



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful half term at Fred's. I would like to once again thank the whole community for your warm welcome and support—it has been a pleasure getting to know each and every one of you.

Some highlights this half term include: School trips (National Army Museum, Brondesbury Synagogue, and many more!), very entertaining class assemblies, Improvements in the quality of art, fantastic music events led by Mr Tang, *Good to be Me* week, parent workshops and the Epiphany service at St Mark's

This half term, I have been focusing on the operational side of the school, familiarising myself with systems and routines. Next term, I am looking forward to focusing on the strategic side of school life, particularly **Teaching and Learning**, to ensure quality outcomes for all and to continue developing the teaching practice here at Fred's.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the Parent Briefing. If you were unable to attend, please find the [slides](#) from the presentation

Looking ahead to next half term:

- We are delighted to welcome **Ms Christopher** back on a phased return; she has been greatly missed.
- **Mr Chantler** is likely to have a knee procedure and will be absent from school for some time. We are fortunate to have **Mr Cremin** covering his classes, teaching PE, and running boys' football on Tuesdays. We wish Mr Chantler a speedy recovery from his surgery and look forward to seeing him return soon!

Thank you again for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful half-term break. I am really looking forward to next half term and the excitement that lies ahead. To everyone observing Lent or Ramadan, we hope this month is a positive and special time for you.

Warmest Wishes, Ms Fautley

SEND Parent Group

We are very grateful to the SEND parent group who have worked hard this half term raising the profile of SEND in the school. The group are fundraising to improve mental health support at Fred's, including access to qualified therapists, staff training and parent support.

While this strengthens SEND provision, mental health affects every child, and this support will benefit all pupils- helping everyone feel supported and able to thrive at school.

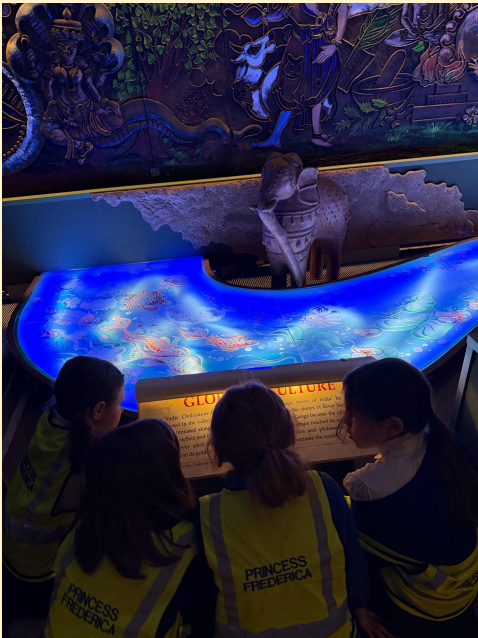
Please watch this short [video](#) to see where this money will go, and if you're able, consider a one-off donation or joining the ABC Fund using the [link](#).

Learning in action

Here are some highlights of children at Fred's enjoying their learning at the start of the year:



Year 4 visited BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir on Monday to support their RE topic of Hinduism.



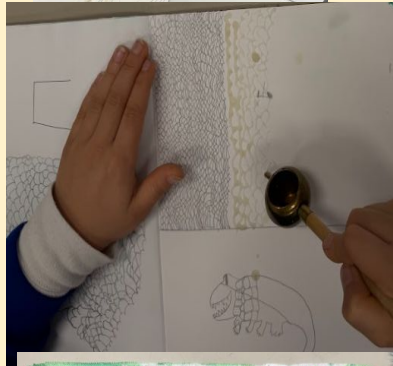
Carrying on with our art, unit, the children made collages organised by colours that Vincent Van Gogh typically used



The children visited an exhibition and respectfully took part in a prayer ceremony.

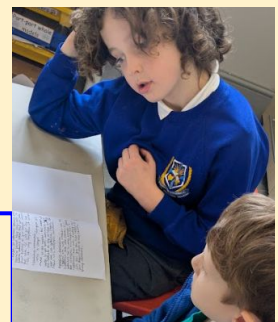
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3 Bramble trying out the batik technique of wax resist to create animal prints.

3 Hawthorn have also loved using the batik technique to create animal prints and animals !

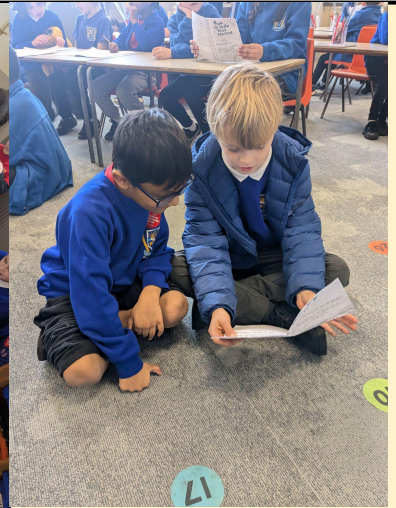


2 Honeysuckle have enjoyed a fantastic week, celebrating our differences, participating in a drama workshop and enjoying time with Year 5 as they shared their published work.



