

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

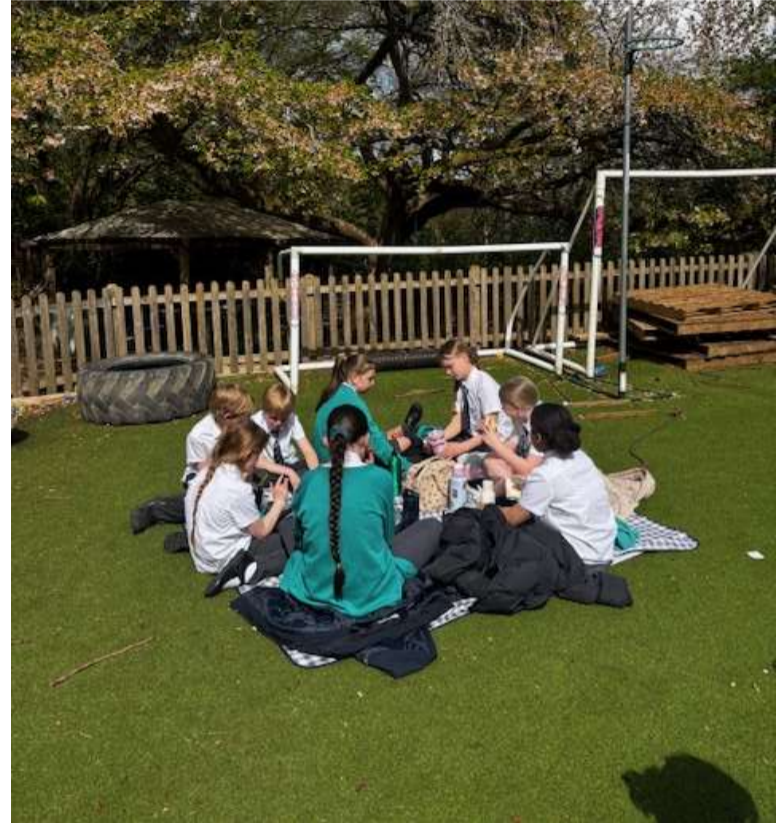
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Dear Families,

Thank you all so much for your understanding and support regarding the changes at school due to the work on the hall. The children have been amazing all week and the new lunch arrangements seem to be working well!



We do not have any updates this week but I have a meeting next week that will hopefully provide us with a timeline for the works.

The staff and I have been working on ways for the school to continue as normal, as much as possible, and from Monday 20th April, all year groups will have Forest School again. Please send your child in with their Forest School kit next week.

On Thursday, Pumpkin was very excited to head to the postbox for his first Offer Day postbox visit! We are looking forward to welcoming our new families to our Ibstone Family in due course.

Our first group of Year 2 swimmers enjoyed their first session this week, they were all very brave and took to swimming like ducks to water!

I am sure you will join me in sending our love and prayers to Reverend Mark, who has been quite poorly over the past few weeks, we hope you feel better soon!



Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

We are so proud of all the Pebbles children this week as they have all stayed for some full days! They have enjoyed their packed lunches and spending more time with their friends! **Well done all of you!**

They enjoyed listening to the story of the Gingerbread Man and loved making their own Gingerbread people!



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Ladybirds

It was lovely to see all the Ladybirds back with big smiles on their faces and lots of exciting news to share with their friends. We have had a busy start to the term and had a mystery to solve after being met with a mess of flour footprints and upturned baking equipment. We followed the footprints to discover the gingerbread man had escaped and set about making wanted posters to track him down. We have enjoyed listening to the story and have begun to learn our story map and made lists of all the characters in the story, trying to be really independent in our writing. We have made a start on sewing our own gingerbread man and some of the children made their own paper puppets and enjoyed putting on a show, setting up a box office ready to sell the tickets.

In maths our focus has been on 3D shapes, learning the names and exploring the different properties, for example, which ones can roll and which ones slide and some could do both. We have been spotting these shapes in the environment.

