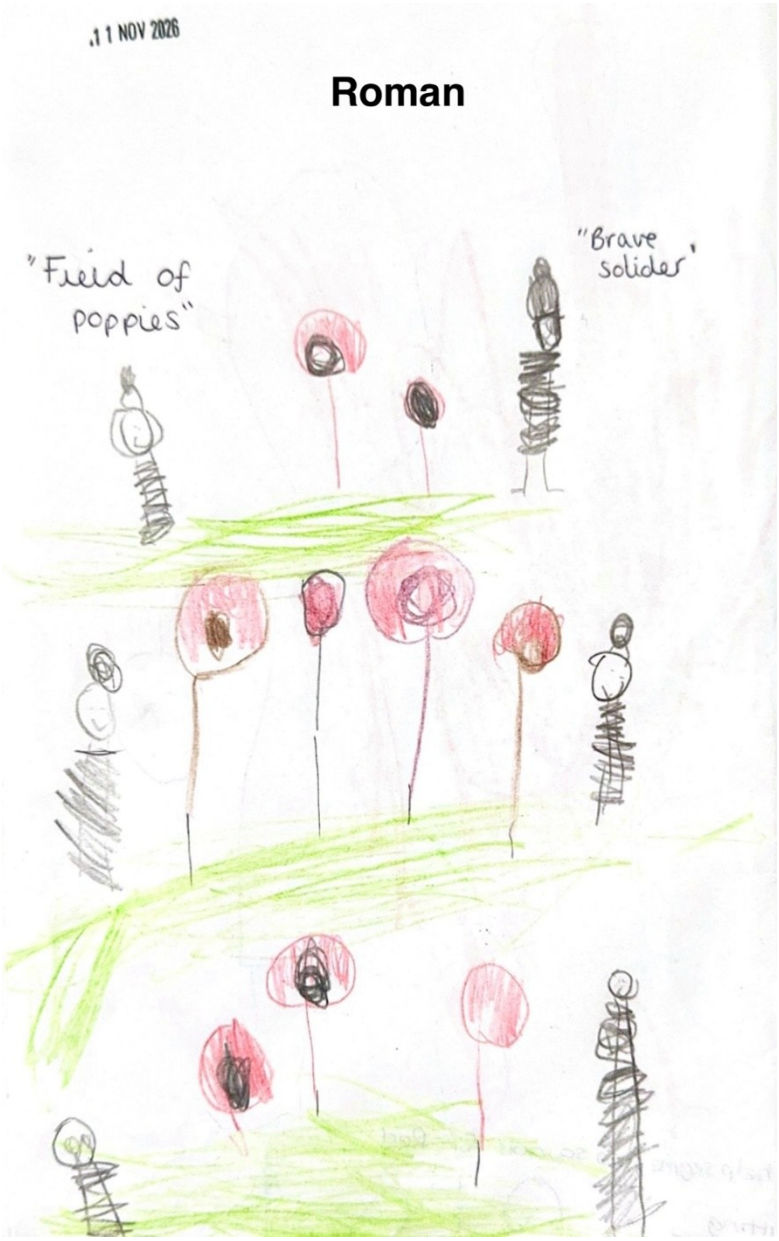
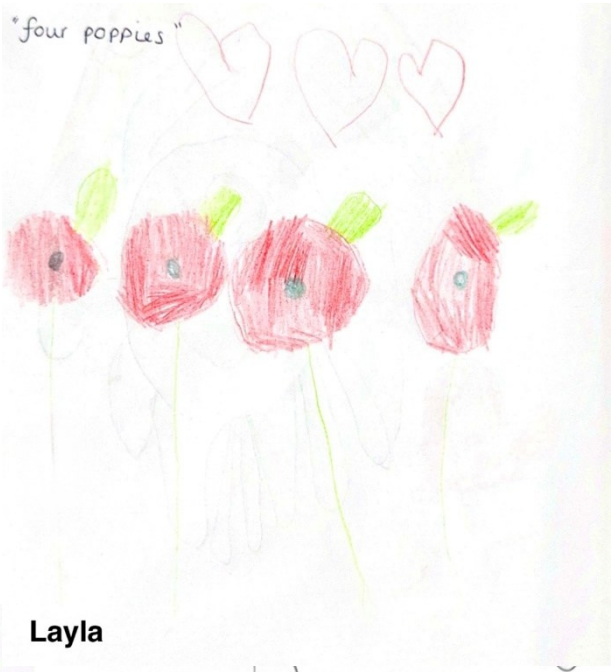
Parent Information Bulletin