Learning in action continued....

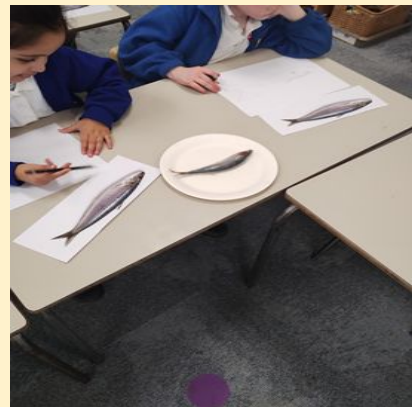
Year 5 had the pleasure of reading their published Explanation Texts on How to train dragons to Year 2.



Nursery have been learning all about Lunar New Year which is next week. They have been playing in the new Noodle restaurant and eating real noodles with chopsticks. Every Friday nursery do a Ghanaian drumming session with Mr Tang which is loads of fun!

Learning in action continued....

Nursery have been emptying out the compost this week as part of our investigation on 'rotting'. We found lots of worms and centipedes.



Year 1 took part in a fantastic drama workshop this week where we honed our storytelling skills. We also had a go at doing some scientific drawings of fish - it was fun but slightly smelly!

Stars of the Week



These children have consistently demonstrated our exemplary learning behaviour this week

Class	Pupil
Mint	Luca
Dandelion	Ezra
Buttercup	Kasion
Thyme	Francis
Sage	Frida
Thistle	The whole class
Honeysuckle	Alana
Hawthorn	Phoenix
Bramble	Jax
Apple	Evie
Cherry	Tommy
Birch	Jonah
Ash	Cosi
Oak	Nico
Chestnut	Oscar

LifeFull Awards -
Children showing the value perseverance and not giving up

1S Leon
5A Finn
3H Axel
3B Willow
4A Simon



PE Stars of the Week:

Frieda 1 Sage
George 5 Ash



Spanish Stars of the Week:

Taliyah 5 Birch
Maggie 6 Chestnut





PE News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the end of another half term in school, I would like to thank all the children in school for their hard work, efforts and at many times for making my lessons a fun and encouraging learning time for everyone. A big shout out to our children in EYFS who are really starting to display some excellent PE skills and abilities in their lessons. Finally thank you to all children and parents who have wished me well for my upcoming operation. Your thoughts and prayers are really appreciated, they mean a lot to me. I'll be back soon ready to go and looking forward to the Summer term, residential and sports day.

Happy Holidays.

Mr Chantler



Music News

Well done to our

Performers in this week's concerts

Future events (performer names tbc):

11/3 2:30pm- Ms Kang's violin concert

17/3 10am - Mr Davies' drumkit concert

17/3 11:30am - Ms Daphne's 'cello

19/3 2:30pm - Mr Worledge guitar

30/4 Thur, after school - Unity day

Calling performers:

<https://forms.gle/LCgUWNiSvB4sdy2NA>

Kind regards and happy practising

Mr Tang



Head Boy and Head Girl Report:

This week we have been coming to the end of a lot of our foundational units in school before half term. We enjoyed producing floral compositions with watercolour pencils and learning more about the stories of struggle and resistance in our local area. We are proud to live in an area that is so diverse and celebrates our cultures with events such as Notting Hill Carnival.

In Thursday's clergy assembly we discussed goodbyes and linked them to Jesus and the Last Supper. We thought about how difficult it can be to say goodbye to those that we love but that Christian's take strength in believing that God is with them even in their darkest times.

We enjoyed listening to some classic 90s music in Wednesday's rock band extravaganza. All the musicians have been working hard to perfect their musical skills. There was a brass concert on Thursday which was equally successful. Shout out to Mr Tang and Mrs. Gardener for all their hard work!

We're looking forward to a well-earned break over the half-term and look forward to seeing everybody in the summer term.

Vishan and Jess.



DEI Parent Group Update



We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of parents who meet regularly with **Ms Brierley** to discuss diversity within our school.

Please find below the links to their most recent [minutes](#) and [presentation](#):

Based on feedback from the group, we have introduced a **“What is happening around the world”** section in the newsletter from next half term, providing updates on current global issues.

Thank you to all parents involved for your commitment and valuable insights:



What is happening around the world



Over half-term, we know many of you will be celebrating or marking important religious or culturally significant days and times. Tuesday 17th February is Shrove Tuesday, the start of Ramadan (from sundown) and Lunar New Year.

On **Shrove Tuesday**, we recognise this special time in the Christian calendar that comes just before the season of Lent. For many families, it is a day of reflection, preparation, and sharing food together. In other countries and cities around the world, vibrant Carnival festivities occur on this date as part of the pre-Lenten season, for example, Trinidad and Tobago Carnival, Carnival of Dominica, Carnival of Binche, Goa Carnival. These are cultural celebrations featuring music, dance, parades, and community gatherings. We wish all who observe this tradition in the Christian faith, a meaningful and peaceful start to the Lenten season, and we celebrate the way these customs enrich the life of our school community.

