

# Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who visited, baked, manned the café or ran errands in the background for The Pop Up Pumpkin Patch during half term. Your efforts have helped us raise a whopping....



A huge thank you to Tom and Brooke for giving us the opportunity to raise such a significant amount for our small school! We really appreciate it!

## **Congratulations**

This morning, one of our Year 6 pupils was competing at a national level in the Search for a Star, Pony Club Open Class at Your Horse Live. As it was being streamed live, we all decided to cheer her on and watched the event live in the hall! It was a very tense 20 minutes, however, we are so proud to announce that Alice and Artie won the class! WELL DONE ALICE & ARTIE! We are all so proud of you!



## **Happy Birthday!**

Wishing Ms Robertson the happiest of birthdays! We hope you have a wonderful long weekend celebrating.



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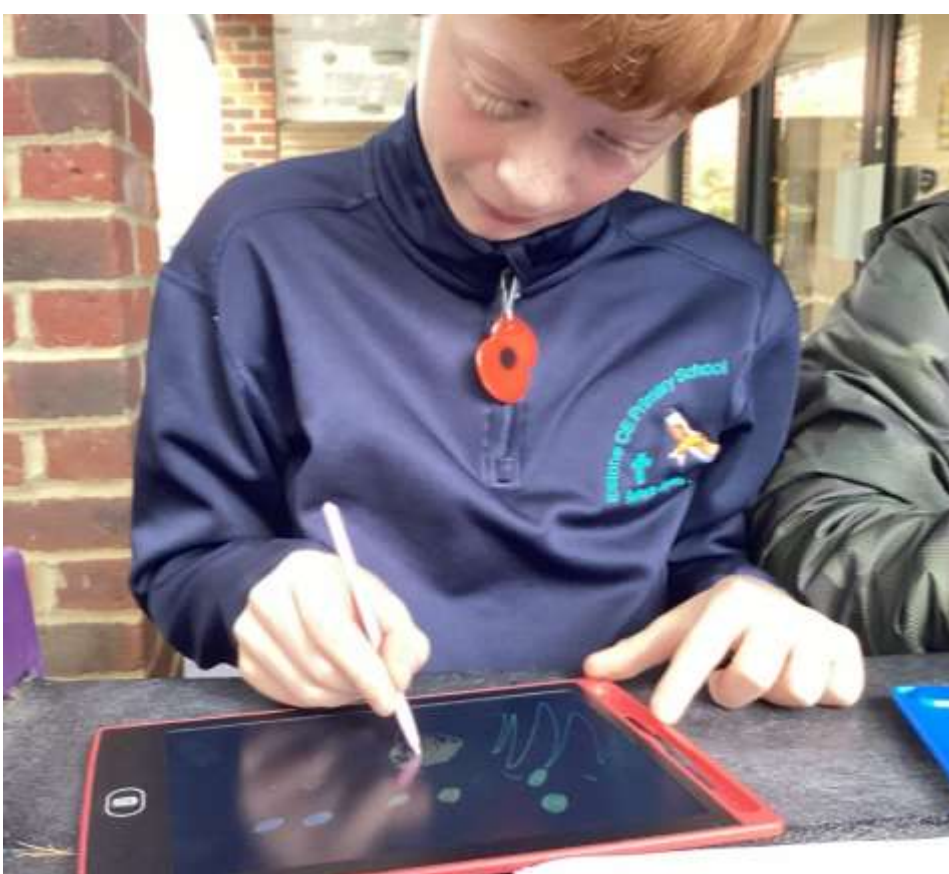
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## Playtimes

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated items for playtimes, the feedback from the children has been very positive and we have seen a fall in first aid incidents and the number of friendship issues at playtime and lunchtime. We will put together a playtime wish list that will be shared on the weekly newsletter, there are lots of groups that give things away for free, so please think of us! Osprey Class were challenged with thinking of a name for our new playtimes, the clear winner was F.A.B (Fun at Breaktimes), they have designed logos for F.A.B this week and the winning design will be made into the official logo!



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### Family Time

This week in Family Time we listened to another ‘Wemmicks’ story by Max Lucado. We heard the story of ‘Best of All’ which is about celebrating our unique talents. We thought about our many talents and cut out a star and drew/wrote something that we are good at which will be used as a display in the hall.

### Weekly Round Up

#### Pebbles

In Pebbles we follow the Little Wandle Foundations for Phonics. This week we have started the Turning into Sounds programme with short sessions everyday. This week our focus was the sound “S”. We had fun playing what sound is in the box, finding different pictures and objects beginning with S and making up silly sentences to help us learn the sound.

The children have learnt a fabulous Fireworks song “Bonfire night is here”. After learning the words to the song we then added dance actions including star jumps for the whooshing rockets and tip toes for the quiet, sparkly fountains. We used different coloured scarves for the pretty spinning catherine wheels. We then had great fun playing instruments while we sang, with loud drum beats for the big bangs and bells for the fizzing fireworks.

We also made some lovely bright explosive paintings.

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## Ladybirds

It was lovely to see all the children back with big smiles and independently organising their coats and bags. We started the week listening to the story of The Little Red Hen and we all made head bands for the characters of the story. This is our focus story which we will use for Talk 4 Writing over the next three weeks. We have started to learn the story off by heart using a story map and learning some actions. We have used story props to retell the story.

