

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I cannot believe it is the end of the first week already! It has been such a busy and productive week in school. Zog and Pumpkin have been very impressed with the learning taking place as they have visited each class.

Your child should have brought home their curriculum letter this evening, if it has not made it home, do not worry, a copy has been uploaded to Google Classroom.

Sadly the Maths Journals, ordered in July, have not arrived despite the delivery company guaranteeing delivery today! Therefore the mathematics homework set on Google Classroom will have to roll over to next week. Double maths anyone?

If you are looking for something to watch as the evenings draw in, I can recommend watching 'Educating Yorkshire' on Channel 4. You can watch the first two episodes here: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/educating-yorkshire>

It is filmed in a real secondary school and shares the day to day realities of life for young people!

### Weekly Round Up

#### Pebbles

It was lovely to welcome our Pebbles Nursery children to their settling in sessions this week. We are looking forward to getting to know them better when they start next week.

#### Ladybirds

It has been really lovely to see how well all our new Ladybirds have settled into the routine of school. They have been busy exploring all the different areas inside and out; exploring the mud kitchen and lots of building with the loose parts. We have played lots of different games to help with learning all our new friends names. We have had fun with the parachute and enjoyed lots of stories. Their buddies have been doing a fabulous job with helping them first thing in the morning and looking after them at lunch time.



#### Woodland Class

In Woodland class, the children have been busy settling in and have enjoyed exploring the new provision areas around our classroom.

In English, we have been learning about our writer's toolkit. The children have been identifying and using capital letters and have been practising finger spaces and using full stops. We have also written captions for pictures using our phonics knowledge that we have learnt so far.

In mathematics, Year 1 have started their unit on place value. This week we have been learning to sort objects and count objects within 10. Year 2 have also been learning about place value and have started their unit by recapping numbers to 20.

In science, we have been learning about the human body. This week, the children worked in small groups to identify and label as many parts of the body as they could. Some children also challenged themselves to label body parts that are inside our bodies including lungs, eardrums and even blood vessels.



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## Kestrel Class

In English this week we have started learning our new focus text, Elf Road. We have been looking at the features of portal stories and started to map our text and create actions. We have also been learning the new vocabulary, looking at the descriptive language in the text and discussing the adjectives.

In mathematics, both Nemos and Frogs have started to work on place value. Nemos are looking at numbers in hundreds and Frogs are looking at numbers in thousands. We have been using lots of practical equipment to support our understanding.

We introduced our enquiry question this week: 'Do setbacks make you more resilient?' We had an excellent discussion about things that we would like to learn this term linked to our topic, and also relating to PSHE. We discussed our new concept words and how they relate to the question.



## Osprey Class

It has been wonderful to welcome back our Year 5 and Year 6's this week. They have shown such positivity and have all settled in really well! We have had a busy start to the year with some of the Year 6's taking their Secondary Transfer Test - I was so impressed with how well the whole class supported each other through it.

We have started our new 'Discover' topic this week where we will be discussing our key concepts: sacrifice, duty and oppression. Our enquiry question for this module is "Should we accept our place in society?". Osprey Class have blown me away with their curiosity and mature approach to learning about WW1. So far we have discussed life before WW1, the causes of the war and conscription.

In mathematics, both Year 5 and 6 have been learning how to write numbers from 10,000 to 1,000,000 in numerals and words. We have also covered Roman numerals with Year 5.

In English, they have written their 'cold tasks' for our new module which involved describing a variety of settings. We will be reading Clock Close this term and learning how to describe settings to help bring the story to life.

This week in science Osprey Class have started their Materials and their properties unit by conducting an experiment to see which materials conduct electricity, are magnetic and/or transparent.



## Other important information:

### Jewellery

There are a number of children wearing bracelets, friendship bands, necklaces and rather large earrings in school. This is a polite reminder that jewellery should not be worn in school. Earrings should be gold or silver studs and these should be removed / covered for PE and Forest School.

### 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, Lion 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.

### Smiles at School Photography

Danny our photographer will be in school next Friday (19<sup>th</sup> September). He will take individual photos of the children and if siblings are in school he will also take sibling photos. If you have a child who does not attend Ibstone but would like a sibling photo, please email the office to request a slot. Danny will be able to offer slots from 8.30am – 9am for non school sibling photos. Slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Enjoy your weekend!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards



## Zog & Pumpkin Awards



# Lunchtime Awards



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

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

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