Respect Inspire Achieve

FREEMAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow.

Friday 9th 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

There has been a lot of talk around school about reading this week. It was a privilege to go around the classrooms to present each of the Reading Challenge winners with their voucher, and to congratulate each of the children who took part in the challenge. The children have been excited in the lead up to the book fair; each class enjoyed browsing what was on offer Thursday afternoon before the first day of the fair after school. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in school last night, every purchase goes towards rewards for the school, and we are very grateful for your support.

Stars of the Week



Attendance Week beginning 5th October 2026

Acorn: 98.66%
Cherry Tree: 93.33%
Maple: 94.44%
Beech: 98.57%
Hazel: 99.26%
Willow: 96.67%
Oak: 95.56%

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

House Points so far...

Brett: 1368

Deben: 1291

Orwell: 1448

Gipping: 1295

Lark: 1360

Stour: 1363



Rights Respecting Assembly

This week, we celebrated Black History Month and the achievements and stories of Black people throughout history and today. We enjoyed *Mae Among the Stars*, inspired by Mae Jemison, and discussed the importance of dreaming big, believing in ourselves and working hard to achieve our goals. We also celebrated how our differences make us stronger, linking our learning to Articles 2 and 30.







Art in Hazel Class

Year 4 have been getting creative this week, enjoying a fantastic batik art lesson led by Mrs Oxborrow. The children loved learning a new artistic technique and produced some brilliant work! A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers, Mrs Bellchambers and Mrs Mason, for giving up their time to support the children and help make the session such a success.











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.



The Big Future – Have Your Say!

We would love our children to take part in **The Big Future**, a national survey giving children and young people the opportunity to share their experiences, views and hopes for the future.

The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and the responses will help build a national picture of what matters to children today, ensuring their voices are heard by Government.

We would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to take part and **have their voice heard**.

Take part here:
https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

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.

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

Maple Class

In Year 2 Art, we have been exploring maps and investigating the different types of maps that people use. The children have practised drawing maps, created 3D maps, and explored the impact of abstract maps in art.

This week, the children focused on printmaking. They carefully studied a small section of a map and used it to create a simplified design and then transferred it onto a printing tile from polystyrene. They then experimented with different printing techniques, exploring how factors such as the amount of paint used and the depth of the grooves affected the quality of their prints. The children enjoyed testing their ideas, evaluating their results, and making improvements to create clearer and more effective prints.

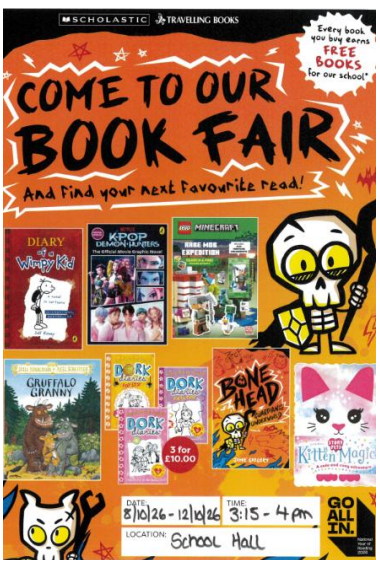


















STOWUPLAND FRIENDS OF FREEMAN

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

