Respect Inspire Achieve

FREEMAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow.

Friday 25th September 2026

Diary Dates

September

Monday 28th September
Harvest Festival at the Church (children only)

October

Thursday 8th October – Monday 12th October
Book Fair in the hall.

Tuesday 13th October
Parent Consultations

Thursday 15th October
Parent Consultations

Tuesday 20th October
Learning Plan Meetings

Wednesday 21st October
Year 6 Parent Workshop @ 2:15pm

Thursday 22nd October
Year 4 Parent Workshop @2:15pm

November

Monday 9th November
Year 1 Parent Workshop @2:15pm

Wednesday 11th November
Year 3 Parent Workshop

Opening comment

It's been another busy week in school; it has been great to see classes outside and using resources from the school grounds in their learning. It is very busy on the playground at the end of the day, which is making it challenging for the staff and children to find parents. In the past, parents have stood around the edge of the playground at collection time to ensure the children can be dismissed from school safely and ease some congestion. We would like to reinstate this measure so that the children can be seen out safely to their parents at the end of the day. As always, we appreciate your support in keeping the children safe.

Stars of the Week





Attendance Week beginning 14th September 2026

Acorn: 98.33%
Cherry Tree: 97.33%
Maple: 92.96%
Beech: 97.5%
Hazel: 98.52%
Willow: 94%
Oak: 92.59%

Well, done **Hazel Class** for being this week's winners!

House Points so far...

Brett: 802

Deben: 744

Orwell: 885

Gipping: 801

Lark: 732

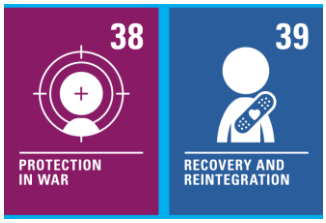
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Rights Respecting Assembly

In this week's assembly, we explored **International Day of Peace**, which is celebrated on 21st September. We learned about **Articles 38 and 39** and discussed what peace means to us.

The children then debated a range of scenarios and considered whether they demonstrated peace in school. As a school, we finished by discussing the different ways we can show peace, kindness and respect towards one another.





Holy Trinity Church, Stowupland

Our school Harvest Festival will take place at the church during the school day on **28th September.** If you would like to donate a non-perishable food item, children are welcome to bring it into school on the day.



Year 6 Parents

If you have given permission for your child to walk home independently after school, please note that if they attend an after-school club, they will need to be collected by an adult.

Friendly Reminder

Please remember that children are not permitted to use the play equipment before and after school. Children must also walk their bikes and scooters across the playground and off the school grounds.
Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.

Home-Start Hike

Step out with purpose this September and take part in the Home-Start Hike! **On Sunday 27th September,** the Home-Start Hike is taking place at Kingfisher Leisure Centre, Sudbury, raising money to ensure Home-Start Suffolk can continue providing critical support to families of all kinds that are struggling in silence behind closed doors.

This year's 3-mile route includes a fun family challenge, with a prize for every child and a very special guest – Bluey the dog! There are also 6 or 13-mile scenic routes in the Suffolk countryside that you can take part in if you would like to walk further.

Whatever inspires you to take part, your steps will help support a great local cause.

You can find out more about the Home-Start Hike at: https://homestartinsuffolk.org/home-start-hike-2026/

Hazel Class

Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the year, settling back into school with enthusiasm and a positive attitude to learning.

Each Tuesday, we enjoy swimming lessons at Stowmarket Leisure Centre. In Reading, *The Queen's Nose* is helping us develop key skills, including retrieving information, distinguishing between facts and opinions, summarising events, and making connections with other texts.

In Maths, we are exploring numbers up to 10,000 and using our new resources to support our learning. In Science, we have been studying living things and their habitats, learning how scientists classify organisms into groups.

This links closely with our Art project, where we are using the flora and fauna of tropical rainforests as inspiration for drawings, textile techniques and repeating pattern designs. We look forward to creating our own printed fabric designs later this term.

















Child and Adolescent Mental Health Parent Workshops

NHS Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust

Free virtual workshops:

- Supporting your child/Adolescent with Anxiety
- Supporting your child to manage their big feelings
- Supporting our child with emotion based school avoidance
- Supporting your child/adolescent with OCD
- Understanding and Supporting Behaviour



Access here: **https://nsft.uk/Workshops**

Exciting Book Event

Together with Dial Lane and David Fickling Books we are delighted to be celebrating its publication with an event on Tuesday 3rd November, 6.30-8.00pm at Dial Lane Bookshop and would love you to join us. Suitable for ages 9+.

This will be a great opportunity to meet Helen, hear about the book and ask her any questions. Please RSVP to jayne.gould@btopenworld.com



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A SCRAP OF MOSS AND MAGICK

Helen Parry

Publishing in paperback from David Fickling Books on the 8th October 2026, RRP £7.99

A tale that is both enchantingly magickal and darkly murderous from a thrilling new talent in children's fiction!

In a realm where the charms, spells and creatures of folklore run amok, eleven-year-old servant girl Thirza uncovers a terrible secret and is forced to choose between her own life or that of her best friend.

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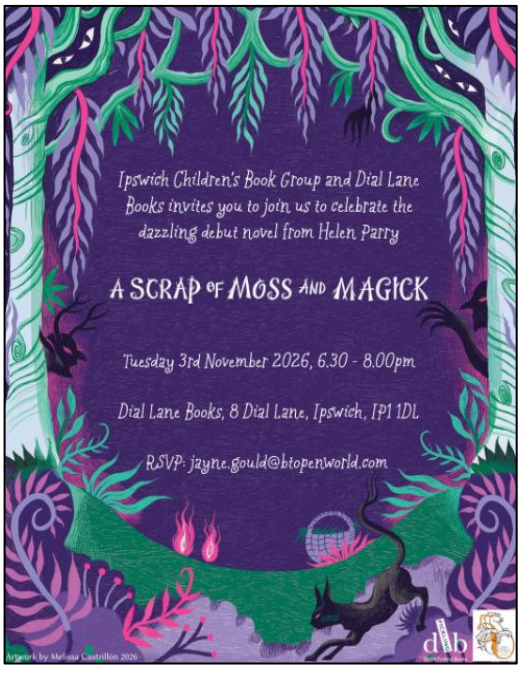
From dazzling debut author, Helen Parry, shortlisted for the Search for a Storyteller 2026

Illustrations by Melissa Castrillón

About the Author

Helen Parry grew up in an old house on a hill in Ipswich, where she spent most of her time reading, searching for magic portals and casting spells that never quite worked. She studied literature at university, worked in publishing in London and lived for a couple of years in Nigeria before moving to Belgium. She now lives there with her family, some hens and the two most spoilt cats in the universe. When she isn't daydreaming or writing, she teaches English to adults. *A Scrap of Moss & Magick* is her first book.

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Wake up Wednesday

