

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Important Information/ Reminders

- Parent Meeting emails have been sent out, please contact the office if you have not received your appointment email
- Raffle for Deadly 60 Live tickets are on sale every day until 15th October
- Last swimming session for Autumn 1 on Wednesday
- Parents Meetings – Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th October – all in the hall on the playground
- Autumn 2 Clubs are now on iPal – Archery/ Fencing, Cross Country (KS2 only) & Gymnastics can be booked for next term
- End of term is 3.15pm/3.25pm on Thursday 22nd October
- The Pumpkin Patch opens on Friday 23rd October – if you are able to help, please get in touch via the WhatsApp Group

Dear Families,

Thank you once again for the generous Harvest donations, we delivered over 10 very full and heavy bags of donations to the Community Matters Food Bank at Holy Trinity Church, Lane End. These donations will help support 25 families in our wider local community.

In Worship this week we have thought about our value of Community. We talked about belonging and how we can be part of many communities, large and small. In our celebration worship today, lots of the children shared the examples of community they had spotted over the course of the week. They had seen groups of children playing together, teachers helping each other, staff working with children, our buddies were given a special mention and all in all, we felt that our Ibstone Community continued to shine in a positive way! I know that I feel very proud to be part of this wonderful school community!



Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

This week Pebbles have been learning the nursery rhyme, Hickory Dickory Dock. They made little finger puppet mice to act out the rhyme. They have made a colourful clock face and have looked at the numbers 1-12 as they stuck them on in the correct order.

In mathematics they have played a magnetic numbers fishing game and explored lots of shape puzzles!

Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have enjoyed listening to the rhyme Hickory Dickory Dock. We have had fun with changing the time in the rhyme and then sharing these aloud with our friends; at 2 the mouse shouted boo, at 3 the mouse hurt its knee, at 4 the mouse went roar! Creatively we have made little mice and clocks to help with the retelling.

In maths we have looked for patterns in our environment sharing our finds, from the sunflower tablecloth to the stripy socks. We have looked at continuing repeating patterns thinking about what would come next. We have been working with a friend and independently to make our own repeating patterns.

In phonics the sounds of the week are ck, e, u, r and our new tricky word is l.



Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have enjoyed planning their innovated versions of Handa's Surprise. This week, we have explored the structure of the story and have used this to plan our own journey tales by changing the characters and items. Year 2 were also challenged to change the setting of their stories. We are very excited to start writing our stories next week.

In maths, we have continued learning about addition and subtraction (within 20). This week, we have been working hard to learn our number bonds. On Tuesday, Woodland Class took part in an investigation to find all of the number bonds to 10 systematically using counters and tens frames. We have also explored addition fact families and have been learning how to write number sentences to add two numbers together within 20.

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In science, we have been looking at wild animals and pets. We talked about the needs of both wild animals and pets before sorting animals into groups.

In geography, we have compared living in the UK with living in Kenya. We explored a range of photographs of Kenya and discussed how it was similar or different to living in the UK.

During our COOL (Choosing Our Own Learning) time, we have been finding number bonds to 10 and 20 using tens frames and part-whole models, sorting words by their phonemes, retelling the story of Handa's Surprise through small world play and have become animal detectives, identifying animals by their features.



Kestrel

In maths this week we have been adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s and 1,000s. We also had to add across a boundary into the next ten or hundred. This proved to be very tricky so we have gone back a few steps and spent a lot of time working on our number bonds. The class have used cubes to work out the bonds to 10, 20 and 100.

In English, Kestrel Class have finished writing the class innovation of The Lake. They have now planned their own innovations for next week and will begin to write their own version making more changes to the original text. To keep things a bit simpler, they are keeping their setting linked to water. By next week we will have lots of warning tales linked to keeping safe by ponds, rivers, beaches and streams.

In geography, the class learnt about deforestation and the impact that it can have on the Amazon Rainforest. The children have talked about lots of different scenarios of how deforestation can be positive or negative, and sorted different statements according to their opinions. They have also started to think about things that we can do to help from the UK.



Barn Owls

Barn Owls have been pattern-spotters this week. We've been exploring what happens to numbers when we add 1s, 10s, and 100s, using our knowledge of place value to see how numbers change.

In English, we've been developing our own unique individual innovations for The Canal. The children have come up with some brilliant ideas, and we can't wait to start developing and writing these stories next week. They also enjoyed become directors and created their own freeze frames for the main actions in their stories.



Osprey

In English this week, children have finished writing their defeating the monster stories. They had some fantastic ideas as to how the boy was going to defeat the wolf and save everyone from the beast.

In maths, the children looked at how they can use inverse calculations to solve missing number questions and also how known facts can help them with answering more challenging questions. We have then moved onto looking at multiples and common multiples.

In geography, the children are going to be comparing an area of North or South America with Ibstone. So, they have started this week by writing down all the things they wanted to find out about Ibstone, in order to compare it. They have thought about things that need to research, places they want to sketch an image of and any samples they may want to collect from the environment (e.g. soil, plants).

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In computing this week, we have been looking at infrared light. We explored its different uses and how it can be used in different ways to transmit data. The children then worked in groups to design a new type of use for infrared technology in their school that uses either data transmission, proximity, barrier or heat detection.

Enjoy your weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Runner of the Week



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Summer Reading Challenge Celebrations



Diary Dates

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

Date	Occasion	Who?
October 2026		
14 th	Last Swimming session for Autumn 1 Swimmers	Autumn 1 Swimmers
14 th	Parents Evening – Woodland, Kestrel, Osprey, Barn Owls 2pm – 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
6 th	Ibstone Fireworks – at the common - more information to follow	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 2pm – 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

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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	Ibfest Week	All children
21 st	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone