

# Weekly Bulletin



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COMMENCING: MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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

<b>Mon 15</b>	<b>Golden Eagles PE</b>
<b>Tues 16</b>	<b>Robins PE</b> <b>Forest School for Owls &amp; Year 2</b> (children to wear clothes suitable for forest school) <b>Red Kites (Year 3) PE</b> <b>Kingfishers PE</b>
<b>Weds 17</b>	<b>Owls PE</b> <b>Red Kites PE</b>
<b>Thurs 18</b>	<b>Golden Eagles PE</b> <b>Kingfishers PE</b>  <b>Childhood Flu Vaccinations Programme 2025</b> <b>3.20pm Kilvrough Parents meeting for Year 6</b>
<b>Fri 19</b>	

## NOTES & NEWS

We have had another exciting week at Freeland School. Thank you to the parents who joined us for the Meet the Team event for Key Stage 1 and 2. This provided an excellent opportunity for parents to connect with our teaching team and understand what our key priorities are for a school this year. This week has also seen the children in Year 1 and 2

start their Forest School sessions. These outdoor learning experiences offer invaluable opportunities for experiential education and development.

We kindly request that pupils do not bring items from home in to school, including fidget toys, unless prior specific agreement has been reached with their class teacher. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining a focused and supportive learning environment.

We are excited to share an important governance update. The governing boards of Freeland Primary and Hanborough Manor School are currently piloting a collaborative governance approach. These joint meetings represent a strategic initiative designed to enhance the educational offerings across both of our school communities. This collaborative model will enable us to share expertise, resources, and innovative practises that ultimately benefit our pupils. We will provide more information about our governing board once we have had our first meeting this term.

## Uniform

A few parents have asked about the correct uniform – please see information below:

All children at Freeland School are expected to arrive at school looking smart and wearing correct uniform. Just as we encourage children to feel positive about themselves and their learning, we encourage them to take pride in their smart appearance. **Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly named.**

Freeland school uniform consists of the following:

- Navy blue jumper, cardigan, sweatshirt or fleece (available with school logo)
- Navy polo shirt (available with school logo)
- Grey skirt, pinafore or black or grey school trousers
- Black, grey or white socks/tights
- Hair fastenings should be school colours

## Summer

- A sun hat
- Blue gingham dresses
- Grey shorts/culottes (about knee length)

## Shoes

- Smart black shoes/sandals (not open-toed) or boots, for use indoors
- A pair of trainers for outdoor play, not in class (as well as PE – see below). These should be available in school at all times

## For PE/Games

- PE bag (available with school logo)
- Trainers
- Plain navy blue shorts
- Navy T-shirt (available with school logo)
- Navy blue hooded sweatshirt (available with school logo)
- Navy blue jogging bottoms or tracksuit for winter outdoor games

- Additionally, if your child is wearing tights they will need a spare pair of socks
- Long hair should be tied back.

PE kit should be worn on the days when children are doing PE – this will be shared with you at the start of each term.

## For nursery and reception children only

Waterproof over trousers, waterproof coat and wellingtons

All school uniform, book bags and PE bags can be purchased from [www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk).



Dear Parent / Carer

As Autumn approaches and the mornings and evenings get darker, parents and children walking to and from school need to be even more aware of the potential dangers they face as pedestrians and the importance of wearing bright or reflective clothing to make it easier for other road users to see them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Our **Footsteps** guide will give you some ideas of how to begin to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If they are ill-prepared, children are more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10 -12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, you are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which cannot be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide [Footsteps](#) and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

**Remember – Be Bright Be Seen.**

Oxfordshire Fire & Resue Service Road Safety Team

Oxfordshire County Council

This week we celebrated:

	Star Award	Headteacher	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Robins						
Owls	Jack					
Red Kites	Alex					
Kingfishers	Jaxon Samuel	Timily Esme				
Golden Eagles	Winston Wesley					

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

Mrs Nickelson and the Freeland Team

### DATES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

**PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES HAVE BEEN UPDATED WITH ALL OF THE SPORTS EVENTS**

Date	Time	Event	Information
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Morning	Flu vaccinations	
6 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30-4.45pm	Cross Country	Year 5 and 6 at Bartholomew school
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	6pm	EYFS Parents meeting	
9 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	10.00am	Harvest Festival	at St Marys Church
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	10am	New Parents for 2026 Tour	
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	9am	Stay and Learn Reading	Chance to hear how we are teaching reading at Freeland and visit your children's classroom
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025 –	8.30am	Individual & Sibling Photos	
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025		Enrichment Day 1	
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025		Inset Day	

3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025		Kilvrough Residential – Year 6	
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	
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 Phonics (Y1) MTC (Y4) Y6	
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	
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