

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

*Nurture - Inspire - Grow*

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Dear Families,

It was lovely to see so many of you drop into Open Classrooms on Monday. The children really enjoy being able to show you round their classrooms. The notes from Parents' Meetings have been sent home in bags today for Ladybirds, Woodland and Kestrel Class.

Osprey Class meetings will be rescheduled for after half term, we will email you all in due course when we have set the dates.

## **Making History!**

For the first time in history, Ibstone CE Primary School has enough players to have a competitive football team! In true Ibstone style, we signed up for the U11 Knock Out Cup and the U11 League. This week we played our first ever Cup match at Hazlemere CE Primary School and I am so proud and delighted to share that Ibstone won 4-1 and will be moving into the second round of the Cup. Well done team! We are all so proud of you. You lived and breathed our school vision and values every minute of the game!

A huge thank you to Grant and Dan for coaching the team over the past few weeks, we all really appreciate your support and experience!

Our next game is at Radnage on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 3.45pm, this is a league game. Specators/ supporters are very welcome!



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### Family Time

In Family Time we continued with our theme of 'The Wemmicks' and we heard the story of 'If Only I Had a Green Nose'. We learnt about how we were all created to be different – we weren't designed to look the same. We drew self portraits to celebrate our unique identity.

If you would like to hear the story, you can watch the animation here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zl6GMIjKKns>



### Weekly Round Up

#### Pebbles

This week we started our new topic 'Autumn' by going for a walk through Ibstone woods. As we walked through the woods, we listened to all the woodland sounds of birds singing and leaves rustling and crunching as our boots swished along the path. The children sang "It's snowing leaves" as they danced and jumped to catch the falling leaves. We collected lots of acorns, pine cones and leaves to make Autumn pictures.

This week in storytime we have enjoyed listening to The Leaf Man and We're Going on a Leaf Hunt. We made our own Leaf Man picture and use woodland stencils to make Autumn patterns.



#### Ladybirds

We started the week with a wonderful Autumn walk. The whole of Early Years were amazing and enjoyed looking for signs of Autumn. We collected different coloured leaves, pine cones and conkers and brought them back to school. We had a go at leaf rubbings with wax crayons, looking at the patterns left from the leaves.

This week we have started Drawing Club based on the book Leaf Man and the children enjoyed creating their own character and planning their setting. The idea is the children make codes for exciting things to happen within their picture; these can be a mixture of numbers, shapes, letters or tricky words. We have also enjoyed making our own leaf characters.

In mathematics the focus has been on the numbers 1,2,3, matching numbers to different picture representations, spotting in the environment and learning to subitise- instantly recognise these numbers without counting.

In phonics the sounds of the week are, h, b, f, l, and the tricky word is **the**. This week the children are also learning to spell a cvc word.



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### Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing losing tales. Year 1 have continued writing their innovated stories based on Augustus and His Smile. Year 2 have started writing their hot write, in which they have created their very own losing tales involving aliens, gingerbread men and rockstars who have all lost a precious item.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning how to write number sentences. They have using part-whole models to write addition facts and have created fact families. Year 2 have started their unit on addition and subtraction. This week we have revised number bonds to 10 and have been writing fact families for numbers within 20.

In science, we explored our final sense which was smell. The children took part in a smell investigation where they had to smell different odours in mystery cups. The children then had to identify the scent they could smell and wrote down words to describe the smells, such as fruity, sweet or minty.

### Kestrel Class

In English, we have moved onto our new text, Poppy's Diary. This is a recount text and the class have been looking at the features of a diary and then wrote their own diaries based on the story of Mr Tickle. We have learnt the words and actions to Poppy's Diary after the children mapped their own texts. We have been working on verbs and the past tense this week.

In mathematics, Nemos have continued working on addition and subtraction; subtracting 1s across a 10, and 10s across 100. Frogs have continued working on addition and subtraction, and have been adding and subtracting two 4-digit numbers using more than one exchange.

In history we been looking at a timeline of events that happened during the Bronze Age and have been ordering the dates. The class looked at different artefacts that have been discovered from the Bronze Age, guessed what they might have been used for and what they were made from.

In PSHE we had some great discussions about people that we trust. We talked about possessions that were precious to us and who we trusted most to look after those items.



