

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Important Information/ Reminders

- Forest School has finished for the year for everyone
- Next week is Ibfest Week – please see main body of newsletter
- All children should be in school uniform with water bottles, hats and suncream – KS2 do not need ties
- Please do not buy new school shoes at this point in the year – trainers are fine if shoes are too small or are worn out
- Y6 – Don't forget Swan Upping – Wednesday 15th - 8.05am latest drop off at Compleat Angler, Marlow
Please respond to email re Swan Upping 10/7/26
- Thursday 16th – Ice cream sale after school
- Friday 17th – Pebbles last day
- Monday 20th – Year 6 Leavers' Service – 9.15am at the Church – Y6 families only (lasts approx. 45mins)
- Wednesday 22nd – End of Year Celebration - 12.45pm – on the front playground – please bring your own blanket/ umbrella/ hat

Dear Families,

Thank you to those who answered the poll on the community WhatsApp, we will continue with our weekly newsletters and will send a photo of the Important Information and Reminders out to the community each week. We also had a great suggestion that we have a feature at the top of the newsletter with the important information / reminders so they are easy to see at a glance. So here it is!

Sports Day

Short and sweet but successful! Thank you for all your support, the children are very pleased that we managed to make Sports' Day happen. Well done to everyone for taking part and giving it a go!

School Trip

Everyone enjoyed the school trip on Wednesday, I know I will not see Oxford in the same way next time we venture over there. From Mr Tumnus to Alice's sweet shop, it was amazing to hear about the authors who have been inspired by the sights and sounds of the city. Each class had different activities and experiences during the day, each unique to them, some children have already asked if we can go again!



Ibfest

The children will be working together to create music, drama and dance pieces based on Children's Literature for Ibfest this year. Whilst we are unable to have you onsite to see the performances, we will record each performance and upload it to our YouTube channel. **If your child is not normally allowed on social media but you wish for them to be in the recorded performance, please email the office to confirm you give permission.** Everyone will take part in the activities and rehearsals so there will be photos and they will be included.

What to wear & when

Pebbles – anything they like – if you have a yellow t-shirt and blue/black shorts please could you send them in for Friday

Ladybirds – uniform Monday – Thursday. PE kits on Friday. Please send in a yellow t-shirt in their book bag if you have one for Friday.

Woodland Class - uniform Monday – Thursday. PE kits on Friday. Please send in a red t-shirt in their book bag if you have one for Friday.

Kestrel Class - uniform Monday – Friday. Please send in ties on Friday (for their performance)

Osprey Class - uniform Monday – Friday. Please send in ties on Friday (for their performance). Year 5 – please send a bright coloured t-shirt & PE shorts on Friday.

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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Pebbles have had a very exciting week, enjoying lots of new experiences. We are so proud of how well behaved the children were on their first school trip to the Story Museum. They loved listening to all the wonderful stories and joined in with the imaginative activities with confidence. They discovered magical trees in the enchanted forest that told stories and had secret tunnels to different worlds. Such a magical day full of memories to keep.

Pebbles made us proud again during sports' day when they bravely joined in the running and egg and spoon races. Well done children, you are all superstars!



Ladybirds

What a busy and exciting week we have had; Ladybirds have all worked really hard to finish their own stories. They all were super excited to share their transition morning with us and are getting ready to be a Year 1. We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Story Museum. We had fun working in small groups to invent our own stories with a puppet and then shared these with the rest of the class, we explored the forest, listening to stories and enjoyed going to visit an interactive library, dressing up in different characters. After lunch in small groups, we invented a new planet with various resources for a character to land on. We then had free time to play exploring lots of different stories and had lots of fun jumping on a rather large bed.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing fact files about their own invented toys. They have been working hard to use their information toolkit, using a range of conjunctions and questions to hook the reader. There have been lots of creative ideas, I look forward to reading all about them!

In DT, the children have been busy developing their sewing skills to make puppets inspired by Punch and Judy. We have been learning to use a running stitch to attach felt features and join our puppets together.

