

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas Craft Market on Friday evening and at Christmas Fair on Saturday, the children had the most wonderful afternoon. Thank you to the PTA volunteers for such a successful evening and afternoon! We raised £667.

Tree sales are going well and we have sold well over half our stock! There is still time to buy a tree, we are open from 1pm-4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you all for the generous donations to Elfridges, the shelves will be fully stocked this year! If you have yet to send in your donations, do not worry, we are accepting donations until next Friday.

We are in the midst of Nativity season which means that there is no Forest School now until January. PE will continue as usual for Woodland, Kestrel & Osprey Class until the end of term. There is no PE session for Ladybirds next Tuesday due to the Nativity.

Forest School Kit -

As we are now into the depths of winter, we thought it would be useful to share the kit ALL children should have in school for Forest School each week.



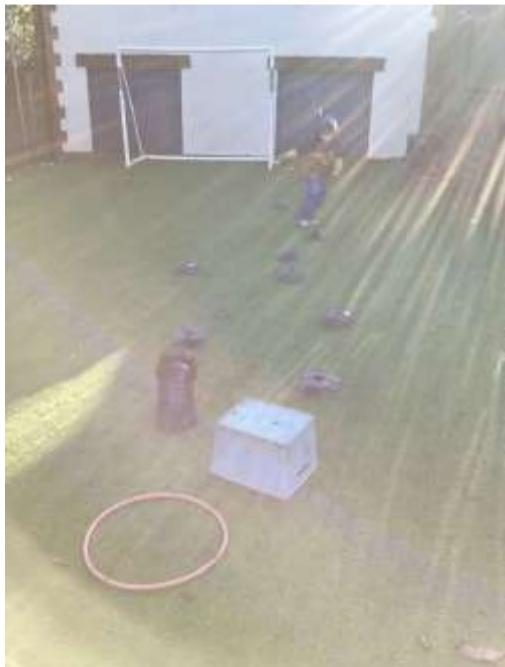
Winter kit

- * Ski trousers/ fleece lined waterproof trousers
- * Ski jacket / warm waterproof coat (this is not their school coat, this is one that can be bagged up wet and muddy after the session)
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- * Warm waterproof gloves
- * Wellies with extra socks to keep feet warm or walking boots
- * A warm hat
- * A named plastic bag for putting all the wet/ dirty kit in after the session.

Please could we ask that all children have their school coat in school with them on Forest School days AND a pair of shoes that they can wear before/after their Forest School session.

FAB

Now we have our all weather trousers, there is no stopping us! The children enjoyed being out all week, no matter what the weather! Please make sure your child has their wellies in school so that they can join in with the fun at breaktimes too!



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

Ladybirds

This week we have been very busy getting ready for our Nativity. We finished our topic 'on the farm' with thinking about what job we might like to do and why. I think the most popular jobs were looking after the baby animals and driving the tractor. We all used our phonics to add some writing to our picture. We have played games to match the mummy with the baby, learning the names of these animals.

In mathematics we have been thinking about 4 sided shapes, thinking about the properties of these and sorting accordingly. We have also found shapes within shapes.

In phonics we have reviewed all sounds to date and learnt to add an 's' to plurals even though sometimes it sounds like a z. Our new tricky words are we, me and be.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been learning about features of persuasive leaflets. This week we have been looking at carefully choosing adjectives to persuade our readers e.g. amazing, spectacular, incredible. Year 2 were also challenged to use a thesaurus to find synonyms for words. The children have also learnt about alliteration to make things sound good e.g. 'sensational sweet shops' and 'fantastic fun rides'.

In mathematics, Year 1 have completed their work on addition and subtraction and have started learning about shape. This week, the children were introduced to 3D shapes and went on a shape hunt around school to find shapes such as cones, spheres, cubes and cuboids. Year 2 have been learning to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers. We have been learning pictorial methods to help us add and subtract the tens and ones in numbers.

In science, we learned about the weather and seasonal changes in winter. The children then worked in small groups to create a winter weather report.



Kestrel Class

In computing we have been looking at coding instructions. In pairs we followed some instructions for meeting a friend, identified which was the best order for the different commands and, if there were any issues, how could we solve them?

In maths we did a mystery square investigation which encouraged a systematic approach to solve the puzzle. Some great teamwork skills were demonstrated!

In English we continued writing our innovated version of the focus text and thought of some inventive equipment to catch our mythical creature. We also finished our class reader, Charlotte's Web, and are looking forward to starting our next class book.

Osprey Class

This week in English we have been writing recounts from different characters' perspectives. We have used Fantastic Mr. Fox and the Grinch as inspiration. The children have been using fronted adverbials of time, rhetorical questions and paragraphs to help bring their diary entries to life.

In mathematics, Y5 and Y6 have continued to look at fractions and have completed their end of term assessments.

In science this week we have continued to look at irreversible changes. We made casein plastic by adding vinegar to warm milk. The acid (vinegar) causes the proteins in the milk to stick together creating casein plastic. Historically casein plastic has been used to make buttons, jewellery, knitting needles and other items. We moulded our casein plastic to create buttons, which we hope to decorate next week.



Barn Owls

In mathematics, we have continued our work on developing our multiplication skills. We learned to count in eights, with the help of a very catchy song. We have applied this to writing multiplication facts and solving word problems involving the eight times tables.

For English, we completed our texts 'How to Trap a Tooth Fairy'. The imagination was wonderful to see with the children using a fantastic balance of magpieing ideas alongside generating creative vocabulary of their own.

In other news:

Family Hub Network

We are delighted to inform you that we have joined the Family Hub Network. This service enables us to connect the school and our families to a number of support networks, courses and appropriate help and enables us to access training for staff so that they can also lead on parenting courses and workshops to support our wider community. We will share more information as we get it!

Elfridges

We are delighted that Elfridges will be open on Monday 15th December, all children will have the opportunity to visit at least once and if gifts allow, several times. We ask that parents send in £5 in cash for each gift they wish their child to buy, eg if you would like them to buy 1 gift, send in £5, 2 gifts, send in £10 and so on. We will guarantee at least one gift per shopper. There are some amazing gifts again this year!

Please send the money into school in a named, purse/wallet, envelope or bag. Your child will be responsible for this cash.

Crib Festival

The Crib Festival will be held at Holy Trinity again this year. We will be taking our Year 5 children to Lane End on Monday morning to help set up this amazing community event!



Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Zog the Dog Awards



Pumpkin Praise Awards



Lunchtime Awards



Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
December 2025		
9 th	EYFS / KS1 Nativity Performance -2pm – St Nicholas Church	EYFS / KS1 Families
11 th	KS2 Christmas Performance – 5pm – Garsington Studios	Everyone
12 th	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day	Everyone
19 th	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2026		
5 th	Back to school	Everyone
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	Everyone
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