

Dear Families,

The whole school came together on Monday to mark a two minute silence at 11am to remember the sacrifice and service of all those who have died in wars around the world. Osprey Class performed In Flanders Fields by John McCrae just before 11am.



Thank you for all the generous donations, we have raised £265 for Children in Need!



## Cold Weather

As you may have seen / heard the weather is heading for a cold snap. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing in school for playtimes, lunchtimes, Forest School and PE. In the event of heavy snow, we will make a decision about school as early as we can and will alert you via the Ibstone Community WhatsApp group, email and a message on the school website. If you are not part of the WhatsApp group, please contact the office so that we can send you a link to join if you would like to.

## Christmas

We are very excited to share our upcoming Christmas events!

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Trees go on sale from 5pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Craft Market 6pm – 9pm (this is more of a Christmas Shopping evening for parents)

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> – Ibstone Children to sing at Studley Green Garden Centre at 2.15pm – an email has been sent out

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Fair 1pm -3pm – an afternoon of family fun!

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Wreath Making 7pm in the school hall

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – Ibstone Village Carols – more information to follow

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity** at St Nicholas Church **2pm** – 2 tickets per family (more may be available closer to the date). Please book via iPal.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Nativity** at Garsington Studios **5pm** – 4 tickets per family (more may be available closer to the date). Please book via iPal.

This performance will also be streamed over Zoom to family and friends that are unable to come in person. Please get in touch if you would like us to share the link with you.

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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Pebbles Nativity** in the school hall – **10am**. Pebbles last day. EYFS & KS1 trip to Norden Farm  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch** – an order form will be sent on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This will also be Christmas Jumper Day.

Your child should have brought a brown pot home from school this afternoon. We would like your child to decorate the outside of the pot to make it look Christmassy, this could be drawn, cutting and sticking or just using wrapping paper. Once it is decorated, please fill the pot with sweets and goodies and send it back into school. These will then have lids popped on them and will form prizes for the tombola at the Christmas Fair on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.



You could include sweets, bubbles, slime, a toy, stationery, fidget toys etc. Our only request is that these are new items.

There will a prize for the best decorated pot in each class! We are looking forward to seeing the children’s creativity.

Good luck!

Please return the pots by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.



**Ibstone Investments**

Hopefully you have all received a letter explaining how your child can earn Investment Tokens for reading at home. Ibstone Investments has had a very busy first week and all new customers are very excited about their savings books and potential future spending opportunities. I have heard that walking Zog is on a few wish lists! It has been lovely to hear from many of you that this initiative has also inspired you to pick up a book and read at home too!

**Weekly Round Up**

**Pebbles**

Pebbles have enjoyed listening to lots of stories this week, their favourite has been ‘It’s a Bear!’ It has been a bear themed week and the children have been sorting bears into coloured groups, counting bears and comparing the size of bears! They have listened to ‘Brown Bear’ and have started to learn the story off by heart! They loved joining in with the repetitive language in the story.

They have painted some superb pictures of big brown bears eating blueberry pies!

**Ladybirds**

This week in Ladybirds we have been finding out about bears and comparing the different places that we might find them. We discussed which were our favourite and why. We have started to learn our T4W story We’re Going on a Bear Hunt, using a story map, we are learning to recite it with actions to help! We individually put the story into a S story plan and then retold our story. We have had fun with collage and cutting and making our own bear masks. We have also retold the story whilst painting.

In mathematics the focus has been on numbers 4 and 5 learning to subitise, adding 1 more and finding different ways to represent 4 and 5 using shells and tiles.

In phonics we are reading a sentence everyday now, our sounds of the week are v, w, x and y and the tricky words were; and, has his, her.



**Woodland Class**

In English, Woodland Class have been identifying features of instructions. This week, the children have been using time conjunctions to sequence steps from our model text ‘How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth’. They have also been learning about ‘bossy’ verbs and have used these to write command sentences.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning to add numbers within 10 using tens frames and number lines. Year 2 have been learning to add by making 10 using practical resources and written methods.

In science, the children have been looking at how the environment is constantly changing. The children discussed ways in which humans have changed our environment such as deforestation, pollution and climate change. The children then worked together in small groups to complete a litter audit around our school site to record the impact that litter is having on local wildlife.

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In geography, the children have been learning about The Arctic and Antarctica. We looked at pictures of the polar regions and discussed what it would be like to live there. The children then worked in small groups to make posters about The Arctic and Antarctica including lots of interesting facts.