On Wednesday, Woodland Class enjoyed their time at The Story Museum in Oxford. We enjoyed exploring around the galleries and enjoyed innovating our own stories to perform to each other through drama. On Friday, we also enjoyed taking part in sports day.



Kestrel Class

Kestrel Class had the 'best school trip ever' on Wednesday and have been asking if they can return to the Story Museum next year! We went on a walking tour around Oxford, exploring lots of landmarks as we learnt the story of Alice in Wonderland. Then we did a drama workshop and created freeze frames linked to a story. We explored the portals in the museum and our favourite room was Narnia – there was a snowy world behind the wardrobe which we all found very exciting! We had a fabulous day of learning and it has really supported our love of literacy!

We have continued learning about coordinates in maths and have all felt very confident with how to plot points on the chart. We have started learning how to translate shapes on the grid and need to make sure that we plot all the vertices of the shape to ensure correct translation.

Kestrels enjoyed taking part in Sports Day this year and we are very proud of how hard they all tried, especially in the heat!

It was very exciting to have our transition sessions this week. We are going to be very sad to say goodbye to our Year 4s but are also very much looking forward to getting to know our Year 2s!



Osprey Class

On Wednesday, Osprey had a fantastic time visiting the Oxford Story Museum. We started the day by having a tour around Oxford visiting different places that have been the inspiration for many famous stories. This included the lamp post that features in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C S Lewis. After lunch we were able to explore the museum and we visited different rooms that were based on other famous books. Some of the rooms we visited were Alice in Wonderland, Narnia, The Snowman and Winnie the Pooh. Finally we took part in a workshop session where the children created their own story map that included five possible setting locations.

On Thursday, we combined some of these setting locations to begin writing a class story. Below is the beginning...stay tuned next week for the next instalment...

'On a mundane Monday morning in the middle of May, Dora went to her treehouse, which perched in the middle of a great apple tree. She was busy preparing her treehouse for a sleepover that evening with her best friend, Aurora, when out of the corner of her eye she spotted the most alluring apple ever. A glistening golden apple. Without thinking, she scurried up the tree and leapt onto the bough where the apple hung. Dora grabbed the apple, took a bite and all of a sudden, the tree started to shake and a bubble appeared around it. At that moment, the bubble began lifting the tree out of the ground and high into the air. The bubble, including the apple tree, treehouse and Dora, floated through the clouds towards the Land of Sleepovers.'

As part of our PSHE and RSHE lessons, we have had sessions where we have talked about our changing bodies. The children had the opportunity to ask questions about the different things we had talked about too.



Enjoy the weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Headteacher Awards



Zog & Pumpkin Awards

Everyone! Well done and we hope you enjoyed your ice pops!



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Investment Points



Diary Dates New or amended dates will be shown in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
July 2026		
13 th	Ib fest Week	Everyone
16 th	Ice-cream sale at the end of the school day – cash/card accepted	Everyone
17 th	Pebbles' Last Day	Pebbles
20 th	Leavers' Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 nd	End of Term Celebration – 12.45pm – front playground	Everyone
22 nd	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
September 2026		
1 st	INSET Day	Staff Only
2 nd	Start of term for Reception – Year 6	All school children
7 th	Pebbles children start	Pebbles children
11 th	Individual photos – more information to follow in September	Everyone
October 2026		
22 nd	End of Term	Everyone
23 rd	INSET DAY	Staff only
November 2026		
2 nd	Start of Term	Everyone
December 2026		
18 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2027		
4 th	Start of Term	Everyone
February 2027		
11 th	End of Term – normal end of day	Everyone
12 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
22 nd	Start of Term	Everyone
March 2027		
24 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
25 th	INSET DAY	Staff only

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April 2027		
12 th	Start of Term	Everyone
18 th	Ibstone Circle & Run in Colour	Everyone
May 2027		
4 th – 7 th	Year 5 Adventure Week	Y5 only
10 th – 13 th	KS2 SATS	Y6 only
28 th	End of Term – normal end of day	Everyone
June 2027		
7 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
8 th	Start of Term	Everyone
14 th – 18 th	Year 6 Adventure Week	Y6 only
July 2027		
6 th	Transition Day	Everyone
21 st	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone