



Frieth Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Let Your Light Shine!

16th January 2026

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead. It's been a great first couple of weeks back at school, and it has been wonderful to see the children's smiles, enthusiasm, and eagerness to learn.

As we begin the new year, I would like to remind families of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Being in school every day and arriving on time helps children settle into routines, feel secure, and make the most of their learning opportunities. Frequent absences or late arrivals can disrupt learning and have an impact on children's progress, confidence, and friendships. Parents are also expected to arrange medical and other appointments outside of school hours wherever possible, as appointments during the school day disrupt learning.

Children's Mental Health Week 2026

From 9th-15th February 2026, we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. This year's official theme is '*This is My Place*', which focuses on helping children feel a strong sense of belonging and encouraging positive mental wellbeing within our school community.

Our Wellbeing Lead, Mrs Spencer, has planned a range of activities, including a carousel of wellbeing sessions, designed to help support pupils' mental health and strengthen connections with others.

We are really looking forward to a meaningful week that puts wellbeing at the heart of school life and helps every child feel that this truly is their place.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day also falls during this week taking place on Tuesday 10th February, providing a valuable opportunity to explore how technology and wellbeing are closely linked. Pupils will take part in activities focused on using technology safely and responsibly, with a particular emphasis on balancing screen time and understanding how online habits can impact mental health and wellbeing. In line with this, next week we will be sending home the updated Acceptable Use Agreement to be resigned by our Years 1-6 parents and pupils.

Drama Workshop

Owls, Kestrels and Buzzards class had a great time at their 'Perform' workshop! They used their acting and improvisation skills to go on a magical adventure in an imaginary toy shop. They hunted for a key, had fairy dust sprinkled over them that turned us into moving toys and managed to save the toy shop from the town villain. They loved sharing ideas about our own favourite toys with the workshop leader too!

Forest School

Kestrel's made the most of the snow in their forest school session, working out how to shift the most from the field to the woods, finding bird tracks and making ice slushies. Add in a site wide obstacle course and warm apple juice meant home time came round way too fast!



Miss Catherine

Very sadly we will be saying goodbye to Miss Catherine, who will be leaving us at Easter. She has been fantastic, and we would like to thank her for the amazing work in our forest school she has done over the past two years. Her contribution has been greatly valued, and she will be missed.

We are therefore currently looking for a new Forest School teacher. Further details can be found on our website.

House Music Competition Auditions!

On Friday 6 March, we will be holding our Annual House Music Competition. The competition is open to all students of all ages, on any instrument, and performances may be solo or ensemble. Entries will be judged primarily on musical ability, however overall performance and presentation will also be considered. We look forward to celebrating the musical talent across our school.

Auditions will take place during lunchtime on Wednesday 25th February. The piece or song performed at the audition must be the same as the one performed in the final. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your musical prowess, so get practising!

Shiplake College Cross-Country Competition: Saturday 7 February 2026

Boys and girls in Years 1 to 6 are invited to the Shiplake College Schools' Cross-Country Competition on Saturday 7th February 2026. No pre-registration required (please arrive 15 minutes before race time). The first race (Year 1 boys) is at 9.00am, with the final race (Year 6 girls) at 10.15am. A full break down of race times and distances can be found [here](#). Hot drinks and refreshments available to purchase from 8.30am.

Attachments

- [Perform Drama Flyer](#)
- [Local February Half-Term Camp for Your Families – Exclusive 2026 Offer](#)



All school dates can also be found on the school website. New dates in **red**. Sports Events in **blue** PTA events in **green**

- Thurs 22nd Jan:** [Osprey – Connells Farm](#)
Wed 28th Jan: [Football Match – Burford v Frieth](#)
Thurs 29th Jan: [Netball Match – Burford v Frieth](#)
Frid 30th Jan: [Football Match – Holy Trinity v Frieth](#)
Wed 4th Feb: [Young Voices – Wembley](#)
Thurs 5th Feb: [Football Match – Highworth v Frieth](#)
Frid 6th Feb: [Netball Match – Clares Court v Frieth](#)
(more details to follow)
W/c 9th Feb: [Mental Health Week](#)
Tues 10th Feb: [Osprey – Maidenhead Mosque](#)
Tues 9th & Wed 10th Feb: [Parents Evening \(more details to follow\)](#)
Thurs 12th Feb: [Netball Match – Holy Trinity v Frieth \(more details to follow\)](#)
Frid 13th Feb: [Break up 3/3.15pm](#)
Mon 23rd Feb: **INSET DAY (MOVED FROM 29TH June)**
Tues 24th Feb: [Return to School](#)
[Netball Match – Frieth v Danesfield \(more details to follow\)](#)
Wed 25th Feb: **House Music Auditions**
Thurs 26th Feb: [Kestrels class trip to Roald Dahl](#)
Tues 3rd March: [Netball Match – Carrington v Frieth \(more details to follow\)](#)
Thurs 5th March: [World Book Day](#)
[Netball Match – Danesfield v Frieth \(more details to follow\)](#)

Frid 6th March: House Music Competition

W/c 16th March: Culture Week

Wed 18th March: Eagles Class Assembly (more details to follow)

Frid 20th March: Hawks Class Assembly (more details to follow)

[Football Match Frieth v Danesfield](#)

(more details to follow)

Tues 24th March: Buzzards Class Assembly (more details to follow)

[Netball Match - Frieth v Carrington](#)

(more details to follow)

Thurs 26th

March: Kestrels Class Assembly (more details to follow)

Frid 27th March: Church Service - 9.30am

Break up 1pm