

# Weekly Bulletin



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COMMENCING: MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

*Here's what's coming up in school next week...*

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| <b>Mon<br/>3</b>   | <b>INSET DAY</b><br><b>Y6 leave for Kilvrough 7.45am</b>           |
| <b>Tues<br/>4</b>  | Robins PE<br>Red Kites (Year 3) PE<br><b>Kingfishers swimming</b>  |
| <b>Weds<br/>5</b>  | Owls PE<br>Red Kites PE<br><b>Wrens and Robins Diwali Workshop</b> |
| <b>Thurs<br/>6</b> | Golden Eagles PE<br>Kingfishers PE                                 |
| <b>Fri<br/>7</b>   | <b>Year 6 return from Kilvrough</b>                                |

## NOTES & NEWS

### TT ROCK STARS LAUNCH DAY – MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November we will be launching Times Tables Rock Stars. We are inviting children and staff to come to school dressed as a rock star for the day – the children will all be given their TTRS login and the Times Tables battles will commence!!!



## MEET OUR GOVERNORS

Each week in the bulletin we are going to introduce you to one of our governors so that you can start to get to know them. The governing board role is to support and challenge the leadership with the strategic direction of the school.

**MEET:** Diane Axford – I have I have been a Director-appointed governor at Hanborough Manor for three years. I work in primary education and have two teenage children of my own. I love reading, walking and baking.

As a link Governor for English, I work with the English lead teacher to support monitoring of phonics, reading, spelling and writing. We look at data of different groups of pupils to see attainment and progress and look at how policies and pedagogy and School Development Plans improve the experience and outcomes for pupils across the school in English.



**MEET:** Sophie Dawes - Parent Governor

I've been a parent governor at Freeland for 4.5 years. I have experience as a secondary school teacher and I have interests in hockey, running and crochet

As link governor for maths, languages and PE, I work with subject lead teachers to review curriculum strategy. The best part of this is visiting school for subject monitoring, so that I can see first-hand what children and teachers are achieving in the classroom.



## SEPTEMBER 2026

If you have a child who turns 4 years old before September 2026 the portal for applications will be opening soon. Please spread the word for any friends, family or neighbours who may be interested in a place for their child. We are also accepting 2 year olds and have now extended hours to cover wraparound. If you are interested please contact us through the office. **We would be delighted if you could spread the word through any social media platforms that you may use. Thank you in advance.**



# FREELAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

AGE 2-11

PLACES AVAILABLE



We offer wrap around care from 2 years old

If your child is 4 years old, you will need to register for a school place.

Contact us to arrange a visit | office.3208@freeland.oxon.sch.uk | 01993 881707

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# FREELAND CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARN, PLAY, EXPLORE

**Our EYFS**

- ✓ Nurturing and experienced staff
- ✓ Holistic development
- ✓ Engaging Curriculum
- ✓ Safe and stimulating learning environment

**Branch out and fly high!**

We accept children starting from 2 years old and offer a recently renovated indoor and outdoor learning environment. Our dedicated staff are committed to creating a nurturing space where children can play, learn, and flourish. We now offer wrap around care 7.45am-5.15pm from age 2.

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This week we celebrated:

|               | Star Award | Headteacher     | Bronze | Silver | Gold | Platinum |
|---------------|------------|-----------------|--------|--------|------|----------|
| Robins        | Theo       |                 |        |        |      |          |
| Owls          | Alfie      |                 |        |        |      |          |
| Red Kites     | Bea        | Nehaeh<br>James |        |        |      |          |
| Kingfishers   | Otilie     |                 |        |        |      |          |
| Golden Eagles | Scarlett   | Mia             |        |        |      |          |

Have a lovely half term

Best wishes,

Mrs Nickelson and the Freeland Team

### DATES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

**PLEASE NOTE THE HIGHLIGHTED DATES ARE THE NEW ONES ADDED**

| Date  | Time        | Event                                  | Information        |
|---|-------------|--|--------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November                         |             | TTRS launch day                        |                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 |             | Anti Bulling week                      |                    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                    |             | Remembrance Day                        |                    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                    | 10am        | New Parents Tour                       |                    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> November 2025  |             | Bookfair                               |                    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November                         | 3.30-5.30pm | Boccia for KS2                         |                    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November                         |             | Pantomime visit                        |                    |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> November                         |             | Flamenco Dance workshop                |                    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> November                         | 3.30-5.30pm | Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics      | Bartholomew School |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                    |             | Parents Evening                        |                    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                    |             | FSS Christmas Felting Workshop         |                    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025                    |             | Parents Evening                        |                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December                          |             | Freeland Christmas Tree Lighting event | For the choir      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025                     | 2pm         | Owls & Red Kites Christmas Play        |                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025                    | 6pm         | Owls & Red Kites Christmas Play        |                    |