We also extend our warmest wishes to families observing the beginning of **Ramadan 2026**. This sacred month is a time of reflection, prayer, fasting, and generosity for Muslims worldwide. We recognise the dedication and spiritual significance of this period and wish Ramadan Mubarak to all who are observing. May this month bring peace, strength, and a deep sense of community and belonging to your families and to our wider school community.

Lunar New Year 2026, welcoming the Year of the Horse. This joyful festival is observed by many families across and from East and Southeast Asia and around the world, symbolising renewal, hope, and good fortune. The Year of the Horse symbolises energy, freedom, strength, and determination. To all those celebrating, we wish you happiness, health, and prosperity in the year ahead. May this new year bring fresh beginnings and shared moments of joy with family and friends.



Important dates for your diary:



- Tuesday 24th February- Year 4 Science Trip
- Friday 27th February-- Friday 6th March Book Week
- Thursday 5th March 2026 - World Book Day (see next page for updates!)

9am costume parade in KS2 playground

- WC 9.3.26 Y5 Cycle Training
- Friday 13th March- 1.30pm-3.30pm Y6 Mother's Day Sale
- Monday 16th March- Y5 Science Museum trip
- Friday 20th March- INSET day- school closed
- Friday 27th March 10am Easter church service St Mark's
- Friday 27th March 1.30pm Finish for Easter
- Monday 13th April- Pupils return to school

Class assemblies

All assemblies take place at 10:00am in the main hall

Friday 27th February - 1 Sage

Friday 13th March - 2 Honeysuckle

Friday 24th April - 1 Thyme

Friday 1st May - Reception Buttercup

Friday 15th May - Reception Dandelion

Friday 12th June - Nursery



Assessment Weeks: During the first two weeks after half-term, assessment weeks will take place for reading, writing and maths. These will be carried out in a way that pupils are very used to, for example completing some independent writing about their class text, a small number of questions checking key mathematical knowledge, and some one-to-one reading to assess reading fluency and comprehension.

We are mindful that these two weeks fall within the month of Ramadan, when some older pupils may be fasting. Whilst the assessment weeks will not require any more concentration or effort of pupils than a normal week at school, please do let your child's class teacher know if he or she is fasting. It is useful for us to be aware of this in case there is a change in the child's concentration, energy, or behaviours. This information ensures we can support them and take this into consideration within the school day.

Princess Frederica's Book Week



We are very excited to announce the authors, poets and illustrators who will be visiting us this year. Thanks in advance to our PSA and Queens Park Books for their support in arranging our annual celebrations. Pre orders via the **School Gateway** have gone Live from today and will close the day before each visit. We have been informed if we can make sales of 50 copies of Sam Copeland's books, the visit will be free!

Further information about **World Book Day** itself will follow after half term.

Friday 27th February - Sam Copeland (author of the Charlie turns into a Chicken series)

Monday 2nd March - performance poet Valerie Bloom

Tuesday 3rd March - author and illustrator Anya Glazer

Wednesday 4th March - author and performer Gareth P Jones (returning after his popular visit last year)

Thursday 5th March (WBD) - author Sharna Jackson

Friday 6th March - authors Sarah McIntyre and Philip Reeve



Half term reading challenge!

Can you read any of Mr McCann's favourite books from the authors who are visiting us? If so, come and see him on Monday to share your thoughts.

The Selfish Crab by Anya Glazer

Cindergorilla by Gareth P Jones

Charlie turns into a Chicken by Sam Copeland

Hot like Fire by Valerie Bloom

Adventuremice by Sarah McIntyre and Philip Reeve

The Street Art Mystery by Sharna Jackson

Parents please note: be mindful of the reading ages and suitability of some of these titles.



Dedicated Section (including the attached poster)

Mother's Day Sale in aid of the Year 6 Leaver Fundraising

The **Mother's Day Sale** in aid of the Year 6 leaver fund **is back on Friday 13th March** and will be **open to all children from Nursery to Year 6** to buy something for Mum or Grandmother. Children are encouraged to bring a maximum of **£5** in coins to spend at the sale on a gift of their choice. They will be helped on the day by the Year 6 parents as the sale happens during the school day.

If you can/ would like to donate items that can be sold at the sale, the Year 6 parents would be grateful for your support of the following new/ unused items which can be dropped off at the school office (please specify: for the Mother's Day sale):

- * Beauty products
- * Homeware items
- * Gift sets
- * Candles
- * Books
- * Or any other suitable items for Mother's Day!



PSA Cake Sale Dates:

- 19th and 26th March - Year 6
- 23rd and 24th April - Year 4
- 14th and 15th May - Year 5

