

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

I am so immensely proud of the whole school community this week, everyone has been so flexible, supportive and patient whilst we navigated Year 6 SATs in a very different set up to normal! Thank you everyone!

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who demonstrated our values this week, whilst sitting the Y6 SATs papers, you are all amazing and I am so proud of you. Don't forget, these tests don't measure or celebrate your kindness, creativity, resilience, leadership skills, how well you can play football or the guitar, and they certainly don't measure or celebrate what makes you the wonderful humans you are!

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Cinderella has been our main theme this week. Pebbles have enjoyed listening to different versions of the Cinderella story and had even more fun dressing up as the characters to act out the fairy tale. Everyone made a sparkly magic wand just like the Fairy Godmother's and sprinkled some magic dust around the classroom. The children waltzed with a partner to some beautiful music at the palace ball. The highlight of the week was watching the play they put together with Ladybirds. After practising their play several times, we set the classroom up like a theatre and watched each other's performances. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and sat quietly whilst others performed. As a reward for such an amazing play they all got to blow bubbles outside.



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have enjoyed the story of Cinderella. It has been a drama focused week with lots of small group work on acting out the story leading to performing in front of our friends. We have taken on different roles in the hot seat asking questions of our characters. We have all drawn a story map of the story and retold our own story using appropriate story language. We have thought of lots of adjectives to describe the different characters. There has been lots of magic happening with our own fairy wands.

In maths the focus has been on adding more and taking away using the language of first we had ... then we added ... and now we have... We have used double sided counters to help represent this on the 10 frames.

In phonics we have looked at the ending ed and how sometimes it sounds like t as in smashed and sometimes it sounds like id as in hunted, also words ending in est. The new tricky words are out, today.



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Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing their innovated versions of Traction Man. The children have enjoyed changing settings and creating new villains for Traction Man to defeat. The children have also been working hard to use their action toolkit, using interesting verbs and adverbs to describe the action in their stories.

In mathematics, Year 1 have started learning about fractions. This week they have been learning to find half of an object, shape or quantity. Year 2 have also been learning about fractions. This week they have been learning to identify and find quarters and thirds.

In science, we have been learning about the different environments that plants grow in. We discussed how plants need suitable temperatures in order to grow and looked at different plants that grow in different environments such as the desert, tropical rainforest, forest and ocean.

In art, we have been learning about texture. We first explored different techniques to create textures, including cross-hatching, squiggles, scribbling, circular scribbling and stippling. We then chose photographs of different objects and used these techniques to create different textures using a range of media such as oil pastels, pencils and chalks.



Kestrel Class

In English, we have been doing some short burst writing in preparation for our innovation next week. The class have boxed up and planned their own versions, ready to begin writing next week.

We have worked collaboratively to present the fascinating insights we gained from reading 'If the World Were a Village' by David J Smith. It really made us think not only about our own lives but also those of others in all parts of the world. Through first practical demonstrations and then the creation of posters with charts we presented the information for a display in our classroom. When we chose which chart format to use we drew on our experience working on a spreadsheet in Computing and so there was a wide range from bar charts to funnel charts which was great to see.



In science we put our skills to the test and worked out how different plants have adapted to their habitats across the UK.

In art, we continued learning about tints and shades and painted a three-dimensional object. We painted each square a different shade or tint to create the effect of light and dark, making it appear 3D.



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Osprey Class

In English, we have started looking at our new model text 'Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat'. This is a suspense story that uses suspense and action. We have begun mapping the text and learning it. The children also did some short burst writing, creating suspenseful spine poems, using a picture as a stimulus.

In maths this week, year 5 have finished their unit of work on shape by looking at regular and irregular polygons and also 3D shapes. They have now started the next unit on position and direction and have been using co-ordinates to describe the location of points in all four quadrants.

In science, we learnt about balanced diets. We discussed the different food groups and why each of them are important in order for us to be healthy and how each of them should be eaten in different quantities.

In art the children have created pieces of artwork linked to the five school values. They produced some great pieces which really celebrate each value.



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Information for next week

Osprey Class – please read the email re Forest School arrangements for next week – sent on 14th May 2026

Year 3, 4 and some Year 5's will be heading up to Garsington Studios on Tuesday afternoon. Please refer to the emails send on 14th May.

Staffing Update

It is with great sadness on the school's behalf that I have to tell you Ms Robertson will be taking flexi retirement at the end of the academic year. For Ms Robertson it will mean that after 18 years of working in school, she will now be able to travel and spend time with her family outside of the school holidays. She will remain working as our Bursar one day a week so she won't be totally leaving us... phew!

We are actively seeking a new office administrator to start in September, the job will be advertised next week. If you know someone you think would fit the family, please do let them know we are looking for a new member of the team.

Have a good weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Ibstone Investments



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2026		
18 th	Year 6 Adventure Week Meeting – 7pm in the hall – Parents only	Y6 Parents only
19 th	Garsington workshop – Y3-5 @ Garsington Studios	Y3-5
21 st	Year 6 Special Event – 4pm-11pm	Y6
22 nd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2026		
1 st	INSET Day	Staff Only
2 nd	Back to school	Everyone
9 th	Garsington Workshop from 1pm – Osprey Class 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
22 nd	End of Term – 1.30pm	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