

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you for your kind donations.... we have raised £311 for Children in Need! Pudsey heard of our grand total and popped in to see the children!



Contact information

Your child should have brought home a data collection sheet on Friday, please could you check all your details and ensure that we have at least 3 emergency contact numbers so that we are able to get hold of someone in an emergency. These contacts would also be used if your child did not turn up at school and we hadn't heard from you about why they were not in school. Our duty is to keep all of our children safe and to ensure they are accounted for each school day. Please return the forms by Friday 21st November. Likewise, if you are away, please could you let the office know so that if we need to get hold of someone, we know who the best person to contact would be. Many thanks!

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Football News

This week saw our Football Team play their first league match, the ground conditions were challenging and the mud was quite spectacular! This however, did not deter the team and after dominating most of the match the final score was 3-0! Well done to all the players! You were superb!



Swimming News

This afternoon I had the pleasure of taking a team of Y5/6 swimmers to make another bit of Ibstone History! They competed in the Wycombe and Marlow School Games Swimming Gala at Wycombe Leisure Centre. What an afternoon it was! The team came 3rd and have returned home with bronze medals! **Congratulations to the team!**



Playtimes

The children have continued to enjoy playtime, we have noticed that they are getting a bit muddier and wetter than normal so the PTA have kindly funded a set of waterproof trousers for the children to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes.



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Family Time

In Family Time this week we have been learning about Children in Need. We learnt about all the fantastic work that the charity does and completed some Pudsey activities!

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Pebbles have had a wonderful week exploring our topic "On the Farm". We have been learning the words and actions of The Little Red Hen story and we enjoyed doing a puppet show using props and puppets of the hen, noisy duck, sleepy cat and lazy dog! Every day at story time we read some great books from a series all about a farm, their favourite was about Piggy Piglet who had a thistle stuck on his tail. We used special farm mats to help us make play dough animal pictures and the children made a fabulous cat with button eyes and little stick whiskers.

We got very very muddy in forest school on Thursday. We made lots of yummy, runny hot chocolate which we enjoyed pouring from one pot to another!

The highlight of our week was definitely meeting Pudsey Bear, what a lovely surprise!



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we thought about how we could describe The Little Red Hen. We all drew The Little Red Hen and thought of lots of adjectives to describe her. We changed our class text map into The Little Pink Pig and retold it together. Everyone thought about who they would like in their story and changed their own version and retold it, we had some lovely ideas including the Little Princess, The Black Cow, The Little Dragon and Little Mermaid. We have then looked at how we can shorten the story and put it into a five sentence story. We have also been busy making rocking red hens.

In mathematics our focus has been on the numbers 4 and 5, sorting different representations of this, exploring different ways of making these numbers and subitising.

In phonics the new sounds are v,w,x,y and the new tricky words are: and, has, his, her.



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Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been learning about the key features of instruction writing. This week they have been learning to use bullet points in a list, adjectives to add more detail and bossy verbs to tell the reader what to do. We have also looked at identifying all of these features in our text map 'Marvellous Medicine'.

In mathematics, Year 1 have continued their work on adding and have been learning to add two numbers within 10 using a range of equipment. In Year 2, the children have been looking at adding two numbers by making 10 first. The children first worked on this practically using counters and then looked at recording it using part whole models.

On Thursday, we celebrated Michael Rosen day by exploring his book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The theme for the day was 'funny food' so we created our own version of the book called 'We're Going on a Food Hunt'. The children worked in small groups to make an adventure map with different food locations before writing and performing their own verses.



Kestrel Class

In English, the class have written diaries to recount their perfect day and used our class text map as a structure to write their diary. We also enjoyed getting involved with Michael Rosen Day and have written our own versions of his poem 'Hot Food' but changed it to our own poem 'Cold Food'.

In mathematics Nemos have been learning to add three and two digit numbers with one or two exchanges. Some of us were finding the concept difficult so we created a human calculation using ourselves and Dienes. It really helped us to understand the concept and we found the formal calculations more accessible as a result. Frogs have been using their times table know-how to great effect, applying their knowledge to word and number problems.

In Computing we looked at different scenarios and worked out if they were genuine or scams. We also talked about what advice we would give someone. In preparation for the work we will be doing using the program Scratch, we did coding in pairs using a simpler format called BeeBot. It was good to collaborate and problem solve as we completed the tasks.



Osprey Class

Osprey Class have continued their learning about World War 2 this week, they have looked at the time line of events and have thought of questions they would like to find out about in the next few weeks. In English they have looked at diary entries from two soldiers, learnt a poem to recite at our Remembrance Worship and taken part in Michael Rosen's poetry day!

In science this week we have been looking at reversible changes. We looked at various different problems from salt mixed with rice to a plastic cookie cutter stuck in ice! We looked at how some changes can be reversed with sieving, melting and evaporating.

Barn Owls

In mathematics, we've been focusing on our multiplication skills. We practised counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We then moved onto recording these as multiplication sentences.

For English, we concluded our diary entry unit by independently writing a diary entry of an exciting day. The children had to imagine a totally amazing day and then write a diary entry for that day. Many ideas focused on competing in their favourite sports, even a football match at Wembley, some on a amazing holiday. The children all participated in Michael Rosen day and loved the poem 'hot food'. We used it to create our own collective poem about lemon sorbet. The children then created their own food related poems.



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In other news:

Football

Our KS2 Football Team will be playing at St John's, Lacey Green on Monday 17th November and at Disraeli School on Tuesday 18th November. Spectators are warmly welcomed. Kick off is at 3.15pm for both matches.

Enjoy your weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



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Family Time Awards



Lunchtime Awards



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Runner of the Week



Diary Dates

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
November 2025		
17 th	Fire Brigade Visit	Osprey Class only
17 th	Football match v St John's, Lacey Green	
18 th	Football match v Disraeli	
28 th	Christmas Trees & Christmas Craft Fair 6pm-9pm	Everyone
29 th	Children's Christmas Fair	Everyone
December 2025		
9 th	EYFS / KS1 Nativity Performance -2pm – St Nicholas Church	EYFS / KS1 Families
11 th	KS2 Christmas Performance – 5pm – Garsington Studios	Everyone
12 th	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day	Everyone
19 th	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2026		
5th	Back to school	Everyone
February 2026		
2 nd	Open Classrooms – 3.30pm – 5.15pm – more information to follow	Everyone
3 rd	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
4 th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
9 th – 15 th	Children's Mental Health Week - more information to follow	Everyone
10 th	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
12 th	End of Term – 3.15pm / 3.25pm	Everyone
13 th	INSET Day	Staff only
23 rd	Back to school	Everyone
March 2026		
6 th	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
22 nd	Ibstone Circle – more information to follow	Everyone
26 th	Stations of the Cross Easter Walk	Everyone
27 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
April 2026		
13 th	Back to school	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
22 nd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2026		
1 st	INSET Day	Staff Only
2 nd	Back to school	Everyone

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15 th – 19 th	Year 6 Adventure Week	Year 6 only
July 2026		
7 th	Transition Day	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

