

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Half term is upon us already! I am so proud of the whole school community and the way that they have continued to live out our vision and demonstrate our school values. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm for learning as I walk around the school and the progress the children have made in their books. Well done everyone! Keep up the amazing work next term!

On Tuesday we held a special Worship to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Camden. Mrs Camden has been part of the Ibstone family for 5 years and will be greatly missed. Enjoy your retirement Mrs Camden!

In Family Time this week we learnt about Ascension Day, as part of our learning we talked about Jesus' friends and thought about how we can be a good friend to others. We shared lots of ideas about how to be a good friend in Celebration Worship.

## Weekly Round Up

### Pebbles

The children have enjoyed the story 'Dear Zoo' this week. They have loved opening the little boxes to find out which animal was hiding inside! The children can now recite the story and open the boxes in order!

Everyone listened so carefully to the instructions in PE this week, Coach Chris was very proud of the Pebbles children. The parachute games were definitely their favourite!



### Ladybirds

This week Ladybirds have worked very hard to finish their stories based on The Rainbow Fish. We have enjoyed finding out which creatures we might find in rock pools and learnt some interesting facts. We looked closely at pictures and painted what we observed. We have explored floating and sinking, the children made some very sensible predictions about why they thought an object might float or sink and then tested their theory.

It has been all about shapes in maths and how shapes rotate to fit. We have made lots of shape pictures and used tangrams to copy a design. We have used numicon and filled in picture outlines.

In phonics we have been reading and writing words that end in ing, ed but sound like a t eg bumped and words that end in ed but sound like id eg melted and words ending in est. Our new tricky words are:- today & out.

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### Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been writing their own stories about creatures under the sea. They have been focusing on characterisation to describe their characters features and actions. There have been lots of exciting ideas and I look forward to reading all of them.

In mathematics, Year 1 have finished their unit on multiplication and division. This week they have been making equal groups by sharing and grouping. Year 2 have started their unit on fractions and have been learning to find half of a shape and of a quantity.

In art, the children enjoyed sketching a range of natural and manmade objects. We explored different types of sketches including single-line sketch, 30 second sketch, using our non-dominant hand and detailed sketching.

### Kestrel Class

In English this week, we have finished innovating our class version of the text and completed our own plans. We have also written the first draft of our innovated suspense story, ensuring that we used the features from our toolkit.

In mathematics, Nemos have continued working with time. They have been reading the time on a digital and analogue clock, understanding am and pm, and learning about years, months and days. Frogs have started working on time. They have been learning about years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds. We have also started converting between digital and analogue times.

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In Art and DT, the class have created their abstract sculptures. After sketching a plan of their sculpture, the children worked in pairs, using a range of joining techniques to bring their sculpture to life. They had to think about what it would look like from all angles and take note of the positive and negative space and shapes.



### Osprey Class

This week in English, the children have been writing their own wishing stories. They have been applying their action toolkits to help bring their creativity to life. After their first drafts were complete, we began digitally editing their stories on laptops. As a reward for such fantastic work, we watched Jumanji (1995) which we have been studying as inspiration for our stories.

In mathematics, Year 6 we have been looking at circles – measuring and labelling the radius, diameter and circumference. Year 5 have been measuring and accurately drawing regular and non-regular polygons with protractors and rulers.

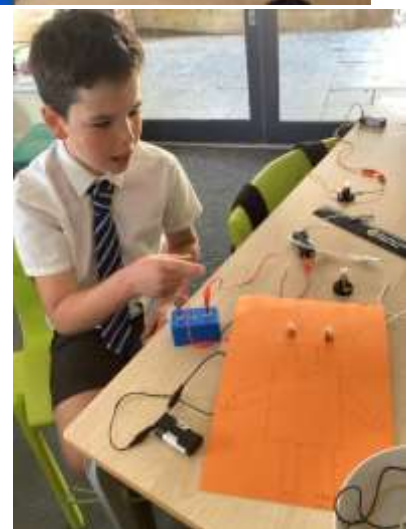
This week in art, Osprey Class have been bringing together all of the techniques taught this term. Choosing a cause that matters to them, they have produced final pieces of work; chiaroscuro, street art and symbolism were all used to demonstrate their chosen passions.

In our last science lesson on electricity, we designed and created our own circuit in which we had to illuminate an image of our choice.

In RE we looked at different Christians who changed the world. We found out about the lives of Martin Luther King Jr and Mother Teresa and presented our research to each other.

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## **Barn Owls**

In English, we've collaboratively **innovated the story 'Staying Out'**. We explored how altering the characters, action, setting, and mystery object could create a new suspense narrative. Our new story features characters enjoying a **midnight feast in a treehouse**.

In our mathematics lessons, the children have been deepening their understanding of time concepts. This has involved examining both analogue and digital clocks. Furthermore, we have investigated various units of time measurement, such as:

- The number of minutes in an hour
- The number of seconds in a minute
- The number of days in a week
- The number of days in a year and leap year
- The number of months in a year
- The number of days in each specific month

## **In other news**

### **Ibfest**

Ibfest is our whole school creative arts week, the children work in their Families and in their classes to take part in lots of creative, musical and dancing activities. During the week we also put together a special show, this year our theme will be The Circus!

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July, the whole school will be off on a trip to the Circus, please get in touch if you have not received the trip letter.

To end the week we will be welcoming you all to the Circus Show which will take place on the MUGA at the bottom of the garden on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2pm. There will be more information about how to book tickets after half term!

### **Spellings**

We have made some changes to the way we are going to be teaching spellings in school moving forward. Please make sure you have read the spelling email that was sent out earlier today.

### **Lunches**

Please don't forget to order your child's lunches for after half term.

<https://meals.kidslunch.co.uk/school/login>

### **Sports Clubs**

After half term we will be offering After School Cricket to all year groups on a Thursday and Gymnastics Club will continue to run on a Friday after school. Bookings can be made via iPal.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays, see you on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

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## Headteacher Awards



## Pumpkin Awards



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## Family Time Awards



## Lunch Awards



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## Runners of the Week



## Ibstone Investments



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<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	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	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
11 <sup>th</sup>	Pebbles' Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow	Pebbles families
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
14 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Trip to Giffords Circus	Whole School
18 <sup>th</sup>	Pebbles Last Day	Pebbles children
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ibfest Performance – 2pm on the MUGA in the Garden	All families
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

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