### Osprey Class

Miss Comrie has been really missed this week we but have found our new groove with Mrs Burkitt, Mrs Long & Mrs Grafham teaching the class. We have continued working on our advertising campaign and are ready to edit our adverts next week for a launch after half term.

Year 5 have concluded their addition and subtraction unit this week by completing multi-step addition and subtraction problems, comparing calculations by looking carefully at both the operation and the numbers within it and finding missing numbers in a calculation. Year 6 have been working on both multiplication and division. They have successfully multiplied 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and solved problems with multiplication. They have recapped and used the bus stop method to complete short division questions and learned that when dividing they can use repeated division by using the factors of the number they are dividing by.

In French the children have learned how to describe people in French, focussing in particular on their hair colour and eye colour. They created many combinations to describe themselves eg *Il a les cheveux bleus et les yeux jaunes*.

As part of our Discover topic, we have made posters and leaflets to share our learning about World War 1.

In science we investigated the solubility of different substances. The children created their own investigation and designed how they would conduct it. Some children chose to test different solutes to see which dissolved the quickest, others chose to find the saturation point of a solution and some tested whether the temperature of the water affected how quickly the solute dissolved.





### Barn Owls

Our focus in maths has continued to be adding 1s and multiples of 10 to 3 digits numbers but this time when they cross either the next ten or the next hundred. Eg  $258 + 6$  and  $258 + 60$ .

In English, we've started a new unit looking at a recount in the form of writing a diary. To practise writing from a character's perspective, we listened to the classic story of Mr Tickle. The students then became Mr Tickle for the day, recalling his mischievous actions and writing a diary entry about his adventures. We moved on to our new text for the next few week which focuses on Poppy, the main character from our Elf Road adventure. The text describes her journey and adventures as the main character in her diary.

### In other news:

#### Tissues

Thank you to those families who have dropped in some tissues, we are very grateful. We would still welcome more donations if you are able to!

#### Ibstone Bonfire and Fireworks

This year the fireworks will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November. It is a 5pm start for the BBQ, bonfire & bar. Fireworks will start at 6pm. Donations will be taken on the gate. This is a no sparkler event.

The whole event takes place on Ibstone Common, our children make the Guy for the bonfire each year.

#### Hotwheels Stunt Show Raffle

Congratulations to our winning family! We hope you have the most amazing time! We have raised £190 for the school!



#### Congratulations

A huge well done to Pumpkin who passed his Foundation Life Skills Course on Monday! We are all very proud of you!

#### Off the Page History Day

A reminder that Woodland, Kestrel and Osprey Classes have their Off the Page History Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Payment can be made via iPal – School Trips – School History Day

#### Adventure Week – Year 5 & 6 Only

Polite reminder that deposits for the Year 5 & Year 6 Adventure Weeks need to be paid by 7<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Sports Clubs

Bookings are now open for Kites and Sports Clubs for next half term:

Monday – Cross Country – KS2 only

Wednesday – Hockey – KS1 & KS2

Friday – Gymnastics – Everyone (until 5<sup>th</sup> December)

Enjoy your weekend!

Louise Long  
Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards



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## Zog the Dog Awards



## Pumpkin Praise Awards



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## Family Time Awards



## Lunchtime Awards



## Runners of the Week



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>October 2025</b>		
All month	Black History Month	Everyone
22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Term	Everyone
23 <sup>rd</sup>	The Pop Up Pumpkin Patch – please share the poster	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
6 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 & KS2 History Off the Page Day – please see main body of newsletter 3/10/25	KS1 & KS2 children
11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day	Everyone
13 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Rosen Poetry 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
<b>February 2026</b>		
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
<b>March 2026</b>		
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
<b>April 2026</b>		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>May 2026</b>		
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
<b>June 2026</b>		
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
<b>July 2026</b>		
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

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## OPEN DAYS

TOURS AVAILABLE FROM 6TH OCT

As this is one of the biggest decisions you make as a parent, we are very flexible and invite you to see our school in action at a time that works for you and your family. If you would like to book a tour please contact us.

### WHAT WE OFFER

- Small, nurturing environment
- Very experienced staff
- Weekly Forest School for all year groups
- Wrap around care from 7.45am
- A family feel
- Pebbles Nursery 9am-12pm daily



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