

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was lovely to welcome Reverend Mark back to school this week, he has made a great recovery after his hip replacement just before Easter!

It finally feels like the weather has changed and we have managed to turn off the heating in school! The warmer weather has seen all the classes being able to take more of their learning outside. Please make sure that your child has suncream on before they come to school and all children need a sun hat and water bottle in school every day moving forward.

We are more than happy for children to wear shorts and t-shirts on Forest School and PE days, on Forest School Days please make sure your child has long legged trousers/ leggings and a long sleeved top to put on for their Forest School session. All children need to have old trainers or walking boots for their Forest School session, please send these in with your child, wellies are not the best in the summer months. Children will not be allowed to wear the shoes they have come to school in, in case they get wet/ muddy or ruined.

## Forest School Timings

Pebbles head out to Forest School on a Monday at 10.30am.

Year 4 are out first thing on a Tuesday, Year 3 at 10.30am. Osprey Class are out on a Tuesday afternoon.

Year 2 are out first thing on a Thursday, Year 1 at 10.30am and Ladybirds are out on a Thursday afternoon.

This afternoon in Family Time the children found out about VE Day and why we remember it, they have all created their own VE Day bunting which will be displayed along the front railings next week.

## Weekly Round Up

### Pebbles

Pebbles had a fantastic time in Forest School on Monday morning, they met Mr Anson and found out all about Forest School here at Ibstone, they learnt how to stay safe when playing and using the equipment. They enjoyed exploring and learnt how to climb up to the first branch of the big tree, they also learnt how to climb back down safely too! They dug holes, made slides using planks of wood, found worms and made Gruffalo Pies.

As part of our Under the Sea topic, Pebbles have been on a pirate adventure this week, they have made a pirate ship using the big boxes, made their own pirate flags, treasure maps and sailed the seven seas. They sang pirate songs and listened to pirate stories.



### Ladybirds

We have all been enjoying the sunshine and cooling down with lots of water play. Lots of adventures have been had on the boats made out of boxes and loose parts. This week we have found out about different animals that we might find in the sea and thought about which might be our favourite and why. We looked closely at the lion fish and used adjectives to describe the different parts of its body. We have retold The Rainbow Fish story through puppets and story logs, taking turns to retell the story with our friends. We have made jellyfish and have used collage to create our own mosaic under the water pictures.

In mathematics we are beginning to build numbers past 10 and understanding that 14 is 10 plus 4. There has been lots of counting and sorting of these numbers represented through pictures. We enjoyed playing games, throwing balls into a crates representing numbers 1-5 and adding these up the winner being the first to 13.

Our new tricky words in phonics this week are come, some, love and do.



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*Philippians 4:13*



### Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been learning their Talk 4 Writing text 'Beegu'. This week they have been learning to use adjectives and similes to describe their aliens. They have also learnt to use verbs and adverbs to describe their alien's movements.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning about volume and capacity. This week they have enjoyed investigating capacity by filling different size containers with cubes to see which had the greatest capacity. Year 2 have started learning about mass and have been looking at grams and kilograms.

In science, the children have started their unit on living things and habitats. This week the children went outside to find examples of things that were living, dead or have never been alive. We used our knowledge of MRS GREN to help us identify if something was living or not.



### Kestrel Class

In English this week, we have started our new Suspense unit called Staying Out. The children have been doing some short burst writing, using adjectives to create a senses poem. We then turned these poems into prose and have started to learn our new text map.

In mathematics, Nemos have completed their unit on fractions. They have worked on reasoning questions using unit fractions and non-unit fractions of a set of objects. The Frogs have continued working with decimals. They have been partitioning, comparing and ordering decimals.

In Art and DT, we have started learning about structures and sculptures. We looked at various exhibitions and types of sculptures. The class then had to turn 2D card into a 3D sculpture, but were not allowed to use any tape or glue to join it together. There were some fabulous results and imaginative ideas to join the card together.



### Osprey Class

This week in art, Osprey Class have taken inspiration from their Mayan Spirit Companions and have been exploring shape, colour and symbols to represent themselves in their artwork. We have also started our new computing module in which they will be creating music through coding on Scratch.

In mathematics this week, Y5 have started mastering the use of drawing angles using protractors. Y6 have been using protractors to calculate missing angles in circles and triangles.

English has involved the children interviewing different characters in the 'hot seat' and they have used this to further develop their understanding of the class text. We have also been writing poetry based on some visual stimulus. I have been blown away by everyone's creativity! Here are some extracts from their writing:

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“I can hear the infinite whispers of ancient books guiding me on. I can taste the warmth of home in the distance of my dreams”  
“I can smell the selfishly soft blossom falling from the cautious castle. I can feel the knife-like talons digging into my pulsing veins.”

We have continued with our topic on electricity and we have designed and made a set of traffic lights. We created a switch using a paperclip and a split pin, so we could control the lights to work in their correct sequence.



**In other news**

**Pre Loved Uniform**

A HUGE thank you to Stephanie for taking home the 8 bags and boxes of preloved uniform and for sorting through it, cataloging it and sending a spreadsheet out to everyone. We all really appreciate it!

If you are struggling to view the spreadsheet, there is a free app that you can download that will allow you to view the spreadsheet easily. Google Sheets is free and is available from Google Play and the App Store.



**Year 5 Adventure Week**

The children and staff are looking forward to Adventure Week next week. I will be out all week with the children, however, I will have limited access to emails but I will be checking in each day with the team. In my absence, Mrs Statham will be the teacher in charge on Tuesday & Friday and Miss Smith will be the teacher in charge on Wednesday & Thursday. Mrs Statham and Ms Robertson will continue to be our Designated Safeguarding Leads. The office will be unmanned on Tuesday, Ms Robertson will check emails periodically throughout the day and will get messages to staff if needed.

**Curriculum Letters**

Your child should have brought home their Summer Curriculum Letter today, if it has not made it home, please do not worry, they have been uploaded to Google Classroom.

I hope you all have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

**IBSTONE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PEBBLES NURSERY**

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW**

Nursery places are now available for children who will be starting school in September 2026.

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## Headteacher Awards



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## Family Time Awards



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## Lunch Awards



## Runners of the Week



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**Diary Dates**  
New or amended dates will be shown in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>May 2025</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Adventure Week –sent 13/01/2025	Year 5 only
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
<b>June 2025</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
5 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Transfer & Moving Up to Secondary School Meeting – 7pm – School Hall	Year 5 parents only
<b>July 2025</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Adventure Weekend – information sent via email 10/01/25	Year 6 only
8 <sup>th</sup>	Garsington Opera First Performance – more information to follow	Year 5/6 only
11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
11 <sup>th</sup>	Pebbles’ Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Pebbles families
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 <sup>st</sup>	Leavers’ Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day	Staff Only