

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

What a great turn out for Comic Relief today! Thank you for all your generous donations. So far we have raised £212 for Red Nose Day! There is still time to donate via our Just Giving page - [here](#).

The children all looked amazing!

It has been lovely to see so many families on the Common after school this week, the children have clearly enjoyed having the space to run and play games safely. We are so blessed to have such an amazing space so close by...all we need now is a coffee van to provide refreshments!

Ibstone Investments

Congratulations to these children for cashing in some of your investment points! There will be lots of hot chocolate being made next week! Zog and Pumpkin are going to enjoy their walk with lots of children on Friday 27th March too! Don't forget, you can earn investment points by reading at home!



Well done to the football team for a great 2-2 draw at Naphill and Walters Ash on Thursday afternoon.

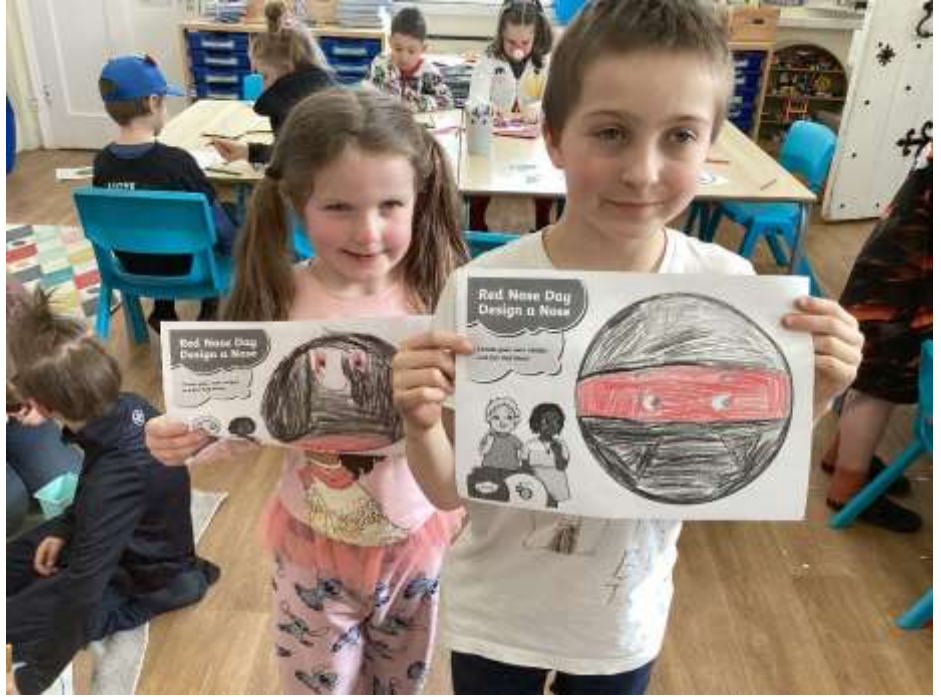


Today we said Goodbye and Good Luck to Miss Smith (the new one), Miss Smith has been completing part of her teaching course with us here at Ibstone, I know that we will all miss her and wish her well as she completes her course to become a teacher. Thank you for all your hard work during your time with us, we know you will be a great teacher!

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Family Time

This afternoon in Family Time the children have found out more about Comic Relief and the work this amazing charity does to support people around the world. Everyone had the opportunity to design their own red nose this afternoon, there were some amazing designs.



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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

This week Pebbles children enjoyed making clay dinosaur models. They squeezed, stretched and moulded the clay, which was quite hard for their little fingers and hands. However, they took their time and, with the help of different tools, managed to make some amazing roarsome dinosaurs.

During role play they dressed up as doctors and nurses looking after all the toys in the hospital. The cat had fallen from a tree and the doll had a tummy ache. They soon felt better after all the care given to them by Pebbles! We also read a story about Topsy and Tim going to hospital which the children enjoyed listening to and then read the book to their patients!



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have started our story writing, retelling our own version of the Little Green Dinosaur. They have really impressed us with some fabulous writing. This has inspired many to create lots of independent stories which they have loved sharing with friends. We have enjoyed using clay to create our own dinosaur models.

In maths we have been focusing on numbers 9 and 10, finding 1 more or 1 less through games and songs. We are beginning to look at our number bonds to 10 through practical activities.

In phonics the focus has been on longer words and words ending in ing.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy planning and writing their own newspaper reports based on the story Jack and the Baked Beanstalk. This week the children have also been learning about the features of newspapers, including headlines and writing in the past tense.

In mathematics, Year 1 have finished their work on place value. This week they have been learning how to estimate on a number line and have been identifying one more and one less than a given number. Year 2 have continued their work on multiplication and division. This week they have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10.

In science, Woodland Class have been learning about the lifecycle of a chicken. The children enjoyed making their lifecycles using a range of collage materials before labelling the key stages including egg, hatchling, chick and chicken.

In computing, we have continued learning about digital Bee-Bots. This week, the children used digital Bee-Bots to play a game of snakes and ladders. We worked in pairs to create a set of instructions to move up the ladders and down the snakes.



