



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

2nd October 2026

SCHOOL GAMES GOLD AWARD

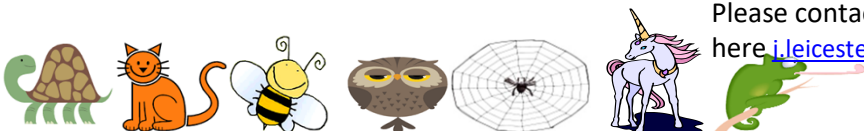
We are delighted to have achieved the **School Games Gold Award** for the third year running. This is a fantastic achievement and recognises our commitment to providing sporting opportunities for children across the school through inter-school competition.

Each year, Fressingfield is one of very few schools to compete in almost every available competition. We take children to Belong, Develop and Compete events, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate while also giving those with particular talents the chance to excel. We are determined to maintain this programme this year, despite a significant reduction in the School Sport Premium available to schools. To help us continue competing in as many events as possible, we will be asking families to support us with transport to some of the smaller competitions. By reducing our reliance on coaches where possible, we can ensure that more of our funding goes directly towards giving children these valuable sporting opportunities. Our commitment to school sport reflects our school value of wellbeing and is one of the strengths of our provision. Our aim is simple: every child should have the opportunity to represent Fressingfield several times during their journey through our school and every child will develop a positive attitude towards physical activity.



APPLE DAY

We are looking forward to the Harvest Festival and Apple Day on 22nd October, but we need your help. Can you join us between 10.30am until 12.00pm (the session between the Harvest Festival and lunch)? We need help cutting veg, mashing apples, pressing, kneading, stirring and peeling so that all our children can take part in a safe way. Please contact the office as soon as you can so we can plan our groups. Thank you.



Isn't it amazing how quickly children settle into the rhythms and routines of school life? It has been a real pleasure to watch our new Reception children begin to find their feet: building relationships with their teachers and one another, getting to know the older children, exploring the field and, most importantly, beginning to develop that wonderful sense of belonging.

I have been particularly impressed by the way our older children have welcomed them into school life. They have taken the Reception children under their wings, helped them find their way around, played with them, supported them as they learn new routines and simply looked out for them. These may seem like small things, but they make a huge difference to a young child who is finding their feet in a new environment. There is something very special about the **Fressingfield spirit** that is captured in moments like these. It is about looking out for one another, making everyone feel that they belong and taking pride in being part of our school community. Seeing our youngest children being so warmly welcomed by their older peers has been a lovely reminder of what makes Fressingfield such a special place to learn and grow.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

We are so proud of all the children who have stood up and put themselves forward for a position of responsibility in our school. Hustings and elections took place on 15th September, the International Day of Democracy, for a role on the School Council and two children from each year group were elected. We would like to thank all the children who volunteered for this role—their determination to make the world around them a better place is an admirable quality. Nominations for our other committees took place in various different ways, including the writing of poems or prayers, posters and mind-maps or through a formal letter of application. The results are below.

Reflection / Spirituality	Eco	JRSOs	Red Hats	Librarians	School Councillors
Verity	Mollie-May	Lyla	Darwin	Maggi	Daniel
Zanthe	Lyla	Darlie	George	Oliver	Dexter
John	Rowan	Oliver	Eva	Lyla	Maggi
Jack	Oran		Oliver	Eva	Amelia
Zack	Grace		Ada	Darlie	Harry
George	John		Seb	Emily-Aliza	Florence
Lorelai	Jack		Zack	Amelia	Eva
Amber	Patsy				Arthur
	Imogen				Ivy
	Eva				Rory
	Fearne				Mollie-May
	Thomas				Oran
	Verity				
	Oliver				
	George				



DO YOU WORK IN STEM?

We have organized a STEM day for Monday 9th November and we would like your help. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, subjects key to many brilliant careers. We would like to make the link between STEM and the world of work really clear for our children. Does your work involve STEM? Would you be able to come in and talk to the children about what you do? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mr Varela at b.varela@asst.org.uk or Mr Leicester here j.leicester@fressingfieldprimary.org.uk.

