



Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

A number of you have asked about term dates and INSET days for next year. The INSET days have now been agreed by the Governors and are as follows:

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

2025 – 2026 Term Dates

Start of Term	End of Term
Thursday 4 th September 2025	Wednesday 22 nd October 2025
Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025 (1.30pm)
Monday 5 th January 2026	Thursday 12 th February 2026
Monday 23 rd February 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026 (1.30pm)
Monday 23 rd April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 (1.30pm)

As the weather is set to continue to be nice over the next few weeks, please make sure your child has a named water bottle and sun hat in school with them everyday. We suggest that you apply suncream each morning before they come to school.

Please take a moment to look at the end of the newsletter and note the dates and times for the end of term events. This will be updated weekly with more information and new dates in bold.

If you have not yet booked your Ibfest tickets, please head to iPal to do so, these are free but booking is essential. There is a maximum of 2 seats per family. We will hold an extra tickets' list for those who would like more than 2 tickets.

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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Pebbles enjoyed singing travelling songs this week, they enjoyed working in pairs and doing lots of actions whilst singing along to: The wheels on the bus, I ride my bicycle, Row, row, row your boat and Helicopter spin.

They enjoyed listening to the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar, they made a dance routine starting off as a caterpillar who spins into a cocoon and eventually turns into a beautiful butterfly. The children wore butterfly wings to fly around the spaces inside and out.

The Pebbles children have also enjoyed building dens on the decking! We have been very impressed with their designs!



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have been very busy learning our Supertato text map. We have looked at what kind of character Supertato is and have written a character description. We took it in turns to be in the hot seat pretending we are the Evil Pea whilst questions were asked of us. We have looked at speech bubbles and had a go at writing some to the Evil Pea pretending we were a vegetable in need of help or had been caught by the Evil Pea. We loved making jelly to trap the Evil Pea!

In mathematics we have been looking at sharing and grouping. If objects have been shared out equally or not, for example the difference of sharing 12 objects between 2, 3 or 4 people. In grouping for example we have 12 bricks but want them to be in blocks of 2, 3 or 4 and how many towers would we make. Lots of counting in ones and tens.

In phonics we have continued to recap all sounds to date with focus on reading and writing longer words.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy learning their new Talk 4 Writing text 'The Red Crayon's Complaint'. This week the children have been learning how to add -er and -est suffixes to adjectives and have been using the conjunction 'if' to link clauses together.

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In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning about quarters and have been identifying quarters of a shape or quantity. Year 2 have been learning about unit and non-unit fractions. They have also been learning about the equivalence of $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$.

In art this week, the children enjoyed making 3D sculptures using coloured paper. The children first practised making 3D shapes such as loops, zigzags and spirals before creating their own unique sculptures.

In science, the children have started their new topic on plants. This week, the children identified a variety of common plants and trees. We then discussed the importance of plants before writing instructions on how to plant a seed. We will be using our instructions in the coming weeks to plant our own beans.



Kestrel Class

In English this week, the class have been introduced to our new unit of persuasive writing. For the hook they had to work in groups to persuade Miss Barrow and Mrs Burkitt why they should be given some privileges; such as extra break time, extra golden time and a class pet. They came up with some very convincing arguments! We have also started to map and learn our new focus text; Perfect Parrot for Sale. In mathematics, Nemos finished learning about time and solved problems with units of time. They have now started learning about shape and looked at turns and angles. Frogs have continued learning about shape; this week they have identified, compared and ordered angles, and also started looking at different types of triangles.

In Art and D&T we started off with an art gallery walkaround to admire the 3D sculptures that were created at the end of last half term. We have also been looking at bridges from around the world and learning about the different types of bridges, such as suspension, cantilever and truss bridges.

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Osprey Class

This week in English, Osprey Class have started their new discussion topic: Who is to blame for the tragedy in the Highwayman. We began by reading Highwayman by Alfred Noyes and have used drama to understand the plot and motives behind the terrible tragedy.

In mathematics, Year 5's have been completing translations and reflections of shapes using coordinates. Year 6's have taken this one step further and have been using 4 quadrants to translate and reflect said shapes.

This week in D&T we have been planning our designs for our waistcoats. We have also looked into the history of waistcoats and how they can be used to express individual style. Thank you to everyone who has donated materials for this project - they are wonderful!

Barn Owls

In English, our new persuasive writing unit is off to a flying start, with Barn Owls working closely with Kestrel Class. We put Mrs. Burkitt and Miss. Barrow's minds to the test, presenting arguments on a variety of topics. Our **excellent persuasion skills** even earned us an extra gem in the jar and five extra minutes of playtime (though we couldn't quite convince them to scrap maths lessons!). We've also started learning our new Talk 4 Writing text, 'Perfect Parrot for Sale' by mapping the text.

In mathematics, we've been started our **shape unit**. The children have been exploring **acute, right, and obtuse angles**, and mastering the vocabulary of **horizontal, vertical, parallel, and perpendicular** lines.

