

Weekly Bulletin



Please visit our website www.freeland.oxon.sch.uk

COMMENCING: MONDAY 6th October 2025

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

Mon 6	<p>Golden Eagles PE</p> <p>3.30pm – Key Stage 2 Cross Country at Bartholomew School Rugby Field</p>
Tues 7	<p>Robins PE</p> <p>Forest School for Owls & Year 2 (children to wear clothes suitable for forest school)</p> <p>Red Kites (Year 3) PE</p> <p>Kingfishers swimming – please remember kit</p>
Weds 8	<p>Owls PE</p> <p>Red Kites PE</p> <p>6pm – Meeting for Robins Parents</p>
Thurs 9	<p>Golden Eagles PE</p> <p>Kingfishers PE</p> <p>10am – Harvest Festival 10am St Mary's Church - please be aware that there isn't a lot of room in the church for parents so please be prepared to stand.</p>
Fri 10	<p>Fire Fighters Assembly for all children</p>

NOTES & NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The deadline for applications is Monday 6th October – please support your child if they wish to be considered for this leadership role.

HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS

We are collecting donations for Witney Besom for Harvest, please bring in any donations for our collection, which will be displayed in school. We can accept all non-perishable foods e.g. tinned food, dry foods (e.g. rice or pasta) and day-to-day provisions such as jam, tea or instant coffee, ideally with a long expiry date.

Thank you in advance for your support.

ROBINS PARENTS MEETING - 6pm on Wednesday

Please come along to hear about what your child's day looks like, how they learn and what you can do to support your child's progress.

MEET OUR GOVERNORS

A few bulletins ago I announced that we are piloting having a joint governing board across Freeland and Hanborough Schools.

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: Chris Jones – Chair of Governors

My name is Chris Jones, I am the Chair of Governors leading the board across the two schools for this pilot. I'm in my fourth year as parent governor at Hanborough Manor School with two children at the school. I have spent my career working across the government, commercial and education sectors leading or supporting research, education and innovation programmes with a focus on science and engineering. I am currently Director of Data & Digital Products at the Connected Places Catapult, a not-for-profit and the UK's innovation accelerator for transport, the built environment, cities and local growth.



Our key priorities for this academic year are:

Priority Areas for 2025-2026	
1	Priority: Review, rewrite, and adopt a new Relationships and Behaviour Policy. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aim: To improve pupil well-being, behaviour, and relationships across school.
2	Priority: Accelerate progress in core subjects, aiming for 80% ARE and 40% GD combined attainment at KS2. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objective: Significant rise in pupils working at and above expected standards.
3	Priority: Implement and embed accurate, consistent assessment across all subjects. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aim: Improve teaching, planning, and targeted intervention across the curriculum.

4	<p>Priority: Refine collective worship to inspire reflective action and align with school values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal: Deepen spiritual development and strengthen the school's Christian ethos.
5	<p>Priority: Develop leadership at all levels – staff and pupils.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim: Build sustainable leadership capacity and pupil voice across school life.
6	<p>Priority: Adapt and refine Nursery provision to strengthen school readiness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: Smooth transition to Reception and improved long-term outcomes.

BREAK THE RULES DAY – 17th October



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

AGE 2-11 PLACES AVAILABLE

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						
Owls	Alba					
Red Kites	Una		Luna Albie Amelia Alex			
Kingfishers	Ollie Isla-Mae	Jaxon	Timily Jacob P Samuel Jasper Aria Charlie Isla H			
Golden Eagles	Josephine Tessa	Theo D				

We also celebrated Ralph who brought in his medal from cricket.

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
16 th October 2025	10am	New Parents for 2026 Tour	
16 th October 2025	9am	SEND coffee morning	
17 th October 2025		FSS Break the Rules Day	
17 th October		Kingfishers trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park	Children can still break the rules but we ask that they

			wear a school jumper on the trip please.
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

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.

 St. Mary the Virgin
Freeland



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**
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

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
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
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



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

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