Respect Inspire Achieve

FREEMAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow.

Friday 6th November

Diary Dates

November

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

Thursday 19th November
Year 5 Parent Workshop
@2:15pm

Monday 20th November – Friday 27th November
KS2 Assessment Week

December

Monday 14th December
Year 2 Nativity

Tuesday 15th December
Year 2 Nativity

Year 4 and 5 CET Christmas Concert

Wednesday 16th December
Reception Nativity

Opening comment

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term; I hope you all had a great half term break. With the weather now changing, please can I ask all parents to make sure that their children have a coat with them in school. Please make sure that this, along with all your child's uniform is named. The amount of lost property is growing! There will soon be a more organised method of storing lost property, so please do have a look to see if you can find any missing items! This term brings the excitement of nativities and Christmas singing and performances, as well as the continuation of the first parent workshops of the year for some classes; we look forward to seeing you all in school supporting your children.

Stars of the Week



Attendance Week beginning 2nd November 2026

Acorn: 96%
Cherry Tree: 99.33%
Maple: 91.85%
Beech: 95%
Hazel: 98.52%
Willow: 98%
Oak: 98.15%

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

House Points so far...

Brett: 261

Deben: 252

Orwell: 273

Gipping: 241

Lark: 234

Stour: 274



House Point Winners!

Congratulations to Orwell House, who gained the most house points last term! As a reward for their fantastic effort and teamwork, they will enjoy a non-uniform day and extra playtime on Tuesday 10th November.



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.

TTRockstars

As you are aware, times tables are a fundamental part of mathematics. A secure knowledge of multiplication facts enables children to complete calculations quickly, accurately and efficiently, while also supporting their learning across many other areas of maths.

It has been wonderful to see the children across Key Stage 2 engaging so positively with the online platform to develop both their fluency and speed. I have been awarding certificates to children who have completed their times tables in the fastest times, as well as those who have dedicated the most minutes to practising. Their determination and commitment have been fantastic to see.

Next week, the competition is heating up with a Times Tables Battle between Year 4 and Year 6! The battle will begin on Friday and run until Thursday, with the winning class earning an extra 10 minutes of playtime. Who will be crowned the champions? Let the battle commence!







Reading in School- Golden Tickets continue!

Children are expected to read at home 5 times each week. This is to support your child's learning and will improve their fluency and comprehension of the texts that they read. Reading is the foundation of your child's learning and impacts your child's life chances when they are older.

If your child is in the younger years, this includes any reading you may do together or share with your child, for example, at bedtime.

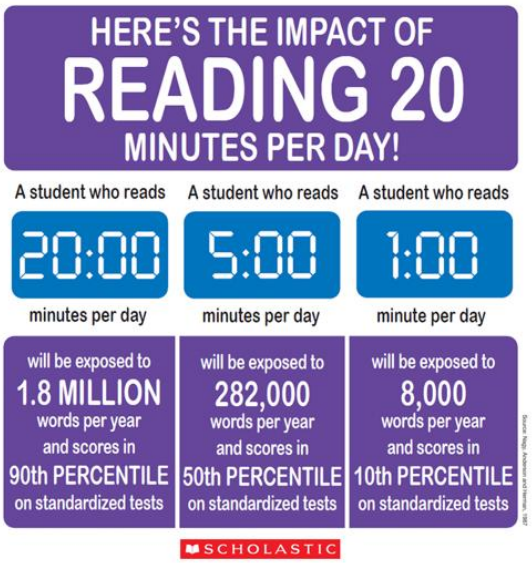
For children in our older years, this includes where your child may read to themselves.

Please note that you do not have to share or read only the books that your child brings home from school, it can be any text including newspapers, comic strips, blogs, instructions, books you have at home and much more! In all cases, all we ask is that you sign your child's planner to show that they have completed reading in some form.

In school, we will continue to monitor how regularly the children read at home and the children will receive a house point every time they read five times in a week. In our last celebration assembly of the half term, we will, again, celebrate those who have managed to read 5 times a week every week from Monday 2nd November, and those who achieve this will receive a golden ticket to a non-uniform day the following half term. We were pleased to be able to give out 60 golden tickets for the first half term, and would love to increase that number this half term!

We hope that you can support us in our mission to get children reading. As always, if you have any difficulties or need any support from School, please do not hesitate to get in touch- we will help in every way we can!





