

Friday 4th July 2025

Dear parents/carers,

House Points Competition – Final Results

We are very excited to share the results of this year's House Points competition – and what a thrilling finish it was! With just 16 points between the top two teams, every single effort truly made a difference.

Final Standings:

- 1st – Ash: 1573 points
- 2nd – Birch: 1557 points
- 3rd – Elm: 1399 points
- 4th – Willow: 1321 points
- 5th – Oak: 1228 points



A huge congratulations to all our children who contributed to their house totals by living out the Frisby School values every day. Your efforts, kindness, and teamwork have truly shone through this year.

As a reward for their fantastic win, Ash House chose to celebrate with a water fight on Wednesday afternoon – a perfect way to cool off after the recent hot weather!

Well done to everyone for a fantastic year of teamwork and achievement – we're so proud of you all!

Requests for Holidays During Term Time

I would like to take a moment to address a growing number of requests we have received regarding holidays during term time. While I understand that family time is incredibly valuable and that travel opportunities can sometimes arise unexpectedly, I must kindly remind all families that headteachers are not permitted to authorise holidays during term time.

This guidance is in line with national regulations, which are designed to support children's consistent attendance and learning. As such, any holiday taken during term time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please also be aware that, in accordance with the National Framework for penalty notices, unauthorised absences may result in a Penalty Notice fine being issued by the Local Authority.

We truly appreciate your support in helping us maintain high attendance levels and ensuring that every child has the best opportunity to succeed.

Penalty Notice Fines for School Absence – A Reminder

In accordance with the National Framework for penalty notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice fines issued for unauthorised absence that occurs after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will be issued to each parent, for each child who was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time learning leave will result in **each** parent receiving 3 **separate** fines

5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Learning Leave

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time learning leave of 5 or more consecutive days and for fewer days where this has happened before.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Learning Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised Absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of **absence in a 10-week period**

Sessions equal to AM & PM

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Learning Leave or irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

There is NO option to pay at £80 level

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Learning Leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will proceed to the Magistrates' court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrates' Court can show on the parents future DBS certificate and may impact on job applications and travel abroad.

Court Prosecutions

Penalty Notices will not automatically be issued. Parents are advised that where the Local Authority considers that a Penalty Notice is not appropriate due to the level of concern about a child's absence, prosecution action may be taken.

BY LAW, ALL PENALTY NOTICE PAYMENTS GO TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AND NOT TO SCHOOLS

Further guidance is available on the Gov.uk website.

[Fines for parents for taking children out of school: What you need to know – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/)

Presentation Champions

At Frisby, we hold high expectations for all our pupils. We believe that excellent presentation is crucial for academic success. By acknowledging and rewarding students who excel in presentation, we emphasize the importance of striving for excellence in every aspect of their education.

Children who have been recognised for demonstrating outstanding presentation of their learning this week are:



Class 1 – Elizah Blackshaw-Bulewa
Class 2 – Chloe Thomas
Class 3 – Freddie Bryan
Class 4 – Florence Moore



Important Reminder: Dinner Balances

As we approach the end of the academic year, we kindly ask that all outstanding school dinner debts are settled via Arbor **by the end of the day on Thursday 10th July**. Prompt payment ensures our records are up to date and helps us close the term smoothly.

If you are unsure of your current balance, please log into your Arbor account or contact the school office for assistance. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Frisby School Values Certificates



This half term's school value is 'Build Friendships'. Well done to the following children who have been awarded a values certificate in today's Collective Worship:

Class 1- I have been blown away by how amazing you have all been this week! You have all shown what great friendships you have built by always showing each other respect, playing nicely and always including everyone in your play. Well done Class 1!

Class 2 - What a team! I was so impressed with Alice and Tommy today during computing. They worked together to ensure they completed the task they were given, within the set time. They were able to help each other if they got stuck or were unsure about something. Well done to you both!

Class 3 - You were fantastic during the transition morning, and it was great to see you choose to sit with a Year 3 friend rather than your normal peers. I'm sure this helped them to feel more confident and settled in a new classroom. Well done, Eli, this shows you'll be a caring and thoughtful role model next year!

Class 4 – This year, Year 6 have come such a long way. They've grown in maturity, taken real ownership of their learning, and each one of them has developed in their own unique way. It's been a privilege to spend the past two years with you and to watch you blossom into the wonderful individuals you are today. When you leave Frisby, you'll leave behind a Year 6-shaped space that won't be easy to fill. I wish you all the very best as you begin your next adventure at secondary school – you're more than ready for it!

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 9th July – **9.30am** – Leavers Service at St Thomas' Church **(Please not change to start time)**

Wednesday 9th July – 11.00am – Year 6 Leavers Performance to parents

Thursday 10th July – 10.00am – Summer Music Concert

Thursday 10th July – School closes for end of Summer Term

Tuesday 26th August – School reopens for start of Autumn Term

Growing with hope; serving with compassion; transforming with humility.