Learning to bring out the best in everyone

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GIRLS FOOTBALL

We were pleased to take an enthusiastic team of girls to our first tournament of the year yesterday. The girls competed in some hard-fought football matches and made tremendous progress over the course of the afternoon. Special mentions were made for our goal-scorers Amber and Verity and of some fantastic work between the sticks by our goalkeeper Eva. Mr Varela has organised a follow-up match between the girls of his other school, Wortham, and our team, which will take place on Wednesday 14th October after school at 4pm.

FOFSA FOCI FOR 2026

The Friends of Fressingfield School Association (FOFSA) have set their fund-raising priorities for the year. Last year was an incredibly successful year of fundraising. Through grants from trusts, sponsorship from local businesses, donations, inclusion in the Tesco Stronger Starts programme and their own highly successful programme of events such as the Summer Fair, quiz night, and the sponsored walk, FOFSA were able to raise more than £12,000, which paid for our beautiful new Outside Classroom, made possible our school trips and purchased some other items. This year, FOFSA will have two priorities. The first will be the development of a school kitchen for the children to use for their cookery lessons and after-school clubs. The aim is for this to happen at one end of the KS2 Activity Area. The second is to raise money in stages—hopefully with the support of local businesses—for the development of a trim trail on the school field.

FOFSA are always keen to welcome new members, especially at this end of the year when some of their most experienced campaigners have left with the former Year 6s in the summer. If you would like to get involved, please contact Charlotte Pipe, the Chair, on 07885 742767 or call the school office.

LITTLE DRAGONFLIES

Please help spread the word about our brilliant Toddler Group, which takes place every Thursday at Fressingfield Primary School, by reposting our flyers on your social media.



RIGHTS-RESPECTING SCHOOL

At the start of term, children across the school took part in a special day exploring their rights, as set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The children explored some of their fundamental rights and discovered what it means for these rights to be universal, inalienable, indivisible, inherent and unconditional. Through discussion and creative activities, they developed their understanding of why every child's rights matter.

DATE	EVENT
Tue 15th Sept	International Day of Democracy—Classes will be voting for their new School Councillors.
Tue 15th Sept	Welcome to Rhine Class event with Ms Adamson and Mr Varela 9.10am
Tue 15th Sept	KS2 Online Workshop with Nadia Shireen, author of the Grimwood Series
Fri 18th Sept	Deadline for applications for most school groups
Mon 21st Sept	Forest School Taster Session 1.00pm—2.30pm
Thurs 24th Sept	European Day of Languages Dress Up Day
Fri 25th Sept	Flu Vaccinations (all year groups)
Thur 1st Oct	National Poetry Day—Wonder
Mon 5th and Tues 6th Oct	Parents Consultations
Fri 9th Oct	EYFS Open Morning for Sept 2027 starters
Thur 15th Oct	Early Years Curriculum Meeting 5.00pm - 6.00pm
Mon 19th Oct	Forest School Taster Session 1.00pm—2.30pm
Thur 22nd Oct	Harvest Festival and Apple Day Soup, Bread and Campfire Songs after school
26th—30th Oct	HALF TERM
Fri 6th Nov	EYFS Open Morning for Sept 2027 starters
Sun 8th Nov	Remembrance Day Event at St Peter's and St Paul's Church and at the War Memorial
Mon 9th Nov	STEM Day
Wed 11th Nov	KS2 Visit to Commonwealth War Graves in Fressingfield and Two-Minute Silence
Thur 12th Nov	Live online workshop with Michael Rosen (KS2)
Mon 16th – Wed 18th Nov	Year 4 Residential to Hilltop
Mon 16th - Fri 20th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
Mon 16th Nov	Odd Socks Day to raise awareness about bullying
Fri 20th Nov	Children in Need Dress Up Day
Fri 27th Nov	Be Bright Be Seen Day (led by the JRSOs)
Mon 14th Dec	Thames & Rhine Class Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal (9.30—10.30am)
Tue 15th and Wed 16th Dec	Thames & Rhine Class Christmas Nativity Performance (9.30—10.30am)
Thur 17th Dec	Carol Service and End of Term Celebration (9.30am—St Peter's and St Paul's Church)
Thur 17th Dec	Class Christmas Parties / Last Day of Term
Fri 18th Dec	PD Day

