

## Term Dates

All key term dates (including INSET days) can now be found on the school website at <https://www.frenchayprimary.co.uk> on the **Calendar** page and we encourage you to check the website regularly. Please note that we will continue to send reminders about key dates (eg school photos) by text/email. Please note that the last date of term will be Friday, 19 December 2025.

## Monitoring Feedback from Local Authority

We recently welcomed a visit from the Local Authority's Leaders of Education, who came to review and monitor our school's progress. We are delighted to share that the feedback was very positive, reflecting the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.



Our pupils were, as always, a credit to us—engaged, articulate, and confident in discussing all aspects of their learning. We are incredibly proud of how they represented Frenchay.

Here are some highlights from the review report: "Leaders at Frenchay Primary School demonstrate a clear and ambitious vision for their pupils. There is a strong culture of school improvement, underpinned by high aspirations for all learners. Pupil outcomes in 2025 across all key stages were strong and exceeded national averages. The Headteacher sets high expectations." The report also commended the professional development opportunities provided to staff, noting the valuable partnership with a local school. This has included targeted phonics support for the Early Years team, pedagogical development through teacher visits, live coaching, and team-teaching opportunities.

Well done, Frenchay! We are all very proud of the continued progress we are making to ensure our school remains the best possible place for our children to learn and thrive.

## Staff Training and Development

In Reception we have been working with the Education Endowment Fund (EEF) and White Rose Maths, to develop our provision both inside and out. Our EYFS team has been having extra training and we have been purchasing exciting new resources.



## Cool to be Kind

Cool to be Kind awards have been introduced.



These are awards where children can nominate whoever they see being kind. They have been really popular and the children enjoy giving the awards out. When children have been awarded they receive a heart sticker. This was introduced in Anti bullying week and the children have enjoyed it so much we are keeping it as a regular event.

## Anti-bullying Poster Competition

We had so many entries! It was a really tough job to whittle our way down to the top 4. The student council got together and spent a long time deliberating. But they managed to get it down to these 4 entries. We are going to make them into some posters to display around the school. Thank you to everyone who entered and took the time to make an entry.



## Poppy Appeal



Thank you for your recent support—we managed to raise £223.01!

## Dates for term 3 and the rest of the year

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We will also regularly post information on local events on the **News/Local Events** page [https://frenchayprimary.eschools.co.uk/cms\\_manage/edit\\_page/715809](https://frenchayprimary.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/715809)



### INSET Days

Friday 23rd January 2026  
Monday 20th July 2026  
Tuesday 21st July 2026

### Winter weather

As the weather is changing, can you please ensure that your child comes into school with suitable clothing, including a waterproof coat and shoes as the children will be playing out in all weathers.



### Sweets and cakes in school

Can we politely request that sweets and/or cakes are not brought into school to celebrate birthdays/holidays due to allergies in school.

### Extra Curricular Activities

School Clubs (including breakfast and after school clubs) are listed on our school website <https://www.frenchayprimary.co.uk> on the **School Clubs and Care** page.



### Story Time in the Library!

Here is the photo of the reading volunteer leading a reading session in the library – children love reading and hearing stories. Our reading volunteer also takes books out to the playground so that children have the choice to read outside during lunchtime



### Holiday Club

Little Heroes run holiday clubs at Frenchay School. This is a really lovely club, run on the school site. Here is the link for future school holiday clubs [https://www.frenchaypreschool.co.uk/?page\\_id=19](https://www.frenchaypreschool.co.uk/?page_id=19)



### Free School Meals

#### Are you entitled to free school meals?

See leaflet on **Parent Support** page on the website for more information [https://frenchayprimary.eschools.co.uk/cms\\_manage/edit\\_page/568436](https://frenchayprimary.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/568436)

If you think you are eligible please apply via the South Gloucestershire Council website, just search [southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](https://southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or call on 01454 868008.

### Allergies in school

Just a reminder to all parent and carers that we are a nut-free school as we have children who have a severe allergy to nuts. Please can you ensure that you do not include any nuts in packed lunches or snacks (**including Nutella**, which contains hazelnuts). Thank you for your co-operation

### Job Opportunity

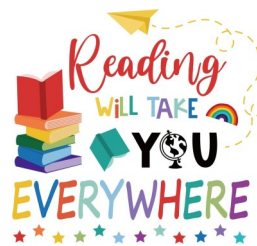
We are currently looking for a lunchtime supervisor at Frenchay Primary School. The hours are 11.45-1.15pm, Monday to Friday (7.5 hours), term-time only (not INSET days) and the salary is Salary £4212.00 Please call the school office on 01454 511004, email us on [office@frenchayprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@frenchayprimary.org.uk) or pop in to see us in person if you would like further information.

### School Grounds Upgrades

We have had some exciting development in our reception playground. We have had more AstroTurf put in to ensure we have more of an all season space. The fence along the path and park has had some improvements to ensure the safety and privacy of our children.

## Reading Books

Over the past few months, we have invested significantly in expanding our collection of reading books. These new books have been carefully selected to support your child's reading journey and are available for them to take home. We believe that having access to a wide range of engaging and carefully chosen texts will help foster a love of reading and support their progress in developing vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. We look forward to seeing our pupils enjoy these new stories and continue to grow as confident readers.



## School Menu

The new menu for Term 3 is on the website. Please ensure that your child's meals are booked in advance. Thank you!

## Absence due to Illness

If your child cannot come to school due to illness, please inform the school office on [office@frenchayprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@frenchayprimary.org.uk) or call and leave a message on 01454 511004. Please note that you need to call every day that your child is sick so that the class registers can be updated daily. Thank you.

## Medical Appointments

Just a reminder to all parents and carers to please try and book medical and dental appointments outside of school hours where possible. Can you please provide proof of any appointments either by showing a screenshot to the office staff, or sending a screenshot to [office@frenchayprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@frenchayprimary.org.uk) via email. This enables us to keep the class registers accurate and up-to-date. Thank you.

## Photographs

We are having a photographer come in to update some photos on our website in Term 3.

## Holidays in term-time

As you might be aware there is a big push on attendance and punctuality in schools nationally, therefore schools are now rarely granting authorised absence. Local Authority policy, and Frenchay's policy, is that if a child has 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence over 10 weeks, the local authority will be informed and there is a possibility of a fine. These are Department for Education expectations.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

## Drop Off Box

You may have noticed a new box in the reception area, outside the school office. We have put this here for parents to drop things off that children have forgotten to bring in that morning. Placing things here, will avoid disruption to the office staff and interruptions to learning in the classroom. The box will be emptied at breaktime and after lunch.

Please note that this is not for Lost Property—lost property can be found in the Lost Property Box, outside the main hall, just before the entrance into the KS2 playground.



## PE and Forest School for Term 3 (January 2026)

Changes to the PE timetable from January will be sent out separately.

Forest School will continue to take place for Ladybird and Butterfly classes on Monday afternoons, and **Year 4 Hedgehog on Tuesday afternoons**. Please note that children must bring in a waterproof jacket, wellies and waterproof trousers (if available) as the children will go outside whatever the weather.