

Weekly Bulletin



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COMMENCING: MONDAY 13th October 2025

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

Mon 13	Golden Eagles PE
Tues 14	Robins PE Forest School for Owls & Year 2 (children to wear clothes suitable for forest school) Red Kites (Year 3) PE Kingfishers Swimming
Weds 15	Owls PE Red Kites PE
Thurs 16	Golden Eagles PE Kingfishers PE SEND PARENTS coffee morning 9.00am
Fri 17	Break the Rules Day Kingfishers trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

NOTES & NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated by their classes to be their class representatives this year:

Owls – Imogen and Reuben

Red Kites – Raife and Poppy

Kingfishers – Otilie and Santi

Golden Eagles – Isabelle and Arthur

STAY AND LEARN – Tuesday 21st October at 9.00am

Please come and join us for our first ‘stay and learn’ this academic year. We will start in the hall where you will hear about how we teach reading at Freeland School and then time in classrooms where you can see teaching and learning in action. The session will finish at 9.45am.

ENRICHMENT DAY - Friday 24th October

The children will be working in the community during our enrichment day. They will spend the morning based in their classes and then will work on a project in coloured teams for the afternoon. If parents would like to offer some time in the afternoon, please let us know by emailing the office. We will be doing some work in the school grounds preparing the gardens and pond area for winter/spring. If anyone is able to donate any plants or bulbs we would be delighted to plant them in our grounds.

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.

Vice Chairs of Governors - we have two vice chairs, one for each school

MEET: Matt Cripps – (Freeland)

I have been a Foundation Governor in Freeland for just over a year now and have two children at the school. I have experience in school leadership and in operational management, both in the UK and overseas, and work part time for St Mary's Church in Freeland. As Foundation Governor I seek to support the school in the working out of its vision and values in all areas of school life.



MEET: Nicholas Wood – (Hanborough Manor)



I have been a Director-appointed governor at Hanborough Manor for three years. After a varied career in education and public life, I am now retired, with three grandchildren in primary school and one in year seven.

I am link governor for SEND and Pupil premium and I work closely with staff colleagues to ensure the best possible provision for our children with additional needs. I enjoy being in school and seeing all this in practice.

BREAK THE RULES DAY – 17th October



break the Rules day

Friday 17 October | £2

PICK FOUR

- Wear non-Uniform
- Wear a hat
- Have crazy Hair
- Treat for snack (nut free)
- Have squash not water
- Wear nail Varnish
- Wear your pjs
- Have temporary tattoos

The poster features a dark blue torn-edge top border, a pink and blue wavy line on the left, and a dark blue bottom border with colorful patterns. The text is in a playful, colorful font.

IS YOUR CHILD GETTING ANY MILK AT SCHOOL

Please read below information about how your child can receive milk in school.



Cool Milk
Free & Subsidised
SCHOOL MILK

Register your child today!
www.coolmilk.com

The poster shows a young girl with brown hair drinking from a glass of milk with a blue straw. To her right is a cartoon superhero boy with blonde hair, a blue mask, and a white shirt with 'CM' on it. The background is a solid yellow.



Is your child registered for
SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5



Child OVER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248

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The poster has a blue background. It features a cartoon milkmaid character in a white uniform and blue hat, holding a glass of milk. The text is in white and yellow.

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.

This week we celebrated: NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK DUE TO FIRE ASSEMBLY

	Star Award	Headteacher	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Robins						
Owls						
Red Kites						
Kingfishers						
Golden Eagles						

Have a lovely weekend

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
21 st October 2025	9am	Stay and Learn Reading	Chance to hear how we are teaching reading at Freeland and visit your children's classroom
22 nd October 2025 –	8.30am	Individual & Sibling Photos	
24 th October 2025		Enrichment Day 1	
3 rd November 2025		Inset Day	
3 rd – 7 th November 2025		Kilvrough Residential – Year 6	
10 th – 14 th November 2025		Anti Bulling week	
11 th November 2025		Remembrance Day	
13 th November 2025	10am	New Parents Tour	
13 th -18 th November 2025		Bookfair	
17 th November	3.30-5.30pm	Boccia for KS2	
19 th November		Pantomime visit	
21 st November		Flamenco Dance workshop	
24 th November	3.30-5.30pm	Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics	Bartholomew School
25 th November 2025		Parents Evening	
26 th November 2025		FSS Christmas Felting Workshop	
27 th November 2025		Parents Evening	
5 th December		Freeland Christmas Tree Lighting event	For the choir
9 th December 2025	2pm	Owls & Red Kites Christmas Play	
10 th December 2025	6pm	Owls & Red Kites Christmas Play	
11 th December 2025	9.30am	Wrens & Robins Christmas Play	
16 th December 2025		Freeland Christmas Day	
19 th December 2025	1pm	Carols on the playground	
5 th January 2026		Inset Day	
14 th January 2026		Assessment info evening for Parents Phonics (Y1) MTC (Y4)	

