

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

What a week! I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of the whole school community. The hard work, courage, perseverance and sense of community that has been shown this week has wowed us all.



Prayer Spaces

The whole school enjoyed exploring the Prayer Spaces that Osprey Class had planned and set up this afternoon. All the prayer spaces had a Christmas theme, such as 'Joy Ribbons' where we wrote something that brings us joy on a ribbon and then we danced with the ribbon to music. We then tied the ribbons to the railings for others to read. We had 'Bauble Prayers' and 'String Light Prayers' where we wrote things that we were thankful for and then hung them on the Christmas tree. We had a manger and on lolly sticks we wrote what gift we would bring to baby Jesus and stuck them on the manger. We had 'Star Prayers' where we wrote prayers for guidance and 'Dove Prayers' where we wrote prayers for peace in the world. We also had a world map where we stuck post-it note prayers on the specific countries that we wanted to pray for. We had lots more prayer spaces too, they were great!



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Philippians 4:13

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

It has been busy in Pebbles Nursery this week but the children have had amazing fun! We are so proud of how brave and brilliant the children were in their first ever Christmas Nativity. They were really lovely little sheep and won the audience over with their cute performances.

We painted wonderful Christmas Trees, using our fingers to paint lots of colourful fairy lights. We also worked hard on an activity to make a melting snowman, with googly eyes, a carrot nose and real buttons. The children enjoyed playing with the frozen ice blocks that had penguins hidden inside. They used hammers to help crack the ice and water to thaw it to help free the penguins.

We have been reading lots of Christmas books every day, sitting quietly and listening beautifully to all the magical stories of reindeers, snow angels and jingle bells!

Ladybirds

Ladybirds were very excited to get dressed up and perform their Nativity to an audience; they were amazing and had worked so hard to learn all the songs. We have explored the Nativity story and related it to our own wonderful performance.

In maths we went on a shape hunt exploring our environment looking for squares and rectangles. We thought about if we had found more squares or rectangles. We have thought about day and night and different activities that we do at different times of the day.

We had lots of fun trying to free the penguins from the ice.

Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing their persuasive leaflets. The children have been focusing on using alliteration and boastful words such as 'incredible', 'amazing', 'spectacular' to persuade their readers to visit their Christmas theme parks.

In science, we learned about the weather and seasonal changes in spring. We discussed how the trees change in spring and how new animals are born including lambs, ducklings and chicks. Year 1 sorted pictures into winter and spring whilst Year 2 wrote sentences to describe the changes in spring.

On Tuesday, Woodland Class enjoyed performing their Nativity with Ladybirds and Pebbles.

Kestrel Class

In maths, we have been consolidating our multiplication and division topics for this term. Nemos have been focussing on their 4x and 8x tables. Frogs have been working on all of their times tables.

In English, we have finished writing our innovated instruction text. The class thought carefully about the equipment that they would need and the steps that they needed to take to catch their mythical creature.

We are so proud of our Kestrels for their fantastic KS2 Nativity and all of the hard work that they put into it!

In other news:

Elfridges – Monday 15th December

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.

Wreath Making

Thank you to those who came along on Monday evening, the wreaths looked AMAZING! We raised over £300 for The Florence Nightingale Hospice who looked after Steph and her family.



Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed their Christmas Lunch by tree light today! The crackers and choc ices were an extra special treat!



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Zog & Pumpkin enjoyed Christmas Jumper day too! They were both very keen to help put the Nativity costumes away this morning!



Crib Festival

The children will be off to Holy Trinity, Lane Endon Monday to see the Crib Festival that our Year 5 children have helped organise this year. They will travel in the minibus and will have time to explore over 100 Nativity scenes that are on display.

Nativity Photos

These will be sent out on Monday.

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



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Zog the Dog Awards



Pumpkin Praise Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
December 2025		
15th	Elfridges – see main newsletter	Everyone
19th	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2026		
5th	Back to school	Everyone
February 2026		
2nd	Open Classrooms – 3.30pm – 5.15pm – more information to follow	Everyone
3rd	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
4th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
9th – 15th	Children’s Mental Health Week - more information to follow	Everyone
10th	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
12th	End of Term – 3.15pm / 3.25pm	Everyone
13th	INSET Day	Staff only
23rd	Back to school	Everyone
March 2026		
6th	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
22nd	Ibstone Circle – more information to follow	Everyone
26th	Stations of the Cross Easter Walk	Everyone
27th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
April 2026		
13th	Back to school	Everyone
May 2026		
5th – 8th	Year 5 Adventure Week	Year 5 only
11th – 14th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
22nd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2026		
1st	INSET Day	Staff Only
2nd	Back to school	Everyone
15th – 19th	Year 6 Adventure Week	Year 6 only
July 2026		
7th	Transition Day	Everyone
9th	KS2 Sports Morning 9am-10.30am – more information to follow	KS2 families
10th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9am-10.30am – more information to follow	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
4th	Pebbles Sports Morning 11pm-12pm – more information to follow	Pebbles families
13th	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
17th	Pebbles Last Day	Pebbles
20th	Leavers’ Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone

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