



News Sheet

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Another busy week - Inspiring Creative Learners

Although it wasn't the warmest of starts to the day, it was fabulous to see so many of you at our sports day and family picnic. The children had a great time and there was lots of opportunity for the adults to have a catch up with a cup of tea! A big thank you to Friends of Freethorpe for providing the refreshments and running the tombola. It was a great success raising over £200!

Please don't forget that if you are able to help Friends of Freethorpe out with the garden work next week, do get in touch.

[Gardening Volunteers Information](#)

Preschool

We have been enjoying spending time in the sunshine, including having our Monster Phonics circle time outside. We practised our listening, using the tapping sticks, we tapped on various objects around the outside area and the group had to guess where the noise was coming from.

We have been out bug hunting in the vegetable and sensory garden around school, which has been great fun!





Barrier Reef Class R and Y1

Before half term we enjoyed learning about the continent of Africa, comparing some of the countries there to England. We followed an English unit of work around the story Handa's Surprise and some of us practised carrying baskets on our heads, as we learnt many people in Africa do this. There are even some tangerines in the basket in this photo!

We have enjoyed developing our athletic skills in P.E. practising sprinting, hurdling and throwing a tennis ball accurately.

As a class we have been recognising patterns in numbers, practising our counting, including counting in tens and twos. Barrier Reef class are very proud that they count to beyond 100 now without needing any adult support. Well done!

Looking forward to this half term, we hope to have some exciting visitors to the class very soon!

Mount Everest Class Y1 and 2

In Mount Everest Class we have been learning about different types of packaging and have enjoyed creating our own sandwich boxes. We have also been enjoying taking part in different sports in athletics and we are all looking forward to the sports day on Wednesday! This week, we will also be making our own sandwiches, choosing from a range of different ingredients. We will be learning about farms during the week, thinking specifically about farm shops and products which are sold at farm shops.





Victoria Falls Class
Y3

We have had an exciting two days back this week! We are currently completing a project week looking at bees. In English the children have been creating fact files on bees - the children have created some wonderful pieces! In topic the children have been creating some artwork on bees including paper weave bees and water colour bees. We have been lucky enough to also see a tractor and fire engine which have visited the school - all the children enjoyed looking at them!

Grand Canyon Class
Y4 and 5

We have had a busy two days back at school. Our focus this week is on farming in the local area and our classes' focus is wheat. We had a visit from a tractor and drill that is used to plant the wheat seeds and learnt what happens in the different seasons to make sure the wheat is ready to harvest. We have also used chalk pastels to start creating a sunset scene of a wheat field.





Practising for Sports Day



Northern Lights Class Y5 and 6



Thank you Keys Farm! What a lot we learnt!

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Freethorpe Primary School attendance= 93 %
(Up to 7.6.23.)

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 8th June	2.30	Preschool Sports day
Wednesday 14th June	3:45	New Parents information session - Reception pupils
Wednesday 14th June	Preschool 9am Main school all day	Pedal Push and Fun Run - Friends of Freethorpe sponsored fundraiser
Tuesday 27th June	All day	Year 5 STEM visit Acle Academy
Monday 3rd - Tuesday 4th July	TBC	Year 6 Acle Academy Transition days

Wednesday 5th July	TBC	Afternoon and Evening performance KS2 Production
Thursday 6th July	TBC	Evening performance of KS2 Production
Thursday 13th July	All day	Year 6 Leavers Celebration day, in school
Friday 14th July	10.30am	Leavers assembly
Friday 14th July	7pm	Key Stage 2 concert at Freethorpe Methodist Chapel
Monday 17th - Friday 21st July	Details sent to parents of children attending	Year 6 Residential to Isle of Wight
Friday 21st July	2.45pm	Preschool Leavers Assembly



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All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240

The leaflet below has more information about fixed penalty notices.

[Fixed Penalty Notices](#)