

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Important Information/ Reminders

- **School photo orders. Don't forget Early Bird discount is available until 28th September.**
- **Homework has been set on Google Classroom for Years 1-6**
- **Please send in Donations for Community Matters on Friday – see main newsletter**
- **Don't forget to sign up to help at the Pumpkin Patch** <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WuO6XSjWD0iIS9KmCjuqJKhE-3-T8A2AG3H8s101t5g/edit?usp=sharing>
- **If you haven't completed the Annual Consent Form please complete by Wednesday 30th September**
- **No swimming on Wednesday 30th September**
- **Parent Meeting Booking Forms will be sent out next week**

Dear Families,

We have finished the week with a wonderful Worship, the Ladybirds joined us and have put their Ib'stones' in our community jar. All children, staff and governors are invited to put a stone in our community jar when they join the Ibstone Family. The stones stay there until they leave, at which point, they are invited to take a stone away with them so that they can always carry a piece of Ibstone with them, wherever they go.



This week in Worship we have thought about Perseverance, what it means to persevere and what it looks like! We agreed that it can look different to everyone. We also agreed that each one of us is unique and will have to persevere at different things!



Harvest – Friday 2nd October

Our Harvest Service will be on Friday 2nd October. Due to numbers, we are keeping this as a school only event and we will head to the church during the school day. Don't worry, we won't be singing Big Red Combine Harvester this year, we will save that for next year! We will be on the playground at 3pm next Friday afternoon to sing our Harvest songs for you!

As in previous years, we will be collecting for the Community Matters Food Bank. Here is the list of things they are currently in need of:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tinned tuna• Strawberry jam• Tins of sweetcorn• Tins of potatoes• Kitchen roll• Washing up liquid | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cleaning products• Rice (microwave & boil in the bag)• Tins of soup• Tins of chopped tomatoes• Fabric softener• Biscuits (any variety) |
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Please send in your donations on Friday 2nd October.

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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Pebbles had a fun filled week focusing on the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty. We made a fabulous Humpty using different materials which we used as a prop to sing the song. The children played with Humpty for the rest of the day.

In phonics we listened to sounds connected to the rhyme including horses neighing and soldiers marching. We also tried different rhyming versions for example Humpty Dumpty sat on my knee, Humpty Dumpty fell in the sea. They found this very funny and continued to make up their own versions. Their faces lit up when they were given a REAL egg to play with! They had to build a brick wall and then find/make a crash mat for him to have a soft, safe landing. Sadly, we did have a few cracked Humpty's!

In maths this week we played sorting games using different shapes, colours and animals.



Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have been singing and playing with the rhyme Humpty Dumpty. We listened to part of the story Little Lumpty and all thought of ways that Little Lumpty could be saved from a fall from the wall. The children had some amazing ideas, including a unicorn coming to the rescue, an aeroplane or having a parachute and safely landing. We have looked at different materials and made predictions as to which one would make the best crash mat for Humpty Dumpty, we then had lots of fun creating our own wall and testing our own crash mats. We have made our own Humpty Dumpty's working on our cutting skills.

In maths we have continued to work on sorting a collection of objects in different ways making sure we had a rule as to how they had been sorted. We have looked at which sets had more and fewer than with lots of counting.

In phonics our new sounds this week are i, n, m, d. We have looked at cvc words with the sounds taught to date and practised segmenting and blending these together.



Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have started learning their Talk 4 Writing text, 'Handa's Surprise'. On Wednesday, we took part in some fruit tasting to try some of the fruits from the story including mango, pineapple, banana, orange and avocado. After tasting each fruit, we then thought of adjectives to describe them.

In maths, we have continued learning about place value. This week we have been learning to compare numbers using less than, greater than and equal to symbols. We have also been estimating on number lines and have ordered numbers from greatest to smallest.

In science, we have been consolidating our knowledge of different animal groups by playing a game of guess who. This week, we worked in pairs to ask questions, helping us to identify our partner's animal.

In geography, we have been learning about the five oceans of the world. This week we have continued to use atlases to find and identify the five oceans including the Atlantic, Pacific, Southern, Indian and Arctic. We have also enjoyed listening to songs to help us remember the seven continents and five oceans.



