

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Important Information/ Reminders

- **Forest School starts next week** – please send in wet weather kit (see main body of newsletter).
- **PE starts next week** – Pebbles & Ladybirds on Tuesday. Woodland, Kestrel & Osprey on Wednesdays. Children wear their PE kit to school.
- **Can you help us?** We are looking for Football Coaches for our Y5/6 Football Team & keen runners to enable our KS2 Cross Country Running Club to continue running. Please contact the office.
- **End of day times:** Pebbles 3pm
Ladybirds & Woodland 3.15pm
KS2 - Mon-Thurs - 3.25pm Fri - 3.15pm
- KS2 Cross Country bookings are now live on iPal
- Don't forget to send in your KS2 Snack Donations

Dear Families,

Welcome back! It has been so wonderful seeing all the happy faces coming into school this week! Thank you to all our Buddies for helping our new children settle in to school life so quickly and happily.

This afternoon Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 came together in the hall for our first Worship of the year, it was so amazing to be able to be back together under a roof.

Zog and Pumpkin have loved being back in school and were very excited to see they had new beds in the recently renovated office!



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Philippians 4:13

Can you help us?

We are looking for volunteers to help us!

- Our Y5/6 football team are looking for coaches to help with training and matches
- Our Cross Country Running Club are looking for volunteers to enable the club to continue to run. You don't need to be free every week, the more the merrier!

If you can help with either of these... please email the school office!

Whole School Snacks

Our whole school snack initiative has been working well over the past few days. Thank you to those KS2 families that have made a donation towards this already. Please keep sending the donations in so that all children in KS2 can take advantage of daily snacks after play.

Our dedicated snack time enables all children to have some down time straight after play, it ensures they have had a chance to eat something so they are ready to learn and it is a well know fact that crunchy snacks support a reduction in anxiety, reduce sensory overload **and** help with emotional regulation! Who knew carrots, apples, celery, cucumber, bread sticks and rice cakes (other crunchy snacks are available) could do so much to help us!



Forest School

Forest School starts next week, please make sure your child has their kit in school with them. Osprey Class are out on a Monday and Kestrel Class & Woodland Class are out on Tuesday. Ladybirds will be heading out on Thursday.

Forest School Kit

As it is Autumn, please make sure your child has:

- waterproof trousers
- waterproof coat
- wellies or waterproof walking shoes/boots
- a spare pair of socks
- a hat and gloves (these are not must haves for this point in the term)



KS2 Swimming

An email has been sent out today to the first group of swimmers. If you did not receive an email, please do not worry, your child will swim later on in the year.

KS2 Cross Country

Bookings are now live. Cross Country will start on Monday 7th September. Children must bring in suitable kit and a pair of trainers (these should not be worn into school or as part of Forest School kit).

Inhalers

If your child has an inhaler, please could you ensure it is in date and sent into the office. We are in the process of updating the care plans. For those who have an inhaler in school already, we will check these and update the records.

Diary Dates

During our INSET day on Monday, we have set the dates for the main events of the year. Please take a look at the dates at the end of the newsletter so you know when you may need annual leave to attend Nativities and Sports Days etc!

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2026		
1st	INSET Day	Staff Only
2nd	Start of term for Reception – Year 6	All school children
7th	Pebbles children start	Pebbles children
8th	Secondary Transfer Test Practice	Y6 only
10th	Secondary Transfer Test Practice	Y6 only
11th	Individual photos – more information in main body of email	Everyone
16th	Swimming starts – email sent to families of KS2 swimmers	Autumn 1 Swimmers
18th	Neurodiversity Awareness Parent Workshop – email sent 03/09/26	Parents
October 2026		
14th	Last Swimming session for Autumn 1 Swimmers	Autumn 1 Swimmers
14th	Parents Evening – Woodland, Kestrel, Osprey, Barn Owls 1pm – 5pm - more info to follow	KS1 & KS2 Parents
15th	Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 7pm - more info to follow	All Parents
22nd	End of Term	Everyone
23rd	INSET DAY	Staff only
23rd – 31st	Pop Up Pumpkin Patch – more info to follow	Everyone
November 2026		
2nd	Start of Term	Everyone
December 2026		
8th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity – St Nicholas Church – 2pm	EYFS & KS1 families
10th	KS2 Nativity – Garsington Studios – 5pm	KS2 Families
18th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2027		
4th	Start of Term	Everyone
February 2027		
9th	Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 7pm more info to follow	All Parents
10th	Parents Evening – Woodland, Kestrel, Osprey, Barn Owls 1pm – 5pm - more info to follow	KS1 & KS2 Parents
11th	End of Term – normal end of day	Everyone
12th	INSET DAY	Staff only
22nd	Start of Term	Everyone
March 2027		
24th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
25th	INSET DAY	Staff only
April 2027		
12th	Start of Term	Everyone
15th	KS2 Sports Day	
16th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	
22nd	Reserve KS2 Sports Day	
23rd	Reserve EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	
18th	Ibstone Circle & Run in Colour	Everyone
May 2027		
4th – 7th	Year 5 Adventure Week	Y5 only
10th – 13th	KS2 SATS	Y6 only
28th	End of Term – normal end of day	Everyone
June 2027		
7th	INSET DAY	Staff only
8th	Start of Term	Everyone
14th – 18th	Year 6 Adventure Week	Y6 only
July 2027		
6th	Transition Day	Everyone
12th – 16th	Ibifest Week	All children
21st	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone

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