Hazel Class

Year 4 returned to school after the half term with a trip to Flatford Mill.

The theme of the day was how we can protect our waterways and wildlife through art activism, taking inspiration from John Constable. First, we explored the freshwater habitat of Dedham Vale through pond dipping. Using classification keys, we identified the animals we found and were able to assess the health of the water based on the variety of species present.

Next, we created persuasive slogans to encourage people to protect local waterways, drawing inspiration from the environment and using our senses to spark ideas.

Finally, we produced collage artwork using recycled materials. These pieces will be displayed alongside artwork from other schools as part of the celebrations marking 250 years since Constable's birth.

We had a very enjoyable day, and we especially enjoyed the pond dipping where there were a few wet feet despite wearing wellies!















SENDIASS Information Sessions Autumn 2026

While we're reviewing the best ways to deliver our service to families, we have a limited offer of live training sessions for the summer. We have a comprehensive library of training and information videos, accessible at any time from our SENDIASS YouTube channel which we hope will help you.

Sessions for families

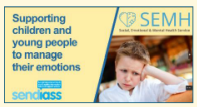


Understanding behaviour as a communication need

Hosted by SENDIASS and delivered by specialist teachers from the Speech, Language and Communication Service.

9th November 2026 **10am – 11:30am**

Book a place



Supporting children and young people to manage their emotions

Hosted by SENDIASS and delivered by specialist teachers from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Service.

3rd December 2026 **10am – 11:30am**

Book a place



Personalised stories

Hosted by SENDIASS and delivered by specialist teachers from the Communication and Interaction Service

8th December 2026 **10:30am – 11:30am**

Book a place

Understanding Children and Young People's Behaviour as a Communication Need Tickets, Monday 9 November • 10 AM - 11:30 AM GMT | Eventbrite

Supporting children and young people to manage their emotions Tickets, Thursday 3 December • 10 AM - 11:30 AM GMT | Eventbrite

Personalised stories to support social understanding Tickets, Tuesday 8 December • 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM GMT | Eventbrite

Suffol County Coun

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023,

you must apply for a full-time Reception Year school place by **15 January 2027**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub.

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:
www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:
- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school



Meet at the Church
November theme is BIRDS
Inclusive activities for ALL
Bird hunt
Bird ID - MerlinAPP
Bird Crafts
Making roosts and feeders
Bubbles

FOREST CHURCH

FUN AND FAITH FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Contact Jo on hws.familyworker@gmail.com

Christingle Services

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings people together to share the light of Jesus and a message of hope.



A beautiful way to prepare for Christmas Day for all the family.
Learn about the Christingle Orange and make one to take home (everything is provided), sing songs and have fun!

December 6th - Wetherden, St Mary's Church
December 13th - Stowupland, Holy Trinity Church
December 20th - Haughley, St Mary's Church
4.00 - 5.00pm



EYFS Mobilo Request

Mobilo is proving very popular in EYFS this year! Unfortunately, our selection is quite small and many of the wheels are broken. If anyone has any spare Mobilo pieces at home that are no longer used, we would be very grateful for any donations.

Thank you for your support. 😊

Friends of Freeman Update



The poster to the left shows what Friends of Freeman have been up to over last year.

Friends of Freeman is all about making school life even more special for our children. From organising fun events and fundraising to sharing ideas and supporting the school, every little bit makes a big difference.

Our AGM was held just before half term, and the minutes, if you would like to read them, are now available on the school's website.

We look forward to seeing how we can help our school even more this year!

If you are interested in getting involved in any way, please get in touch at charity@friendsoffreeman.co.uk.

Supporting Young People's Mental Health
Parent/Carer Workshops Autumn Term 2026



These free virtual workshops (Zoom) are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are 60-75 minutes long. Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit http://www.nsft.uk/workshops.

Supporting Your Child/Adolescent with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

This session covers: what OCD is, how it affects and impacts children and young people, how parents and carers can support their children/adolescents who might be struggling with OCD, and what further support is available.

Thursday 19th November 1:15 PM - BOOK HERE

Understanding and Supporting Behaviour

Children and teenagers may show behaviours that are difficult for the adults around them, for example: aggression, risk-taking behaviours, impulsivity, testing boundaries and inattention. This workshop explores how to understand behaviour and how parents/carers can support their child with these behaviours which may stem from distress.

Tuesday 15th December 12:00 PM - BOOK HERE

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Wake up Wednesday