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Kestrel

In maths this week, we have been working on number lines to 10,000. The children have been estimating numbers on a number line, comparing numbers and ordering numbers. We have done a lot of consolidation on place value to help us to understand how to order the numbers.

In English we have started to innovate our class text. We changed the canal to a lake and thought of different ways that the children could get across. We also did lots of work on description and some short burst writing to describe the canal.

In geography we learnt about the different layers of the rainforest. The class loved playing some practical games outside to help them remember the four layers by using actions.

In science we have continued our work on solids, liquids and gases by discovering the melting points of different substances. It was very interesting to make our predictions and then find out the actual melting points. We were amazed at the difference between, for example, the melting point of butter and sugar! We also have deepened our practical experience of gas particles by spraying a scent in the classroom and smelling how the scent gradually travelled from the front to the back of the classroom.

Barn Owls

It has been a strange week without Mrs Burkitt but the Barn Owls have wowed all the staff who have worked with them! In mathematics they have been ordering and comparing numbers, looking for the smallest and greatest amounts within 1000 and have enjoyed playing maths games together!

In English they have been punctuation detectives and have been writing some super sentences! They have also been developing their comprehension skills and continued their work on their Talk 4 Writing text 'The Canal'.

Well done Barn Owls you have lived out our value of respect and perseverance, thank you all!

Osprey

In English this week, we have continued learning the text and looked at toolkit features. The final toolkit feature we have explored is how the author can mirror the characters' feelings through the setting, using emotive verbs and personification. Today we looked at extracts from *Malamander* and *Wolf Brother* to identify all our toolkit features within them.

In maths, we have been focusing on rounding and negative numbers. The children looked at rounding numbers up to the nearest 100,000. We have been learning all about negative numbers, including ordering them in both ascending and descending order.

In geography, we looked at world maps and identified the Artic and Antarctic Circle, The Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn and the Equator. We also looked at longitude and latitude and discussed how this is used to be able to give an exact location. The children had to choose 3 different locations within North and South America to research and record specific information (including time zones, area, longitude and latitude, weather/climate and physical features).

Homework Survey

Thank you to everyone who sent us their responses and/or emailed. The survey results will be attached to the newsletter email.

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of our Summer Reading Challenge children, Lisa from Stokenchurch Library was very impressed with the huge number of Ibstone children who had taken part online and at various libraries. These children have all earnt an extra 20 Investment points!

Reading for Pleasure Books & Investment Points

All children across the school should have brought home their Reading for Pleasure books and a letter about Ibstone Investments this week. Please get in touch if your child's book has not made it home.

Enjoy your weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Runner of the Week



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Headteacher Awards



Summer Reading Challenge Celebrations



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2026		
October 2026		
2 nd	Harvest Service – please send in donations (see main body of the email)	Children only
14 th	Last Swimming session for Autumn 1 Swimmers	Autumn 1 Swimmers
14 th	Parents Evening – Woodland, Kestrel, Osprey, Barn Owls 1pm – 5pm - more info to follow	KS1 & KS2 Parents
15 th	Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 7pm - more info to follow	All Parents
22 nd	End of Term	Everyone
23 rd	INSET DAY	Staff only
23 rd – 31 st	Pop Up Pumpkin Patch – more info to follow	Everyone
November 2026		
2 nd	Start of Term	Everyone
December 2026		
8 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity – St Nicholas Church – 2pm	EYFS & KS1 families
10 th	KS2 Nativity – Garsington Studios – 5pm	KS2 Families
18 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2027		
4 th	Start of Term	Everyone
February 2027		
9 th	Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 7pm more info to follow	All Parents
10 th	Parents Evening – Woodland, Kestrel, Osprey, Barn Owls 1pm – 5pm - more info to follow	KS1 & KS2 Parents
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
April 2027		
12 th	Start of Term	Everyone
15 th	KS2 Sports Day	
16 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	
22 nd	Reserve KS2 Sports Day	
23 rd	Reserve EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	
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
12 th – 16 th	Ibifest Week	All children
21 st	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone

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