bags packed, fuelled, focused and here by 8:40!...



READY FOR 8:40!

Be here.
Be settled.
Be ready
for 8:40!

A great day of learning starts together.

Our learning day starts at 8:40am.
Being in school on time means children can come in, see their friends, settle into their classroom routines and start learning together from 8:40am.

A calm start.
A confident start.
A learning start!





Time to come in, see friends and get ready for the day.



Children are in class, settled and beginning their learning together.



After this time, children miss the start of learning and important routines.

WHY A GREAT START MATTERS...



More time for learning



Stronger friendships



Calmer, happier children



Building confidence from the start

At 8:40 children are there for:

- ✓ The welcome and morning routines
- ✓ The first conversation
- ✓ Key instructions
- ✓ The first opportunity to learn
- ✓ A positive start to the day with their friends

Let's make every morning a great start!



Stronger together.



Ideas for a brighter tomorrow.



Braver every day.

Ready for today.
Prepared for tomorrow.

- **Social media:** We are always looking for ways to share the amazing things happening at our academy and celebrate the achievements of our children. Please take a moment to follow our **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages, where we regularly share news, events, learning highlights and successes.

If you enjoy our posts, we'd be grateful if you could like, comment and share them with friends, family and the wider community. Every share helps us reach more people and spread the word about our wonderful academy.

Thank you for your continued support!



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

- **Wednesday 30th September 2026** – School photo day
- **Thursday 1st October 2026** – Freemantle Food Festival
- **Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October** – Half Term
- **Wednesday 25th November 2026 3.30 – 6.30pm** – Parents Evening
- **Thursday 26th November 2026 3.30 – 6.30pm** – Parents Evening
- **Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027** – Christmas Break

INSET Days

- **Friday 2nd October 2026** – INSET day – academy closed to children
- **Monday 5th October 2026** – INSET day – academy closed to children
- **Monday 4th January 2026** – INSET day – academy closed to children
- **Monday 28th June 2026** – INSET day – academy closed to children