In mathematics our focus has been on shape. We have been circle and triangle detectives. We have sorted shapes, made pictures and had fun going on a shape hunt. We discovered lots more circles around our school than triangles. We have also been thinking about how to describe the position of objects.

In phonics our new sounds were, ll, ff, ss and j our tricky words of the week are; put, pull, full, and as. During our phonics sessions we have now started to read sentences and spell different cvc words.



## Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have started learning about instruction writing. This term the children will be writing instructions based on a recipe from George's Marvellous Medicine. On Wednesday, we started reading the story of George's Marvellous Medicine and made our own bubbling potions by following a set of instructions.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been busy learning their number bonds to 10 in a variety of ways. We have been using systematic methods as well as counters and tens frames to find pairs of numbers. Year 2 have continued learning about related facts and have been using their number bonds to 10 to help them find bonds to 100.

On Thursday, Woodland class enjoyed their history day set in the Victorian Times. We enjoyed learning interesting facts about Florence Nightingale and were also introduced to Mary Seacole who we will be learning about this half term. The children also enjoyed making their own lanterns and used dip pens and ink to write application forms to help at the hospital. We also made diaries, herb bags and medals for the soldiers fighting in the war.



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### Kestrel Class

In English, Kestrel Class have been writing their diary recounts about Josh and his adventures to the magic laboratory. It was important to make sure that it was written from the point of view of the first person, which was actually harder than expected. We kept discussing using the correct tense as well to make sure that the diary made sense.

In mathematics, Nemos have continued working on addition and subtraction, subtracting two numbers across 10 and across 100. Frogs have finished area and moved on to multiplication and division, working on multiples of 3.

We had a fantastic day of history on Thursday! It was great fun all getting dressed up and pretending that we were living in the Stone Age. The class made clay coil pots and a clay tablet with some letters from the Cuneiform alphabet inscribed. They did some weaving and also made a small 'cave' using Modroc and painted some cave art onto it. The other activities were soap carving and also making a foil stater after learning about money. It was a really immersive experience and a great day of learning for all of us!



### Osprey Class

Osprey Class have continued learning about World War 1 & 2 this week. They have listened to War Poetry and discussed how Wilfred Owen's choice of words created such imagery. They have also been learning Lest we Forget for our Remembrance Worship next week. We all thoroughly enjoyed our History Off the Page day on Thursday and found out more about life on the Home Front in WW2. We all had the chance to make an ID card, dip pen, ARP badge, gas mask box, toy plane, cipher wheel for secret messages and a pom pom.



In mathematics, Year 5 have continued their work from before half term and explored common factors. This led nicely into their work on prime numbers, learning that all prime numbers have two factors. They have also looked at square numbers. Year 6 have continued their work on multiplication and division and applying their skills in problem solving. They have also looked at the order of operations learning the order of priority for operations in a calculation: that calculations in brackets should always be done first, and that multiplication and division have equal priority and should be performed before additions and subtractions.

In science this week we have started our topic on the changes of materials by exploring evaporation. We were presented with a problem – we are marooned on a desert island and we are in need of a drink. We have 2 bottles with us, one contains pure water and the other contains a salt water solution. How can we find out which is the drinking water (without tasting them!)? We have begun our investigation into evaporation and will observe our two cups containing the substances over the coming days.

### Barn Owls

In mathematics, we've been focusing on our subtraction skills. We started by practising the subtraction of single-digit numbers from numbers up to 20. This practice was key to building confidence before moving on to more complex tasks. The children are now able to work column subtraction problems that require an exchange.

In English, we used the structure of Poppy's Diary—which we explored before the holiday—to inspire our own creative writing. The children fully embraced writing from the perspective of Josh, recounting his incredible adventure through a huge science lab. Their focus was mastering the use of the first person and consistent past tense, ensuring their diary entries included descriptive language and exciting detail.

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#### **In other news:**

##### **Children in Need**

Everyone is invited to wear their own clothes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November in exchange for a donation to Children in Need. Donations can be made via the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/sue-robertson-1762445717526?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/sue-robertson-1762445717526?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

##### **Swimming Gala**

We will be taking 8 of our Year 5/6 pupils to Wycombe Swimming Centre on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November to take part in a swimming gala against 7 other schools. I look forward to sharing more news on this next week.

##### **Football**

Our KS2 Football Team will be playing Radnage on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at Radnage. Spectators are warmly welcomed. Kick off is at 3.45pm at the pitch near Radnage Village Hall.

##### **KS2 Nativity**

We are delighted to share that Garsington Studios are happy for us to perform our KS2 Nativity in the studio again this year. The performance will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. Everyone is welcome!

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



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# Runners of the Week



## Diary Dates

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>November 2025</b>		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Football Match v Radnage – League Game	All welcome as spectators
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 – please see main newsletter & email 6/11/25	Everyone
14 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Gala – Wycombe Swimming Pool	Selected swimmers Y5/6
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
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>KS2 Christmas Performance – 5pm – Garsington Studios</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Jumper &amp; Christmas Lunch Day</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
<b>January 2026</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Back to school</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<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

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May 2026		
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
June 2026		
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
July 2026		
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