

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

What a super start to the school year! I have loved seeing the whole school community enjoying catching up with each other after the holidays. A huge thank you to our wonderful Buddies who have helped our new Ladybirds settle into school life so well, you have been stars! Thank you! I think it is fair to say the Ladybirds have settled in well and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new surroundings!

Woodland Class, Kestrel Class and Osprey Class have also been getting used to their new classrooms, learning about the classroom expectations and working together really well this week.

We will be sending home the curriculum letters and more information about homework next week. All children in Years 1-6 should login to Google Classroom and join their new class groups. Ladybirds will be sent their Google Classroom details in the next few weeks!



Other important information:

KS2 Playtime Snacks

Please don't forget to send your child into school with a snack for playtime, this should be a fresh fruit or vegetable snack. We will be asking children with biscuits, yo yo bears or cereal bars to swap these for a piece of fruit or some vegetables from their lunchbox as a playtime snack instead.

Lunchboxes

For those children who bring their own lunch, please remember we are a nut free site so please do not send in nut products such as Nutella sandwiches, cookies with peanuts etc. Please take a moment to look at the ingredients in cereal bars as many of them have nut products in them and these should be kept as a home treat to ensure everyone in our school community is kept safe.

There are a number of children who are bringing in chocolate bars or sweets (eg Freddo's, Wispa Bars, a pot of marshmallows, bag of Haribo), please keep these as a treat for home or after school.

Rolling Drop Off

Rolling Drop Off starts at 8.35am each morning and runs until 8.45am, please make sure you indicate to let other road users know you are stopping and then again to know you are pulling away.

There are a number of people queuing from before 8.25am, we do have space in Early Birds Breakfast Club if you need to drop and run. Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am, last breakfast serving is at 8.30am. There is also the option to drop off at 8.15am for a small charge but no breakfast is provided.

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Philippians 4:13

Timetables

Forest School sessions and PE sessions start next week (8th September). Please send your child into school wearing the correct kit.

Monday	–	Forest School – Kestrel Class (am) Forest School – Year 6 (pm)
Tuesday	–	Forest School – Woodland Class (starts 16 th September) Forest School – Year 5 (pm) PE – Ladybirds (pm)
Wednesday	–	PE – Woodland, Kestrel & Osprey Class (pm)
Thursday	–	Forest School – Ladybirds & Pebbles (am)

Cross Country

We are looking for some more parent volunteers for our successful KS2 Cross Country Club. The club runs from 12pm-12.30pm on Monday lunchtimes. You do not have to commit to every week, just as and when you can. There is a Cross Country Group on the school community WhatsApp group, please join if you would like to know more about helping.

KS2 Football Team – Could you be our coach?

We are delighted that we have enough Y5/6 children signed up to create the first ever Ibstone FC Team! We have entered the primary school league and have a number of fixtures to play this season. However, in order for us to be competitive and the best we can be, we are looking for parent helpers to run the coaching sessions after school on a Monday. If you think you can help us or know someone who can help, please get in touch!

Dates

Please look carefully at the dates at the end of the newsletter, we have tried to plan out the big events for the whole year. New dates will be added in bold each week.

Newsletter List

If you would like any other family members to be added to the newsletter circulation list, please let Ms Robertson know via the school office email.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2025		
8 th – 12 th	Pebbles settling in sessions (afternoons)	New Pebbles Families
9 th	Practice Secondary Transfer Test	Year 6 only
11 th	Secondary Transfer Test	Year 6 only
19 th	Smiles @ School Photography in School	Everyone
October 2025		
All month	Black History Month	Everyone
3 rd	Harvest Service – Gadbury & Merton 9am – St Nicholas Church	Gadbury & Merton Families
3 rd	Harvest Service – Allnutt & Baker 2.15pm – St Nicholas Church	Allnutt & Baker Families
13 th	Open Classrooms – 3.30pm – 5.15pm – more information to follow	Everyone
14 th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
15 th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
22 nd	End of Term	Everyone
23 rd	The Pop Up Pumpkin Patch – more information to follow	Everyone
23 rd	INSET Day	Staff only
24 th	INSET Day	Staff only
November 2025		
3 rd	Back to school	Everyone
11 th	Remembrance Day	Everyone
13 th	World Kindness Day	Everyone
14 th	Children in Need – more information to follow	Everyone
28 th	Christmas Trees & Christmas Craft Fair	Everyone
29 th	Children’s Christmas Fair	Everyone
December 2025		
9 th	EYFS / KS1 Nativity Performance -2pm – St Nicholas Church	EYFS / KS1 Families
wk beginning 9 th	KS2 Christmas Performances – more information to follow	Everyone
20 th	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2026		
6 th	Back to school	Everyone

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February 2026		
2 nd	Open Classrooms – 3.30pm – 5.15pm – more information to follow	Everyone
3 rd	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
4 th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
9 th – 15 th	Children’s Mental Health Week - more information to follow	Everyone
10 th	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
12 th	End of Term – 3.15pm / 3.25pm	Everyone
13 th	INSET Day	Staff only
23 rd	Back to school	Everyone
March 2026		
6 th	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
22 nd	Ibstone Circle – more information to follow	Everyone
26 th	Stations of the Cross Easter Walk	Everyone
27 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	
April 2026		
13 th	Back to school	Everyone
May 2026		
5 th – 8 th	Year 5 Adventure Week	Year 5 only
11 th – 14 th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
22 nd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2026		
1 st	INSET Day	Staff Only
2 nd	Back to school	Everyone
15 th – 19 th	Year 6 Adventure Week	Year 6 only
July 2026		
7 th	Transition Day	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