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FREEMAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow.

Friday 16th October 2026

Diary Dates

October

Tuesday 20th October
Learning Plan Meetings

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

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

Friday 23rd October
Go Green for Kabuki Day

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

Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November
KS1 Assessment Week

Monday 20th November – Friday 25th November
KS2 Assessment Week

Opening comment

As we are quickly approaching the end of the half term, it gets even busier in school. It was great to see so many parents for Parent Consultations this week. We hope that you found your meetings informative and enjoyed looking through your child's books. We look forward to welcoming more of you in school next week for Learning Plan meetings and the first parent workshops of the year.

A reminder that next Friday is Go Green for Kabuki Day! The children can come to school in non-uniform and wearing green for a suggested donation of £1 to raise awareness of Kabuki Syndrome.

Stars of the Week



Attendance Week beginning 12th October 2026

Acorn: 95.56%
Cherry Tree: 96.33%
Maple: 93.7%
Beech: 97.14%
Hazel: 95.19%
Willow: 94
Oak: 88.76%

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

House Points so far...

Brett: 1368

Deben: 1291

Orwell: 1448

Gipping: 1295

Lark: 1360

Stour: 1363



Music Lessons

Please note that Suffolk County Music Service will not be in school on Friday 23rd October to deliver music lessons. This is a planned absence, and the missed lesson will be rescheduled for Friday 8th January, before the start of the Spring Term teaching weeks.

Children who usually have a clarinet or ukulele lesson on a Friday do not need to bring their instruments into school on 23rd October.

Path Closure

Please be aware that from Monday 19th October, the concrete path behind the church, which many families use to walk from the Village Hall car park to school, will be closed while new drains are installed.

A signed detour across the grass will be available during the works. The closure is expected to last for at least one week, and possibly longer.

Please allow a little extra time for your journey and plan accordingly.

Thank you for your understanding.

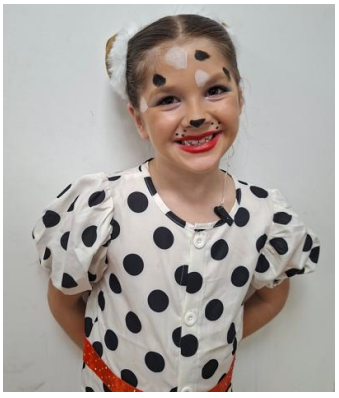
Some Exciting News!

Eliza recently performed in a dance show called *Future Stars* at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London's West End. She was absolutely brilliant, and we are incredibly proud of her achievement. We wanted to share this wonderful news with you all!









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





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

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.



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

Cherry Tree Class

What a busy start to the term we have had in Year 1! The children have already achieved so much, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow and their learning develop.

We have explored lots of exciting books in English, which have inspired some fantastic writing. In Maths, we have been busy learning about fact families and developing our understanding of addition and subtraction.

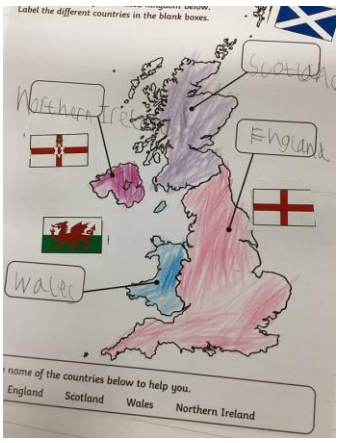
Our Geography lessons have taken us around the world as we have learnt about the seven continents and five oceans. We have also begun exploring the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. In History, we have been thinking about communities, both past and present. After a brilliant class discussion about what makes a community and the amenities we need, the children had great fun designing their very own dream communities!

In PE, our focus has been on teamwork and learning how to be a good team player. Although working as part of a team can sometimes be tricky, it has been fantastic to see the children encouraging one another, working together and developing their teamwork skills.

In Science, we have been learning about animals, including humans. As part of our learning about the five senses, we went on a sense walk to explore what we could see, hear, smell, touch and perhaps even taste!













CET Attendance Bulletin- October- *Small* habits make a BIG difference!

We know children can become unwell from time to time, and not every illness means they need to stay at home. If your child is genuinely unwell, please follow our usual absence reporting procedure. If ongoing symptoms are affecting their attendance, please talk to us—we're here to listen and support you.

Everyday matters! Between September and October, 95% attendance means missing around 2 days of school, while 90% attendance means missing around 4 days. At 80% attendance, a child misses the equivalent of almost 2 school weeks in this time period alone. Regular attendance helps pupils keep up with lessons, build confidence and avoid gaps in their learning.

Note: this is based on a typical 2026 English school calendar. Your school's INSET days and exact term dates may change the total.

What can you do to support your child's attendance?

- Identify anything making getting to school difficult.
- Encourage your child to talk about their worries.
- Celebrate a successful week of attendance.