13th November 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…

- **Freemantle Remembers…** On Remembrance Day, our Pupil Leaders led a poignant service for the academy, helping us to reflect on the sacrifices made by service personnel and their families, both past and present. Together, we observed a two-minute silence and took time to remember those affected by conflict. Children also explored the significance of Remembrance Day in their classrooms through thoughtful discussion and learning activities. We are particularly proud of our Year R Drawing Club pupils, who created beautiful illustrations inspired by themes of remembrance, reflection and hope. Their artwork provided a meaningful way for our youngest children to engage with this important occasion…







- **Christmas Events:** Please have a look at the upcoming dates section of the PIB where we have lots of upcoming Christmas events. If you have any questions about any of the advertised events, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher who will be happy to help.

- **Anti-Bullying Week:** Next week is Anti-Bullying Week! Our theme this year is **'Break the Silence'**, encouraging everyone to speak up about bullying, start conversations, listen to one another and take action together.



We will be starting the week on Monday 16th by wearing odd socks to celebrate our differences and show that it's okay to be unique! Throughout the week, in our classes, we will also be taking part in a range of meaningful activities linked to our theme in our classes, helping everyone understand the importance of speaking out to stay safe, supporting others, and making sure nobody feels alone. **Please remember to wear odd socks on Monday!**



- **Book Fair:** Thank you so much to everyone who came to our school book fair. We are happy to share that we made over £100 for free books for our school library- an amazing result!

- **Secret garden:** Over the half term break, Sara Tschersich (SCC Community Campaigns Officer) and a group of volunteers came to help tidy up our secret garden. They cut back areas that were becoming a bit overgrown and made us fantastic new fire circle seating as well as a stag beetle pyramid! We are so grateful to our wonderful community volunteers who helped us out in our hour of need!



- **Free event:** Southampton City Art Gallery is holding a free family fun day on Sunday 15th November. For more information, please see https://southamptonmuseumsandgallery.co.uk/events/art-then-free-family-fun-day-funded-by-the-arts-society-southampton/

  The free activities taking place will including hands-on art activities, facing painting, storytelling and much more! The day is being funded by The Art Society of Southampton as part of Southampton City Art Gallery's Art Then! exhibition.

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 25th November 2026 3.30 – 6.30pm** – Parents Evening
- **Thursday 26th November 2026 3.30 – 6.30pm** – Parents Evening
- **Tuesday 8th December 2026 2pm –** Lower school nativity
- **Wednesday 9th December 2026 9.20am –** Lower school nativity
- **Thursday 10th December 2026 9.20am –** Lower school nativity
- **Tuesday 15th December 9.30am –** Nursery Tableau
- **Wednesday 16th December –** Christmas dinner day
- **Wednesday 16th December 5pm –** KS2 Christmas Carol Service in the church
- **Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027** – Christmas Break

INSET Days

- **Monday 4th January 2026 –** INSET day – academy closed to children
- **Monday 28th June 2026 –** INSET day – academy closed to children



Next Week at Re:Minds

16th – 20th November

Drop in

10am-12pm · Monday 16th November

Northam Support Group

These meetings are an opportunity to chat with other families in similar situations over a cuppa! Everyone is welcome to attend and all meetings are free of charge. It is a good place to ask for advice about anything that is worrying you, with the group or on a 1:1 basis. There is never any pressure to talk, it's fine to just sit and listen.

Held at Northam Community Centre, Kent Street, Northam, Southampton, SO14 5SP

No booking needed - just drop in

Please check our Facebook events page for any changes, or visit our website to find out more information about our advice clinics and support groups.

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