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| 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025                 | 9.30am      | Wrens & Robins Christmas Play   |   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2025                 |             | Freeland Christmas Day  |   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025                 | 1pm         | Carols on the playground  |   |
|  |             |   |   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                   |             | Inset Day   |   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                  |             | Assessment info evening for Parents<br>Phonics (Y1)<br>MTC (Y4)<br>Y6     |   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                  |             | Height and Weight Robins and Golden Eagles<br><br>Vision check for Robins |   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026                 | 9am         | Internet Safety Day – Stay and Learn Internet Safety                      | Chance to hear how we are teaching children to be safe online at Freeland and visit your children’s classroom |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026                 | 3.30-5.00pm | Tag Rugby   | Year 5 and 6 at Carterton   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026                 |             | Enrichment Day 2  |   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026                     | 3.30-5.30pm | Bee Netball   | Year 3 and 4 at Bartholomew   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                     |             | World Book Day  |   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026  |             | British Science Week  |   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March                         |             | Dance Festival for Year 3 and 4   | Bartholomew School  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                    |             | Reports sent out  |   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                    |             | Optional Parents Evening  |   |
|  |             |   |   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                    |             | Inset Day   |   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026                    |             | Year 6 Transition Day 1   |   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 |             | Liddington Residential – Year 4   |   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026   |             | Mental Health Week  |   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026   |             | Year 6 SATs   |   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                      |             | Rugby Festival for Year 3 and 4   | Bartholomew School  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                      |             | Cricket Tournament for Y5 and 6   | Eynsham Cricket   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026                      |             | Enrichment Day 3  |   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026    |             | Multiple Times Table check  |   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026                      |             | EPA Lower Key Stage 2 Sports Day  | Bartholomew School  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026   |             | Phonics Check   | Year 1 children   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                      |             | EPA Upper Key Stage 2 Sports Day  | Tilsley Park  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                     |             | Sports Day  |   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026                     |             | Reserve Sports Day  |   |

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026  |        | Year 2 Sleepover |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026  |        | Cricket Festival |  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 | 10am   | Leavers Service  |  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 | 9.15am | Leavers Assembly |  |

## USEFUL INFORMATION

# Light Event for Children

and their families

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 - 5pm to 7pm  
St Mary's Church, Freeland

**Drop in to join us for craft activities,  
hot chocolate and treats.**



# Are you struggling with a defiant child?



## **Facing Defiance**

A six part online course for parents that you can complete in your own time.  
A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

go to **[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**

Book online £48

on the **Online Parenting Courses** page



## October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Understanding The Teenage Brain   | 6 Oct 10am          |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep          | 6 Oct 7pm           |
| Supporting A Child With ADHD      | 13 Oct 10am         |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 13 Oct 7pm          |
| Autism Improving Communication    | 14 Oct 10am         |
| Improving Family Communication    | 14 Oct 7pm          |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use     | 20 Oct 10am         |
| Facing Defiance                   | 20 Oct 7pm          |
| Anxiety Based School Avoidance    | 21 Oct 10am         |
| Understanding Anger               | 21 Oct 7pm          |
| <b>FREE - Raising Self-Esteem</b> | <b>23 Oct 7-8pm</b> |
| Anxiety Explained                 | 27 Oct 10am         |
| Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness   | 27 Oct 7pm          |
| What Is ACT?                      | 28 Oct 10am         |
| Introduction To OCD               | 28 Oct 7pm          |

# School holidays just got more exciting!

Fresh air, freedom and adventure!



## Ready for a school holiday full of excitement?

Active Adventures is the ultimate outdoor adventure club for children aged 8–16. Packed with thrilling challenges, nature connection activities, and epic team games, each day offers a new adventure to inspire a love for the great outdoors!

[www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events](http://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events)



## Give your child an unforgettable school holiday filled with fresh air, freedom and adventure!

Set within 42 acres of stunning woodland in rural Oxfordshire at Youlbury, Boars Hill, children aged 8-16 will take part in a daily programme of non-stop outdoor action. With expert instructors leading the way, creating a safe and supportive environment where children run, climb, explore, and build confidence while unplugging from screens and having a blast with friends in the great outdoors!

### What's on offer:

- High-energy adventures such as archery, ziplining, and climbing.
- Fun team building games and problem-solving challenges.
- Survival skills such as shelter building, backwards cooking and fire lighting.
- Connect with the natural world with mindful activities, outdoors arts and crafts, wildlife spotting, and nature walks.



### When is it:

- May half-term, summer holidays and October half-term (see website for dates).
- 9am-5pm daily.
- Early drop off (from 8am) and late pick-up service (until 6pm) available.
- Participants can attend individual days, or the entire week.

### Pricing:

£35 per day, per child. Save 10% on a 5-day block and each additional child.

## Book now and join the adventure

[www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events](http://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/events)

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