

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

This afternoon Zog and Pumpkin enjoyed a walk through the woods with a group of children who have spent their Ibstone Investments on a Walk with Zog, it was wonderful to see them all running together in the cool of the woods.

As temperatures are set to soar again next week we have moved the Sports Day Practice to Wednesday morning. Please could all KS2 children come to school in their PE kits on Wednesday.

All children will need to have suncream applied before school, they will need a sun hat and a water bottle. KS2 children do not need to wear their ties.

This morning we welcomed the Opera First Team from Garsington who were here to work with the children who are not part of the Youth Company. They were so impressed with the acting and singing skills of our children that they will be offering places in the youth company in the next few weeks.



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We are looking forward to welcoming you all to Open Classrooms on Monday after school. The classrooms will be open until the end of Kites to enable working parents to have the opportunity to look at their child's work and to see the classrooms. On Tuesday after school, you will be able to pop in to your child's new classroom (those who are moving up) so that you can get a feel for their new learning environment and to meet their new teacher. If your child is staying in the same class, you are more than welcome to pop in again if you would like to but there is no pressure to!

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

This week Pebbles have been talking about gardens. They listened to the story 'Errol's Garden' about a little boy who loved plants and flowers but did not have a garden. With the help of his community, they made a beautiful communal garden on the roof of their flats for everyone to enjoy.

The children planted their own seeds and have enjoyed tending to them and watering them everyday. They have talked about their own gardens and have thought about all the things they enjoy doing in their gardens across the different seasons.

In dance they have been tiny little seeds that have grown into different coloured flowers, then they were the buzzy bees collecting pollen and nectar.



Ladybirds

This week we have worked hard each day to finish our own Supertato story. Thankfully sneaky aubergine, spying cabbage and angry carrot to name a few were all marched back to the freezer and the vegetables were safe at last!

When we arrived on Monday we were able to observe the change that had taken place with our caterpillars, the cocoons were moved safely into the butterfly house and we are all watching and waiting patiently to see the next change. We have made some pretty symmetrical butterfly paintings and used wooden loose parts to make butterflies.

In mathematics we have continued with our pattern work and looked at copying a model that our friend made making sure we had the tree, house person in the same place. We also looked at how perspective changes depending where you are looking at in a model.

In phonics we have continued to recap tricky words and looked at reading and writing words ending in ed but sounding like t, d or id.



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Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have finished writing their letters of complaint from the crayons in our Talk 4 Writing text. There were some very tired and angry crayons! They have also started to plan their persuasive letters to convince the crayons to come back to work which they will write next week.

In mathematics, Year 1 have continued learning about place value. This week they have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones and identifying one more and one less than a given number. Year 2 have started learning about time. This week they have recapped their knowledge of o'clock and half past and have started to learn about quarter past and quarter to.

In art, the children have worked very hard to complete their Van Gogh inspired pictures of St Nicholas' Church. This week, we focused on the grass and sky using broken lines to create the textured effect of Van Gogh's paintings.



In science, the children have been learning about deciduous and evergreen trees. The children enjoyed making books to show deciduous trees in different seasons and wrote sentences to explain what happens to different trees throughout the year. We also worked in small groups to plant beans.



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Kestrel Class

In English this week, we have been looking at the key vocabulary in our focus text and finding synonyms in a thesaurus. We have done some short burst writing to improve our sentences, using the synonyms to make the text even more exciting. We also created posters as adverts to persuade the reader to buy a new parrot from the pet shop.

In mathematics, Nemos have been recognising and describing 2D shapes and also learning how to draw polygons. Frogs have started their new unit on statistics and have been interpreting bar charts and pictograms. They also had a practical lesson on symmetry, using pin boards and Duplo to find the horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines of symmetry.



In Design and Technology, Kestrels have been drawing plans for how they will build their bridges. They have had to consider the materials they wish to use and label their designs. It was important to consider which style of bridge they would make as they needed to decide which would hold the most weight.

In French, we were singing songs to help us learn the numbers!

Osprey Class

This week in English, Osprey Class have been working on developing their discussion toolkits. We have been practising using subjunctives, parenthesis and rhetorical questions to help structure our arguments. We have discussed many different topics such as: Should all school get school meals for free and should the timings of the school day should be 9:30-4:30?

In maths, Year 5 have been learning how to add and subtract decimals with different number of decimal places, using a variety of different techniques. Year 6 have been planning holidays and figuring out the costs involved in flights and accommodation. They have been working out the best value prices for their holiday of choice.

This week in PSHE we have been discussing online trolling and anonymous posting. We have had many insightful comments from the Osprey children around how to behave online. This has linked closely with our new computing module: online safety.

We have made great progress in Design and Technology this week – the sewing has commenced and I have been really impressed with their running stitch skills!



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Barn Owls

This week in English, we've continued our exploration of persuasive writing through the text, 'Perfect Parrot for Sale.' We delved into the vocabulary from the original piece, discovering and exploring a range of synonyms for key words. Building on this, we applied our newly acquired vocabulary in some short burst writing tasks. To round off the week, students designed their own persuasive posters for a pet shop, advertising the 'Perfect Parrot.'

In maths this week, we have moved onto our statistics unit, with a focus on pictograms. We have learned how crucial the key is for accurately reading and interpreting the data presented in a pictogram.

In other news

Open Classrooms

We are delighted to invite you into school again to see your child's classroom. The classrooms will be open from the end of the school day (3.15pm for Ladybirds and Woodland Class/ 3.25pm for Kestrel and Osprey Class) until 5.15 pm on Monday 30th June. It is an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom and their books will be available for you to look at. We hope you will be able to join us. The teachers will be in the classrooms to welcome you but please be aware, this is not parents' evening.

Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 1st July is transition day, your child will be meeting their new teacher and classmates during the morning. We would like to invite parents in to see their child's new classroom and meet the teacher on Tuesday 1st after school. The staff will be in the classrooms for you to meet until 5.15pm. This is not a formal meeting but more of an opportunity for you to see your child's new classroom and to say hi to the class teacher. If your child is staying in the same class, you are more than welcome to pop in if you would like to.

Gazebos

Our gazebos have arrived and we set them up for the first time this afternoon so they are ready for providing extra shade on Monday and for other events during the week!



Swimming

Group 2 swimmers will need their swimming kit with them on Wednesday 2nd July. An email has been sent to all KS2 parents.

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 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

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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 Moved due to extreme heat
Monday 30 th June	3.15pm /3.25pm	Open Classrooms	Everyone	n/a	Please see main body of the newsletter
Tuesday 1 st July	9am	Transition Morning	Everyone	School uniform	NO FOREST SCHOOL
Tuesday 1 st July	3.15pm /3.25pm	Meet the Teacher	Y1-Y6	n/a	Please see main body of the newsletter
Wednesday 2nd July	9am	KS2 Sports Practice (AM)	All KS2	PE kit, hats and water	None
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 & trainers	Please come to the back gate at 11.30am

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Date	Time	What	Who	Clothing	Exceptions / Information
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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Ibstone Investments



Diary Dates

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
June 2025		
30 th	Open Classrooms – after school	Everyone
July 2025		
1 st	Transition Day	Everyone
1 st	Meet the Teachers – after school	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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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 13 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 (1.30pm)

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

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