

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you for your support at the end of last week! As many of you will have seen from our school Facebook page, we took our Year 6 leavers to Disneyland Paris for their Adventure Weekend! Both girls tried new things and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone. They had the opportunity to practise their French, experience navigating train stations, shopping and budgeting in real life situations as well as making lots of memories. We are really proud of both of them for demonstrating all our values!



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It has been a very busy week, Ladybirds helped to harvest the rhubarb and took some home to try!



Osprey Class enjoyed a trip to Garsington to see part of the performance of Rodelinda, this followed on from their work with the OperaFirst team in June. It is such a privilege to be part of this and for our children to have the opportunity to work alongside these amazing musicians.

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Thank you to everyone who came along to EYFS & KS1 Sports Day on the common this morning. A huge well done to all our children who lived out our vision and values in abundance during Sports Day this morning. Well done to all the grown ups and pre schoolers that had a go too!



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It was lovely to see so many Pebbles at their Sports Morning. Thank you to our Year 5 helpers and to Denise for making it such a super morning!



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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Pebbles have enjoyed practising for their Sports Day, they have listened really carefully and enjoyed all the fun games and races. They have particularly enjoyed learning the wiggle dance for their warm up!

Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have listened to the story Oliver's Vegetables; we discussed and wrote about our own favourite vegetables. We wrote a list of the vegetables found in the garden. We have used lots of adjectives to describe fruit and vegetables and gave clues to our friends whilst they tried to work out which vegetable we had written about.

We have looked at the primary colours and explored colour mixing. We have thought about all the fruit and veg that make up the rainbow! We discussed how we should eat a balanced diet and that our healthy plates can include lots of colours.

In maths we estimated how many beads it would take before we sank the boat. We played games using 2 ten frames, we pulled out an animal and added the correct number of legs onto the ten frame, the first to fill was the winner. Lots of super counting exploring the patterns in numbers for example counting in 2s and 10s.

It has been assessment week in phonics; we have also looked at the formation of capital letters.

Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy publishing and illustrating their favourite stories from this year. The children all worked very hard to use their best Ibstone handwriting and even challenged themselves to write blurbs and an about the author page.

In mathematics, Year 1 have completed their unit on money. This week they looked at recognising notes and counting coins to make an amount. In Year 2, the children finished learning about time and practised describing different turns including full turns, half turns, quarter turns and three-quarter turns.

In DT, Woodland Class have worked hard to make their desert and ice buggies. The children each designed their buggies using warm and cool colours before drawing their designs onto carboard tubes. The children also made their own axles and axle holders to make their buggies move.

Woodlands celebrated our own Hanukkah on Wednesday. We lit eight candles to represent the eight nights of Hanukkah and tasted latkes. Latkes are shredded potatoes and onions and fried in oil, to remind Jews of the miracle of the oil that lasted 8 days. We then enjoyed playing spin the dreidel and singing the dreidel song!

Kestrel Class

In English this week we have written our own innovations of the text. We had an array of persuasive ideas ranging from persuading parents to buy a pet guinea pig to persuading Mrs Long to get a school viper. We're not too sure how Zog and Pumpkin would feel about having to share their dog bed with a viper! The class have been working hard at using lots of exciting synonyms and using this as an opportunity to improve their Thesaurus skills.

In mathematics, the Nemos have been working on statistics; drawing and interpreting pictograms and bar charts. The Frogs have finished their unit on position and direction; describing and plotting and coordinates, and also translating shapes on a grid.

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In DT, we made our bridges this week. The children used their plans as a guide but as they started the process, they realised that some of their ideas needed to be adapted in order to better support the structure. We tested the bridges to see how much weight they could hold and it was surprising how strong some of them were!

Osprey Class

This week in English, Osprey Class have been preparing for Ibfest. We have been using different circus themed stimulus to write dramatic and emotive pieces of writing. We have also started reflecting on the past year, whilst looking ahead to the future: we now have letters written to ourselves which we will open this time next year, talking about their hopes and ambitions.

Our waistcoats have been coming along beautifully – buttons, embroidery and pockets have been this weeks focus and I am so impressed with the Ospreys perseverance in this unit! A huge thank you to our parent helper this week, we couldn't have finished the project without your support!

We have had some fantastically curious questions this week regarding PSHE. We have covered what to do in an emergency and have learnt how to apply DR ABC to assess a casualty. Luckily, we did not need to apply DR ABC during our PE lesson which involved planks and sit ups!

In other news

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 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.
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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

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Headteacher Awards



Pumpkin Awards



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Zog Awards



Lunch Awards



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Well done to Pumpkin for completing his Puppy Training Course!

Diary Dates

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
July 2025		
14 th	Ibfest Week	Everyone
14 th	Whole School Trip to Giffords Circus	Whole School
16 th	Swan Upping - Marlow	
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

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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