Please find below some useful links:

Why attending every day matters in primary school

Tips for how parents can support with good attendance in primary school

Please find below a reminder of our registration times:

Event	All Classes
Gate opens	8.35am
Gate closes	8.45am
Morning register taken	8.45am
'L' code given after	8.45am
'U' code given after	8.55am
Afternoon register taken	1.00pm
'L' code given after	1.00pm
'U' code given after	1.10pm

Please remember to contact school every day that your child is absent either by phoning the school, where you can leave a message on our absence line or speak to the school office, or by sending an email to admin@freemancpschool.co.uk before 8:55am.

Next month's focus: As winter gets closer, find out when your child should stay at home, when they can come to school and where to find helpful advice.



SPORTS CAMP

Monday 26 October	Tuesday 27 October	Thursday 29 October	Friday 30 October
Football -Skills Workshop 9.00-12.00pm Develop your football Skills in passing, dribbling and shooting OR **UV Sports** 9.00-12.00pm Activities are given a futuristic "TRON" treatment to turn everything neon. Activities to include: UV Parachute games UV Rugby and Basketball skills UV Dodgeball	**Gymnastics Workshop** 9.00-12.00pm Practice and perform gym Routines using gym equipment in a fun and safe environment. OR **Martial Arts Workshop** 9.00-12.00pm Learn a range of basic skills and techniques in a safe environment. Including Karate, Self defence, Tai chi and Fitness.	**Inflatables/ Multi sports Workshop** 9.00-12.00pm Participants will experience fun games and a range of awesome inflatables	**Action and Adventure Workshop** 9.00-12.00pm Activities to include:- Axe throwing, Archery, Go karts, Scooters, Dodgeball , Nerf and Laser Tag All equipment provided
Football Challenges & Games 12.30-3.30pm Test your skills in challenges, fun games and small sided matches OR **Alternative Activities** 12.30-3.30pm To include: NFL Flag football, Quidditch, Circus Skills etc	**Creative Workshop** 12.30-3.30pm Activities to include Musicals and different Dance styles OR **Parkour Workshop** 12.30-3.30pm Learn how to do different types of vaults, jumps, rolls and climbs in a safe environment using gym mats and equipment.	**Inflatables / Multi sports Workshop** 12.30-3.30pm Activities from: Inflatable obstacle course Inflatable dartboard target Bouncy goal Inflatable slide /climbing wall	**Action and Adventure Workshop** 12.30-3.30pm Activities to include:- Axe throwing, Archery, Go karts, Scooters, Dodgeball , Nerf and Laser Tag All equipment provided

All sessions are run by trained and qualified staff.

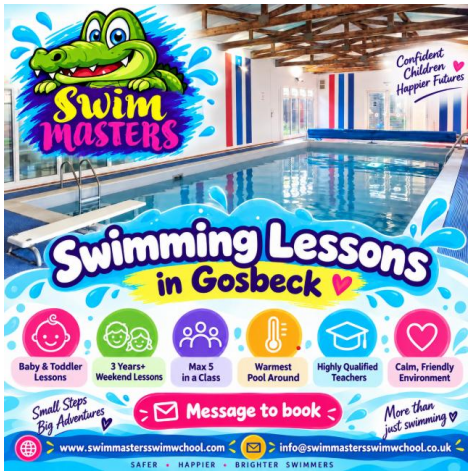
AGES: 5 – 13 Venue: Beyton Campus (IP30 9AA)

26 Oct-30 Oct 2026 £13 per workshop

Thurston Sixth, Beyton Campus, Church Road, Beyton, Suffolk IP30 9AA

Email: whopkinjones@thurstoncollege.org or willhopkinjones@hotmail.com Mob: 07734495860











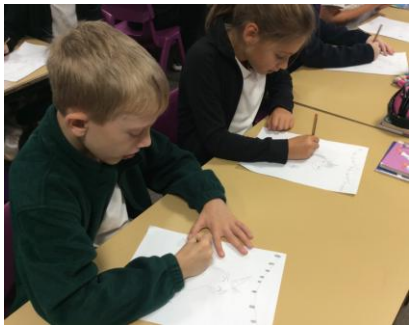




Year 4 Take 10 Read-In

On Thursday 8th October, Year 4 proudly took part in the *Take 10 Read-In*, a global event aiming to set a new world record for the most people reading online in 12 hours. The children joined thousands of readers from around the world, spending 10 minutes enjoying a book and celebrating the joy of reading.

As part of the National Year of Reading, the event encouraged everyone to take just 10 minutes to read something they enjoy. Year 4 loved being part of this exciting challenge and helping to promote a lifelong love of reading while connecting with children and communities across the globe.





Half Term Football Camp

Joel, who supports with Breakfast Club and lunchtime sports activities, is running a football camp during the half-term holiday. If your child is interested in attending, please follow the instructions provided on the leaflet below for booking details and further information.





Wake up Wednesday