We are revising all our phase 3 sounds and the new tricky words of the week are said, so, have, like.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been learning how to edit their writing using the acronym CUPS (Capital letters, Understanding, Punctuation and Spelling). We started the week learning about capital letters and identified words in sentences that needed to have them. We worked in small groups to reorder words in sentences and practised spelling common exception words. We have also explored different sentence types and worked together to edit a short text by putting in full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.

In mathematics, both Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning about mass and capacity. This week, Year 1 have been learning how to measure mass using balance scales and have compared the mass of different objects. Year 2 have been learning about grams and kilograms and have been comparing capacity.

In science, we started our new topic on plants. This week, we worked in small groups to plan our investigations 'Will my plant grow with no water?' and 'Will my plant grow without sunlight?' The children are looking forward to setting up their experiments next week.



Kestrel Class

In English this week, Kestrels have been mapping and learning our new focus text, Adventure at Sandy Cove. They immediately have been excited by the suspense toolkit and their cold tasks were incredibly detailed with so many exciting ideas! Next week we will continue to learn the text with actions and do some short burst writing.

In mathematics, Frogs have continued learning about decimals. They have been making a whole with tenths and hundreds, and partitioning decimals. Nemos have moved onto learning about money. They have been identifying pounds and pence and converting pennies into pounds and pence.

In DT, we have started our food technology topic about seasonal foods. The class have used an atlas to identify different countries and where different fruit and vegetables come from. We have also been looking at different climates around the world to understand why foods grow better in certain environments.



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Osprey Class

In English, Osprey are just finishing off their last unit of work by completing the independent application. This is where the children use all their learning from the unit to plan and write their own tourist brochure about their own chosen location. We have recapped the toolkit and discussed all the ways they can persuade someone to visit their location.

In mathematics, Year 6 have started their new statistics module. They have been plotting line and bar graphs to represent some very complicated data! They have then been interpreting pie charts and also learning how to draw their own pie charts. Year 5 have finished their unit of work on area and perimeter by finding the perimeter of compound shapes and also estimated the area of irregular shapes.

This week in science we have started our new module looking at the circulatory system. So far, Ospreys have been learning about the structure of the heart and blood vessels.

In computing, we have been learning about the importance of password protection and permission when using various apps.

We have also started our 'Create' unit of work and begun thinking about what sculptures are and looked at some examples. We discussed what might have inspired these artists and how they have represented their ideas. The children then had the opportunity to make a small sculpture using 5 different materials they had selected.



Barn Owls

A wonderful return to school by the Barn Owls this week. In maths, the children have been busy mastering adding and subtracting fractions. They have also been exploring how to find fractions of a set of objects. Barn Owls are working hard to remember our key fraction rules: that the denominator shows how many equal groups the total is split into and the numerator tells us how many of those groups we are looking for.

In spelling, the children have been investigating some tricky patterns where letters don't always make the sound you expect: The 'or' pattern sounding like /er/ (as in worm and world). The 'ar' pattern sounding like /or/ (as in wardrobe and warm).

In our writing sessions, they've kicked off our new unit on Adventure Stories. On Wednesday, the children took part in a "cold task," writing their own suspense stories which they all thoroughly enjoyed. They have also started mapping our new class text, Adventure at Sandy Cove.

In other news

Ibstone Circle

We are looking forward to the Ibstone Circle this weekend. There is still time to sign up for the 5k/10k and Run in Colour.

<https://my.raceresult.com/382531/>

Run in Colour

We are delighted to announce that Abigail will be offering Run in Colour photos at the end of the run. Tokens for the photos will be able to purchased from the registration tent on the day. These will be priced at 1 photo for £5 or 3 photos for £10.

<https://www.abigailstudio.co.uk/event-photography-high-wycombe/>

Looking forward to seeing lots of you on Sunday at the common!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
April 2026		
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 Auditions – 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	Ibifest 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
	Monday 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