**Kestrel Class**

In English this week, we have continued to create the text map and then learn the text using it along with actions. The children have also been learning about some of the features that are used by writers in non-chronological reports. They have looked at how paragraphs and subheadings are used to organise their writing and learn how to use generalisers. These are words or phrases that describe how often or how many (such as occasionally and majority). The children finished the week by planning, writing and then filming a TV news report about the sighting of The River Unicorn on Ibstone Common.



In mathematics, Nemos have continued to consolidate their understanding of the written methods for addition and subtraction. Frogs have been calculating and comparing area by counting squares. They have then moved onto learning the 3 and 6 times table.

In topic this week, the children have completed their fact file about their chosen rainforest animal. We then looked in detail at The Amazon Rainforest and Sherwood Forest. We learnt about some of the animals and plants that could be found in each of these forests, as well as finding out about their location and size. The children then wrote about both of these forests, thinking about any similarities and differences.

**Osprey Class**

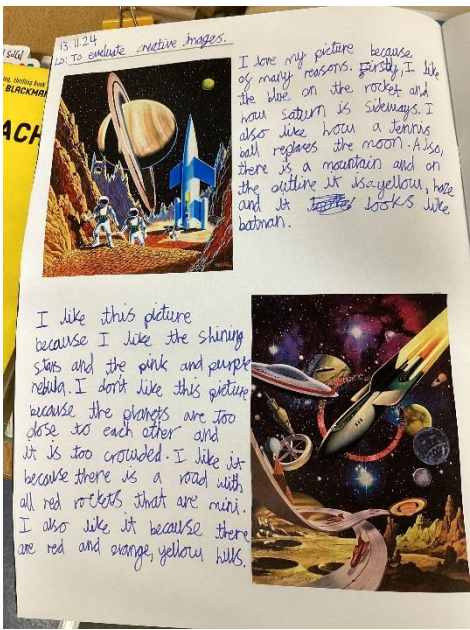
This week we have enjoyed looking at our new art topic – Retro- Futurism. We are looking forward to creating our own piece of art using mixed media, later in the term. In Science we are also learning about Space, which links nicely to our art topic.

In Geography we have started planning our double page spread about our chosen capital cities in North America, so that we can compare it with London and decide where we would prefer to live.

This week we have been learning about persuasive language in English, whilst reading our new text map about Anmore Forest. Also, we have been working towards making our own brochure of Camp Green Lake, based on the Juvenile Detention Centre in Holes. We are going to have to work very hard to persuade people to visit it but we are looking forward to it.

In mathematics we are continuing our topic of fractions. We have been thinking about how to convert mixed fractions into improper fractions.

Our class reading challenge - The Triathlon - has been completed by a few of the children this week, with the rest of the class hoping to receive their certificate next week.



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Barn Owls

This week we have continued our work on multiplication and division. We have mainly concentrated on the three times table and are getting very good at counting in threes. We explored the methods of sharing and grouping to divide numbers. We have looked at how multiplication and division are linked to each other.

In English, we were excited to hear our story, although ‘Nail Soup’ did not sound as nice as the soups we tasted last week! We learnt about how a traveller made a delicious soup claiming it was ‘nail soup’ yet he added many ingredients courtesy of the lady he was staying with. The soup not only created a lovely meal but also taught us the importance of sharing a meal and interesting conversation together. We used action to help us remember the sequence of the story.



Have a great weekend!

Louise Long

Headteacher

Community Matters Foodbank Wish List  
They are currently in need of the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kitchen roll</li><li>• Toilet roll</li><li>• Squash – any flavours</li><li>• UHT semi skimmed milk</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Washing up liquid</li><li>• Biscuits</li><li>• Packs of crisps for lunches</li><li>• Lunchtime snack bars</li></ul>
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Headteacher’s Awards



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# Family Time Awards



## Diary Dates

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>November 2024</b>		
28 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Pop Up Christmas Tree Barn opens	Everyone
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Craft Market</b>	<b>Grown Ups</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Singing in Studley Green</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>December 2024</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wreath Making</b>	<b>Grown Ups</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Nativity</b>	<b>Families of EYFS &amp; KS1</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 Nativity</b>	<b>Families of KS2</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pebbles Nativity</b>	<b>Pebbles Families</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Discos – more information to follow	Everyone
20 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
<b>January 2025</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>February 2025</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Children's Mental Health Week – more information to follow	Everyone
11 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
14 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
<b>March 2025</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
<b>April 2025</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>May 2025</b>		
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
<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>	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pebbles Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow	Pebbles families
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ibifest 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

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