In other news

Swimming

Key Stage 2 (Kestrel & Osprey) parents should have received an email regarding swimming. Please get in touch if you have not heard anything about swimming.

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 14th 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 18th July 2pm.

Ibfest Tickets

Tickets are now able to be ordered via iPal. The tickets are free but are limited to two tickets per family. Donations will be taken on the door, with all funds used to make a difference to your children. Tickets must be ordered by 4th July. If you would like more than 2 tickets, please order 2 and send an email to the office requesting more. If we have spare capacity, we will allocate you more tickets.

Head to iPal, Book, School Trips, Ibfest25. Scroll over to the date and select 4th July and then confirm 1 or 2 tickets.

Sports Day Arrangements

KS2 Sports Day will be held on the Common on Thursday 3rd July at 9am. Please bring your children straight to the Common and we will register them there. Sports Day should be finished by 10.30am. If you are

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unable to attend, please could you email the office to confirm you are happy for your child to be taken back to school in the minibus.

EYFS & KS1 Sports Day will be held on the Common on Friday 11th July at 9am. Please bring your children straight to the Common and we will register them there. Sports Day should be finished by 10.30am. If you are unable to attend, please could you email the office to confirm you are happy for your child to be taken back to school in the minibus.

Pebbles Nursery Sports Day will be at school on the MUGA at 11.30am on Friday 11th July, if your child does not attend Pebbles on a Friday, they are welcome to join us for Sports Day. Please let us know if you are planning to bring your child.

End of Term

As we ramp up to the end of term, there is lots going on, new dates or information will be **added in bold**:

Date	Time	What	Who	Clothing	Exceptions / Information
Monday 30 th June	1.15pm	KS2 Sports Practice (PM)	All KS2	PE kit, hats and water	None
Tuesday 1 st July	9am	Transition Morning	Everyone	School uniform	NO FOREST SCHOOL
Wednesday 2 nd July	12.30pm	Swimming	Group 2 Swimmers	PE Kit	Group 2 swimmers should bring their swimming kit
Thursday 3 rd July	9am – 10.30am	KS2 Sports Day @ Ibstone Common	All KS2 children and families	PE Kit	All children should be taken to the common for 9am
Friday 4 th July	9.30am	Year 6 Adventure Weekend	Year 6	As per kit list	None

Date	Time	What	Who	Clothing	Exceptions / Information
Monday 7 th July	1.15pm	EYFS/ KS1 Sports Practice (PM)	All EYFS KS1	PE kit, hats and water	None
Tuesday 8 th July	1pm	Opera First Performance	Osprey Class	School Uniform	No Forest School for Osprey due to trip to Garsington
Wednesday 9 th July	9.30am	EYFS Vision Check	Ladybirds	School Uniform	None
Wednesday 9 th July	12.30pm	Swimming	Group 3 Swimmers	PE Kit	Group 3 swimmers should bring their swimming kit
Friday 11 th July	9am – 10.30am	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day @ Ibstone Common	All EYFS/ KS1 children and families	PE Kit	All children should be taken to the common for 9am
Friday 11 th July	11.30am	Pebbles Sports Day @ School	All Pebbles children and families	Comfy clothes and trainers	Please come to the back gate at 11.30am

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Monday 14 th July	All day	Ibfest Week Circus	All pupils	School uniform	More information will be sent
Monday 14 th July	9.30am	Trip to Giffords Circus	All pupils	School uniform (Pebbles in own clothes)	Whole school trip
Wednesday 16 th July	8am	Year 6 Swan Upping		School uniform	More information to follow
Friday 18 th July	9am-12pm	Pebbles Last Day	Pebbles	Own clothes	
Friday 18 th July	2pm	Ibfest Performance	Everyone!		Tickets available to book on iPal now. Max 2 people per family.

Date	Time	What	Who	Clothing	Exceptions / Information
Monday 21 st July	9.15am	Y6 Leavers Service	Year 6 Pupils and their families	School uniform	Please bring tissues
Tuesday 22 nd	12.45pm – 1.30pm	End of Year Celebration in the Garden	Everyone!	School uniform	Please bring tissues

Louise Long Headteacher

Zog Awards



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Pumpkin Awards



Headteacher Awards



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Lunch Awards



Ibstone Investments



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
June 2025		
23 rd	Water safety information session	EYFS – Y6 pupils
25 th – 30 th	No Ms Robertson in the office – please email the office with any urgent messages	Everyone
July 2025		
1 st	Transition Day	Everyone
3 rd	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 th – 6 th	Year 6 Adventure Weekend	Year 6 only
8 th	Garsington Opera First Performance – more information to follow	Year 5/6 only
11 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
11 th	Pebbles' Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow	Pebbles families
14 th	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
14 th	Whole School Trip to Giffords Circus	Whole School
18 th	Pebbles Last Day	Pebbles children
18 th	Ibfest Performance – 2pm on the MUGA in the Garden	All families
21 st	Leavers' Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 rd	INSET Day	Staff Only

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