



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to finally enjoy some sunshine. The children have made the most of the beautiful weather during their OPAL play sessions outdoors.

It has also been a busy and exciting week across the school. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the zoo, Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Science Museum, and our EYFS children were delighted by a visit from the fire brigade. The firefighters kindly stayed for the entire lunchtime, giving all pupils the opportunity to use the hose and explore the fire engine—making it a truly memorable playtime experience.

We hope your child enjoyed Red Nose Day. There were many creative and stylish outfits on display!

Looking ahead to next week, we will be holding our church service at St Mark's on Friday 27th March at 10:00am, led by Year 4. Parents are warmly invited to attend. School will close for the Easter holidays at 1:30pm on this day.

For those celebrating Eid, we wish you a joyful time with your families. For those observing Lent, we continue to wish you a peaceful and reflective period.

Best wishes,
Miss Fautley
Head of School

SEND Parent Group

We are pleased to let you know that the next SEND parent group has been scheduled for Friday **17th April at 2:30pm.**

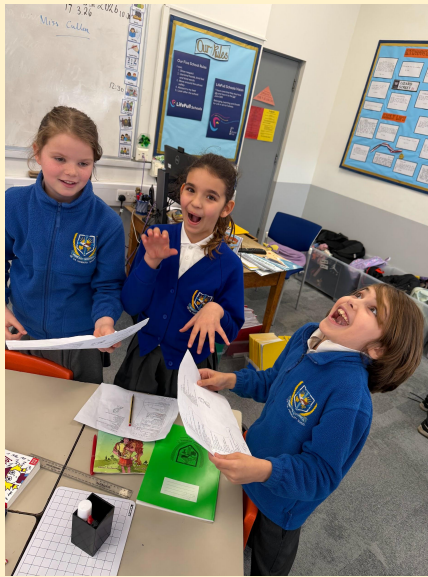
This will be a valuable opportunity to discuss SEND provision within the school, hear parent feedback, and think strategically together as a group.

All parents and carers who are interested in being part of this are warmly welcome.

Learning in action

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

4 Apple have loved studying the performance poem '*Chocolate Cake*' by Michael Rosen in reading lessons this week. After studying the poem's language and meaning, they have had lots of opportunities to use actions, volume and tone to create a class performance of the poem. We then got to perform it for Ms Fautley!



Mrs Brookes was thrilled when the fire brigade joined the OPAL fun, allowing everyone to take turns sitting in the fire truck and spraying water with the hose.

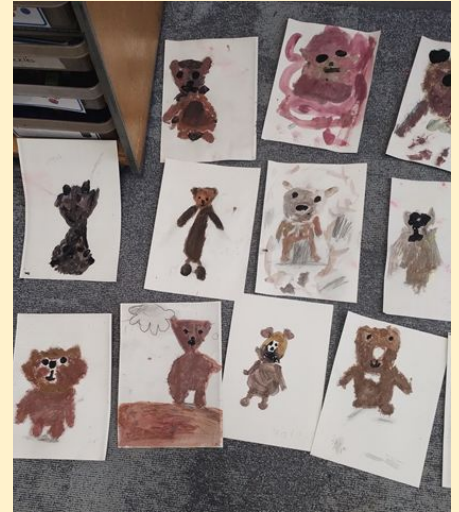


Y6 enjoyed a brilliantly put together workshop by the Wizard Theatre about staying safe. It was a perfect session for our pupils as they prepare for secondary school. With the continued focus on young people's mental health and with Year 7 just around the corner, these workshops continue to resonate with pupil and staff alike.





1 Sage mixed colours and painted their sketches of bears. They tried so hard to add texture and shade.



1 Thyme also had fun colour mixing this week. They practised the skills of resilience and perseverance and, in the end, produced some beautiful colours!



Nursery have been growing cress seeds and on wednesday we made them into sandwiches

The fire brigade came to visit and they showed early years the fire engine equipment and all the children had a go at holding and using the fire hose.



Learning in action continued....



3 Hawthorn had a great time mixing the powder paints to try and make different shades of brown. They then used these shades to paint the chickens they sketched last week!



3 Bramble took inspiration from Henry Fraser when adding paint to their chickens. They even mixed different shades of brown using primary colours.





PE News

Dear Parents and Carers,

12/3/26 Match report

Our Boys' Football team played Gladstone Park Boys' Football team as part of the Brent Cup competition. It was an incredibly closely fought contest, with both teams playing some fantastic football. At the end of full-time, the score was level at 1-1, reflecting just how evenly matched we were.

Unfortunately, the game moved into a sudden death format to decide the winner and on this occasion, the result sadly didn't go our way.

We are immensely proud of their performance as they showed great resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the entire match. It was a pleasure to watch them represent the school so well.



Music News

Upcoming musical events:

24/3, 9am - Danny's Ga Dangbe drumming: all of year 2&3+the junior choir

28/4, 2:30pm - Krisztina's violin concert, featuring all of year 1

30/4, after school - Unity day. If families/children would like to perform for this, please fill in this form:

<https://forms.gle/BirtNHHVCwsBdL6D8>

Head Boy and Head Girl Report:

In Monday's assembly, we learnt about trust and how important it is in life. We learnt about Mary (Jesus' mother) and how she trusted the archangel Gabriel when he told her she would give birth to Jesus.

On Wednesday, fire fighters visited our school and showed us how to use the hoses and even let us go inside the fire trucks. Unfortunately, we didn't get any special privileges so we couldn't skip any queues. When they arrived, they had their siren blaring and lights flashing-it was very exciting! Sadly they had to leave early as they had to put out a fire.

