

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I am delighted to share that Miss Comrie has had her baby, a little earlier than expected, Violet arrived on Monday, weighing in at 5lb 9oz. Welcome to the Ibstone family Violet! Congratulations to Miss Comrie and her family, Violet is beautiful and we can't wait to meet her.



This week, our Year 5 children have been out and about for Adventure Week... I have been wowed by their perseverance, courage, respect, sense of community and love of life, each other and new challenges. Well done and thank you Year 5, it has been a pleasure spending the week with you!



Love – Courage – Respect – Community – Perseverance

'Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am'

Philippians 4:13

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

This week Pebbles have enjoyed hearing the story about the Three Billy Goats Gruff and the nasty troll who lived under the bridge. We made a bridge in the classroom using tables and chairs and took turns to be the billy goats as they trip trapped over the rickety bridge to get to the green grass on the other side. They had a wonderful time acting out the story and were very clever learning the words they needed to say. Pebbles also had fun doing different art activities following this theme throughout the week.

On Thursday morning we enjoyed a sunny Forest School and made some lovely mud pies. We learnt some fabulous new songs with Mrs Lee during our music lesson in the afternoon.



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have enjoyed listening to various versions of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We looked at the troll and thought of adjectives to describe him. Ladybirds then drew their own troll and wrote a description. We looked at changing the ending of the story and all shared our ideas and wrote a sentence describing our new ending. We have found out facts about goats and built bridges to help the goats cross the river. Ladybirds were set a challenge to see if they could build a bridge out of paper that would take the weight of the goats and they had lot of fun working with their friends. We have had some super paintings of trolls. We had some lovely drama in forest school telling the story, taking turns to be the troll!

In maths we have continued to look at the pattern in number; there has been lots of counting building numbers looking at how many tens and how many more to make a number and lots of games.

In phonics our new tricky words of the week are; there, when, what, one.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been building their action toolkit ready for writing their own Traction Man stories next week. We looked at other superhero stories to identify verbs, adverbs and onomatopoeia. We have also been planning our own Traction Man stories, creating new characters and settings for innovating next week.

In mathematics, Year 1 have continued learning about multiplication and division. This week they have been learning how to make equal groups through grouping and sharing objects. Year 2 have been learning about fractions. This week they have been looking at how to recognise half of shape or quantity.

In computing, we worked together in pairs to create our own space themed stop-motion animations. When making our animations, we used onion skinning to help us move our characters accurately from the previous frame.

In science, we have been identifying what plants need to grow and stay healthy. We have also been observing our plants from our investigation and have made some interesting discoveries so far. We were very shocked to see that our plant with no sunlight had been growing and talked about how the plant had been seeking artificial light instead.



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Kestrel Class

In English, we have finished writing our class innovation of the text called Adventure on the Train. The class have worked hard to make sure the changes in the text made sense and have also created a picture book to accompany their stories.

In maths, we have worked lots on time this week. As well as converting digital with analogue times, Nemos have been learning how to work out the duration of events. Frogs have completed their unit on Money and have started working on time today.

In Science we worked together to look at different forms of seed dispersal. Each pair chose a type of seed dispersal and then made a poster for our beautiful display to explain and illustrate it.

In Art, we have been learning about shades and tints. The class have been mixing paints and then creating colour charts, using black to create different shades and white to create tints.



Osprey Class

Year 6 have worked super hard this week in preparation for their SATs next week. Well done all of you!

In English, they have focused on modal verbs and thought about how the different verbs suggest different degrees of possibility. We have also looked at the past perfect and the present progressive tense, we discussed how to form these different tenses and when we would use them instead of the simple past and present tense.

In mathematics we have been continuing to recap topics that we have learnt this year. In art the children had free choice to create a piece of art work. They chose from oil pastels, water colour paints and pencils, charcoal and sketching pencils and could draw whatever they wanted. They produced some fantastic pictures.



Information for next week

There is **NO** Forest School next week due to Year 6 SATs.

Year 2 will be swimming on Wednesday 13th May.

Have a good weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2026		
11 th – 14 th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
18 th	Year 6 Adventure Week Meeting – 7pm in the hall – Parents only	Y6 Parents only
19 th	Garsington Workshop from 1pm – Osprey Class only	Osprey Class
22 nd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2026		
1 st	INSET Day	Staff Only
2 nd	Back to school	Everyone
9 th	Opera First Auditions – Y4,5 & 6 only	Y4,5 & 6 only
15 th – 19 th	Year 6 Adventure Week	Year 6 only
23 rd	Garsington Opera Performance – pm – Osprey Class	Osprey Class only
July 2026		
7 th	Transition Day	Everyone
8 th	Whole School Trip – letters sent 6/3/26	Everyone
9 th	KS2 Sports Morning 9am-10.30am – more information to follow	KS2 families
10 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9am-10.30am – more information to follow	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
4 th	Pebbles Sports Morning 11pm-12pm – more information to follow	Pebbles families
13 th	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
17 th	Pebbles Last Day	Pebbles
20 th	Leavers’ Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
22 nd	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone

2026/2027 Term Dates

Term	Open on the morning of	Close on the afternoon of
Autumn	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026 3.15pm
	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026 1.30pm
Spring	Monday 4 th January 2027	Thursday 11 th February 2027 3.15pm
	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027 1.30pm
Summer	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027 3.15pm
	Monday 7 th June 2027	Wednesday 21 st July 2027 1.30pm

INSET DAYS 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

+ 3 more INSET Days to be confirmed