		Y6	
29 th January 2026		Height and Weight Robins and Golden Eagles Vision check for Robins	
10 th 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 th February 2026	3.30-5.00pm	Tag Rugby	Year 5 and 6 at Carterton
13 th February 2026		Enrichment Day 2	
3 rd March 2026	3.30-5.30pm	Bee Netball	Year 3 and 4 at Bartholomew
5 th March 2026		World Book Day	
9 th – 13 th March 2026		British Science Week	
11 th March		Dance Festival for Year 3 and 4	Bartholomew School
20 th March 2026		Reports sent out	
24 th March 2026		Optional Parents Evening	
13 th April 2026		Inset Day	
23 rd April 2026		Year 6 Transition Day 1	
27 th – 29 th April 2026		Liddington Residential – Year 4	
11 th – 14 th May 2026		Mental Health Week	
11 th – 13 th May 2026		Year 6 SATs	
14 th May 2026		Rugby Festival for Year 3 and 4	Bartholomew School
19 th May 2026		Cricket Tournament for Y5 and 6	Eynsham Cricket
22 nd May 2026		Enrichment Day 3	
1 st – 5 th June 2026		Multiple Times Table check	
2 nd June 2026		EPA Lower Key Stage 2 Sports Day	Bartholomew School
8 th – 12 th June 2026		Phonics Check	Year 1 children
9 th June 2026		EPA Upper Key Stage 2 Sports Day	Tilsley Park
12 th June 2026		Sports Day	
19 th June 2026		Reserve Sports Day	
2 nd July 2026		Year 2 Sleepover	
7 th July 2026		Cricket Festival	
16 th July 2026	10am	Leavers Service	
17 th July 2026	9.15am	Leavers Assembly	

USEFUL INFORMATION

For Years 3 or 4, the New U9 Wasps Football Club.

If you have an Under 9 girl who is interested in playing football, there is a new team starting which trains 6-7pm at the ATP in Witney on Thursdays.

Light Event for Children

and their families

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

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





INFLATABLE FOOTBALL FUN

We have the below programmes available for 2025!

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOR AGES 4-12

Ducklington Sports Club, Aston Road, Ducklington, OX29 7US

Dates: Tues 28th - Fri 31st October

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm (drop off as early as 9am, pick up to 3pm)

Cost: £20/day 15% discount for bookings made 1 week prior start date

To register your child, please go to www.enrolmy.com/footy-kids

EVENING PROGRAMME FOR AGES 6-13

'Developing the individual'

Burford School Astroturf Pitch, Cheltenham Rd, OX18 4PL

(Astroturf trainers only, no boots or studs)

Dates: Every Tuesday throughout the year

Time: 6pm - 7pm

Cost: First Session Free

To secure a place for your child, email tomspeers@footykids.org
Coaches are qualified to a UEFA B & FA level 2 standard, and are DBS checked!

All of our programmes are based around having lots of fun. No lines, drills or running around cones. Instead games where all kids have a ball and are learning basic skills of football whilst having big smiles on their faces. Mini tournaments everyday. Coaches are qualified and DBS checked and are big kids at heart!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT

www.footykids.org tomspeers@footykids.org [Footykids](https://www.facebook.com/Footykids)

or call and speak to Tom on 07940 070 082

ELITE CAMPS WITNEY

HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES OCT 25

	OVER 8'S	UNDER 8'S	ARTS & CRAFTS
MON 27	GITD DODGEBALL Danish Longball, Football, Kwik Cricket, Handball, Gymnastics		PAPER SPOOKY CHARACTERS
TUE 28	CRAZY GOLF Hockey, Dodgeball, Yoga, Basketball, Volleyball		WITCH HANDPRINT
WED 29	NERF WARS Handball, Tag Rugby, Netball, Dance, Hockey	GIANT VOLLEYBALL Handball, Tag Rugby, Netball, Dance, Hockey	3D SCENE CRAFT
THUR 30	SOFT ARCHERY Dodgeball, Football, Basketball, Kwik Cricket, Dance		HALLOWEEN HAND PUPPETS
FRI 31	FANCY DRESS HALLOWEEN SPECIAL Halloween Festivities & Fancy Dress		PUMPKIN TRICK OR TREAT BAG

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