In maths, we have been learning about percentages and how it means "out of every 100". On Tuesday, we celebrated St Patrick's Day and learnt this fascinating fact: some people in America dye rivers green to celebrate!

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Jess and Vishan



What is happening around the world



🌙 Eid Around the World 🌍



This month, many families will be celebrating **Eid al-Fitr**, a special occasion that marks the end of **Ramadan**, a time when Muslims fast during daylight hours. Eid is a joyful celebration filled with kindness, family time, and delicious food!

Across the world, children celebrate Eid in different but equally exciting ways. In the UK, many children wear new clothes, attend special prayers, and receive gifts or money known as *Eidi*. In countries like Saudi Arabia, homes are decorated and families gather for large feasts.

In India, children enjoy sweet treats like sheer khurma (a milk-based dessert with vermicelli), while in Turkey, children greet neighbours and are often given sweets and candy. In Indonesia, families travel long distances to be together, and in Egypt, children may visit parks, enjoy fairs, and eat special Eid cookies called kahk.


Although traditions vary from country to country, the meaning of Eid is the same everywhere: sharing happiness, helping others, and spending time with loved ones.

✨ We wish everyone celebrating a very happy Eid — *Eid Mubarak!* ✨



Important dates for your diary:



- **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
- Friday 17th April Art week planning meeting
- Wednesday 22nd April - Y3 trip to Natural History Museum
- W/C Monday 20th April- Parent Consultations 
- W/C Monday 27th April- Parent Consultations
- Thursday 30th April 3.30pm-5pm- Cultural Unity Day
- Sunday 10th May 9am PSA Park Run

Class assemblies

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

Friday 24th April - 1 Thyme

Friday 1st May - Reception Buttercup

Friday 15th May - Reception Dandelion

Friday 12th June - Nursery



Parent-teacher-pupil meetings

Each term, parents have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress at school, including their strengths, areas for development, and how best parents can support their learning at home.

Over the coming weeks, staff will carry out assessments and will be looking at how each child is progressing and what their next steps for learning should be. These will be moderated and agreed during our inset day on the 20th March. We will be able to share these next steps with parents at our parent consultation meeting. As this half-term is very short, our parent consultation meetings will take place **after the Easter holidays**, in the week commencing **20th April**. **A link to book your appointment will be sent to you before the Easter break.**

Reminder: Instead of sending reports throughout the year, we will provide a written report in the autumn term and at the end of the academic year in July. This report will include attainment grades and next steps for learning.

After receiving the end of year report in the summer term, there will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss it if you wish. This meeting will be optional.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to support your child's learning and development.

Reminders- School Timings



A polite reminder that children should be in their classrooms by **8:55am**.

Having recently reviewed our fire safety procedures it's important that we are strict about timings so we know where everyone is and can evacuate the building quickly and safely.

Please note that **from Monday**, the school gates will close at **8:55am**. Any pupils arriving after this time will need to enter through the **school office** and will be **marked late in the school register**.

Children who arrive **after 9:30am** will be recorded as **unauthorised** absence.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring children arrive at school on time.

Reading news

2026 Reading Challenge for
March



What did you enjoy about our
World Book Day celebrations
the most?

Reading news

We still need you!

Would you be interested in becoming a
reading volunteer at our school?

Do you think you could help support
children who need some extra help
reading?

If this interests you or someone you know, please
email: smccann@lifefull.org

(No experience required)

Unity Day is back for its 4th year!



 3.30pm, Thursday 30th April, main school playground

What is Cultural Unity day?

Every year Princess Frederica celebrates what makes our school community so special - our wonderful diverse community - by hosting a cultural Unity Day event which is free and open to all Fred's families including grandparents and carers. The children will take part in traditional dancing and singing from cultures all around the world and **are invited to wear their traditional dress and costumes to school on 30th April** to show off their own heritage (we only ask for no football jerseys - otherwise anything goes).

We need You!

Make a dish

It wouldn't be a celebration without food! **There will be a huge and delicious range of national dishes to sample, made by our school community.** If you're able to make a dish to serve 10 – 12 people, please let us know by completing this form. We provide free serving trays during the week of the event for parents to take home to make your own dish (from your heritage or a family favourite!). Dishes can be savoury or sweet. Our only ask is that they are all nut free. If you would like to be reimbursed for any of your food donation ingredients, please let us know on the form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Sb5Lv_9ml3i3A6r51Pg911y8WNIxy1SV0uIsNmSvWs/edit

Volunteer on the day

To make this possible we need helpers to set up and serve on the day – ideally two per class. If you can help, please let your class rep know, We will organise shifts so that you can enjoy the event with your family too. If you have a background in F&B and can assist in food safety on the day, please let us know at PSA@princessfrederica.com

This is a truly joyful afternoon celebrating the best of our school community and we invite you all to attend. **The event is free, and so is the food!**

If you can assist with planning or to help with putting together a cookbook, we would love your help – you can join the Whats App group here

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EuOemccDh2SAJplubgQehQ>

or email psa@princessfrederica.com

Many thanks

Barbara

PSA Cake Sale Dates:

19th and 26th March - Year 6

23rd and 24th April - Year 4

14th and 15th May - Year 5



Let's Celebrate
UNITY DAY



Thursday 30th April

3:30 - 5pm

Princess Frederica Main Playground

An afternoon celebrating our vibrant Fred's community.

Bring and share the food and music from your culture.

Free entrance, food and drinks for Fred's families.