Respect Inspire Achieve

FREEMAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow.

Friday 2nd October 2026

Diary Dates

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 2nd November
Year 4 trip to Flatford Mill

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

Wednesday 11th November
Year 3 Parent Workshop @2:15pm

Thursday 12th November
Year 6 trip to IWM Duxford

Opening comment

As always, it has been a busy week in school.

I have had several visits from children in different year groups to share their work with me which has been the highlight of each day; it's clear that the children are working hard and learning well. The children are always keen to talk about their work. As I have walked around school the children have also been polite to both their peers and the adults; remembering their manners and holding the doors open for each other.

Keep up the good work everyone!

Stars of the Week





Attendance Week beginning 28th September 2026

Acorn: 94.41%
Cherry Tree: 98.33%
Maple: 93.7%
Beech: 98.57%
Hazel: 97.04 %
Willow: 98.67%
Oak: 94.81%

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

House Points so far...

Brett: 1044

Deben: 1009

Orwell: 1126

Gipping: 1035

Lark: 1047

Stour: 1096



Rights Respecting Assembly

In this week's assembly, we explored **Article 3: the best interests of the child**.

We talked about how adults make decisions for children and considered whether these decisions are always in the child's best interests. We discussed how adults have a duty to make sure that all children are **safe, healthy, learning and thriving**, and that the decisions we make should take all four of these important areas into account.

I was incredibly impressed with the children's understanding and the thoughtful contributions they made throughout the assembly.





Cross Country Sporting Event

A huge well done to our amazing Year 5 and 6 children who competed in the Cross Country event! With 120 children from 9 different schools taking part, the children even had to survive the stampede at the starting line! Every single one of our runners showed fantastic determination and resilience, with all of them completing the race. A special congratulations to Grayson, who finished an incredible 3rd place in the boys' race, taking home a bronze medal, and to Erza, who achieved a fantastic 4th place. Thank you to Mrs Kydd for taking them and supporting all our pupils; we are incredibly proud of you all. What brilliant representatives of Freeman Primary School!













Harvest Festival at the Church

We had a wonderful time celebrating our Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Church. The children truly inspired us with their amazing singing and beautiful poems, which they read with such confidence. Reverend Andy helped us learn more about where our food comes from and encouraged us to respect and appreciate the people, places and processes that provide the food we eat. We were incredibly proud of everything the children achieved during our Harvest celebration. A huge thank you to all our families for your kind and generous donations!













Acorn Class First Class Newspaper Supplement

Don't miss your chance to celebrate the First Year of School!

East Anglian Daily Times' much-loved First-Class supplement is out on **Wednesday 14th October** in paper, featuring first year students from across the community. From big smiles to big milestones, it's a special keepsake families will treasure for years to come.

Make sure you pick up your copy and see our school featured in print — be sure to grab yours early or pre-order at your local newsagent to avoid missing out.

Book Fair & Reading Challenge

A reminder that this term's Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place over three afternoons on **Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Monday 12th October** in the school hall. We hope everyone is enjoying completing their Couch to 5K reading challenge.



Art Club

Our after-school Art Club has been bursting with creativity! The children have been busy exploring their artistic talents, experimenting with different techniques and creating some fantastic pieces of artwork. It has been wonderful to see them inspire one another, respect each other's individual ideas and feel proud of everything they achieve. We certainly have some talented young artists at Freeman! Thank you to Mrs Oxborrow and Miss Elmer for providing our children with these wonderful opportunities.








Applying for Secondary School



The admissions process is different for children and young people who already have EHC plans.

However, if you have requested an EHC needs assessment, or this is underway, do still apply through admissions, as there is no guarantee the assessment will lead to an EHC plan.

Local authority guide for parents: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places

Our SENDIASS web information includes:

- Choosing a school for a child with SEND - Suffolk SENDIASS
- Transition tips (changing school or key stage) - Suffolk SENDIASS
- SEN Support - Suffolk SENDIASS
- SEN Information Report - Suffolk SENDIASS

Beech Class

Beech Class are thoroughly enjoying their time at Forest School, especially making the most of the autumn supply of conkers! The children have been using them creatively to make artwork, exploring them as sensory and relaxation tools, and even making conker rockets.

There has been plenty of problem-solving too, as the children work together to design walkways with ropes and build dens. It is a pleasure to see them sharing their skills with one another, teaching each other how to climb trees and tie knots. Their teamwork and willingness to help each other are wonderful to see.

The mud kitchen is always busy, with pop-up restaurants appearing throughout the sessions. Meanwhile, the craft area is filled with children creating stick pets, making leaf prints and designing beautiful autumn wands.

Rain or shine, Year 3 love bug hunting! So far, they have discovered grubs, stag beetles, millipedes, plenty of worms and even a frog. Every session brings new opportunities to explore, investigate and learn about the natural world.

The social skills and imagination that the forest inspires are particularly special. The log circle is always a favourite place to finish each session, with the children creating wonderful stories and enjoying drama games together. We even had a band one week, using instruments that the children had made themselves!

Whatever the weather, the whole class looks forward to the adventures and magic of nature each week. Forest School is certainly proving to be a wonderful place for Beech Class to learn, create, explore and grow together.







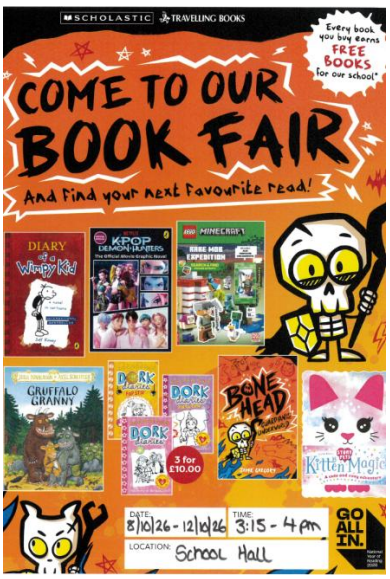




EADT Lego Tokens

We are collecting Lego Education Tokens from participating newspapers, including the East Anglian Daily Times, and would like your help to collect as many as possible! Tokens are being printed between 28th September and 30th November and should be sent into the school office. Please spread the word to friends, family members and your local community to help us collect as many as possible in order to have the chance to win some fabulous LEGO® Education vouchers and resources for our school.













STOWUPLAND FRIENDS OF FREEMAN

AGM

Thursday 22nd October

6-7pm

School Hall

Children welcome.

Come find out more about fundraising at the school.

Unable to make the meeting but would like to know more email charity@friendsoffreeman.co.uk

Chocolate BINGO

Friday 16th October

3.30-4.30PM

A fun filled family event with a chance to win lots of sweets and chocolate goodies!

£3pp for 5 games!
Refreshments available
CASH ONLY



Ipswich Book Festival

[Let's Talk Reading Story Trail 2026]

The countdown to the trail has started and from the 10th of October you can follow it discovering ten story boards in Christchurch Park - a free activity suitable for ages 2-7.

More information found here: [Ipswich Book Festival]





Wake up Wednesday