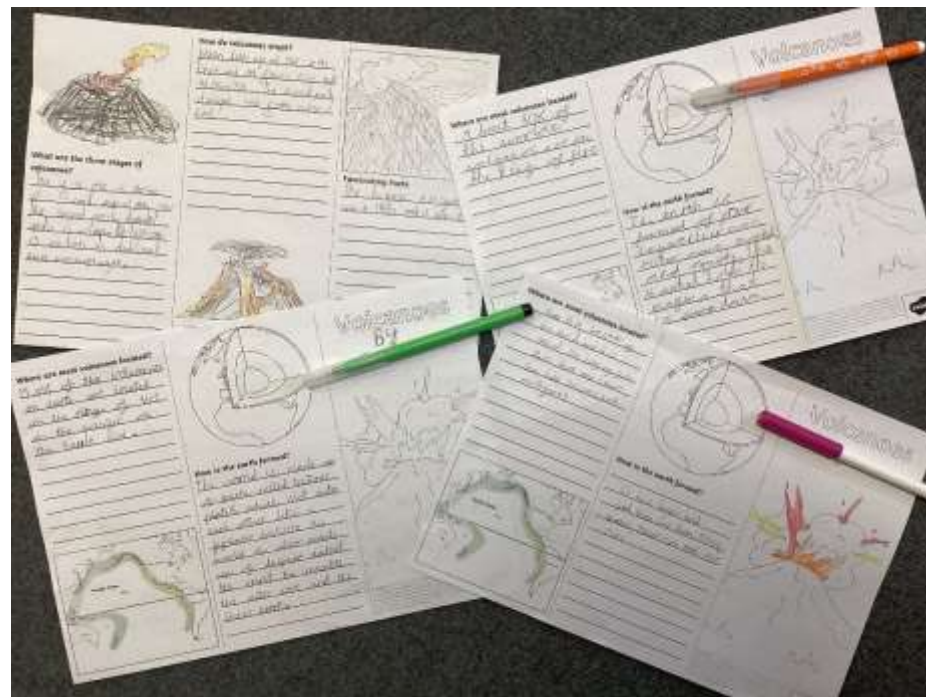
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Kestrel Class

This week in English, Kestrel Class have been getting very creative with poetry. Using a poem called The Magic Box as our focus, the class have been writing poems every day about things that they have found behind a magic door. They used their senses to think about what was discovered behind the door and used some fantastic adjectives to make the poems more exciting. Today they wrote a poem about what they found beyond the door that linked to our School Values.

In maths, Frogs have continued working on decimals. They have been placing tenths on a place value chart and a number line, and dividing a 1-digit number by 10. After working really hard on mass and capacity, Nemos have started early on their summer unit of fractions and building more on their prior knowledge to add and subtract fractions.

In Geography, we did a little mini quiz to see what we could remember from this topic and then created some fact files about volcanoes. The class used books to work with friends and research some new facts that they didn't already know to include in their fact file.



Osprey Class

This week Osprey have worked really hard when completing their end of term assessments, we are both really proud of them all.

In English, we have looked at different ways we can persuade and inform in our writing and identified these in different texts. We have planned our own persuasive piece of writing – a tourist brochure.

In maths Year 5 have been learning about percentages and begun converting between percentages and fractions. Year 6 have continued with area and have been learning how to find the area of triangles.

In science, we learnt about Carl Linnaeus and learnt about his classification system. We used the Linnaean system to classify animals that would live in a zoo.

In geography, we learnt about mountains and mountain ranges; we used atlases to identify their location and find out the height of the tallest mountain in that range.

Barn Owls

This week in maths, the Barn Owls have been exploring capacity. They have read different scales measuring capacity in millilitres and litres. They have used addition to find the total liquid in two containers and subtraction to find out how much more one container has than another.

In English, Barn Owls have enjoyed some poetry this week. We have listened to The Magic Box by Kit Heath and used it to inspire us to write our own poetry based on a magical door. It was wonderful to see all the imaginative ideas created by the Barn Owls.

In other news

Don't Forget - Year 5 Adventure Week Parent Meeting – Monday 23rd March

There is a meeting at 7pm in the school hall to discuss the finer details of Adventure Week and provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions. Please contact the office if you are unable to attend.

Kites

Kites bookings are now open for next term. We are delighted to be offering Cricket on a Thursday and Gymnastics on a Friday, these are open to all pupils in the school. There is also a Netball Club running on a Tuesday, this is only for children in Y5/6 who would like to play netball for the school team. There are limited spaces available in this club so please book sooner rather than later.

Pebbles Nursery

In very exciting news, our current Pebbles will have the opportunity to join us for full days after Easter. From September 2026, we will be offering Pebbles Nursery for 30 hours a week.

Help for Ibstone Circle – 19th April 2026

We are still in need of helpers to be marshals on the day, please join the Ibstone Circle Marshals Group on the School WhatsApp if you are able to help us. It is an hour of your time and all the money raised goes to make our school better for our children.

Run in Colour – 19th April 2026

Don't forget to take advantage of the Early Bird Discount offer! You can sign up [here](#)

Village Litter Pick

Thank you to the 5 families who have volunteered to help with the Ibstone Village litter pick this weekend. I know your support is really appreciated by the community.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Headteacher Awards



Zog the Dog & Pumpkin Praise Awards



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Family Time Awards



Lunchtime Awards



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Maths Whizz Awards



Runner of the Week



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
March 2026		
23 rd	Year 5 Adventure Week Meeting – 7pm in the hall – Parents only	Y5 Parents only
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
19 th	Ibstone Circle	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
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 Audtions – 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

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
	Tuesday 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

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