

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Important Information/ Reminders

- Parent Meeting notes will be sent home on Thursday 22nd October for all children
- Ibstone Village Fireworks are on Friday 6th November at 6pm – please see main body of the newsletter
- Please check the uniform you have at home belongs to your child/children and is **named**
- Swimming for Autumn 1 is now finished
- Swimming emails for Autumn 2 have been sent 15/10/26
- Thursday 22nd October is the end of term. 3.15pm/3.25pm collection. Friday 23rd is an INSET Day

Dear Families,

Congratulations to the winner of the Deadly Live Raffle! We hope you have a wonderful day out and enjoy the show. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, we raised £370!

This week in worship we have started thinking about British Values, we found out that British Values were introduced to help us to live in a world where everyone is treated equally, can live safely and can celebrate their differences.

Our focus this week was Democracy. Democracy is where everyone is treated equally and has the same rights and responsibilities. It allows people to share and express their thoughts, opinions and feelings and for those to be listened to by others. As a whole school community, we thought that our values of Love, Community and Respect also linked well to Democracy and the children gave some excellent examples of this in school.

Secondary School Application Deadline

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to apply for their secondary school place online by Friday 30th October.

Village Fireworks

Ibstone Village Fireworks will be on Friday 6th November with a BBQ and bar available from 6pm. Fireworks will start at 7pm.

This is a sparkler free event. You don't need a ticket as donations are taken on the gate! It is a great evening out and the fireworks are spectacular!

Medical Tracker

As a school we have a new system for recording accidents that happen in school and recording medication given. If your child has a bump to the head, you will still receive a call from the office and you will now receive an automatically generated email that informs you of the head bump.

If your child is given Calpol during the day, we will call you to check you are happy for us to give it and then you will also receive an email to inform you of the time and dose given.



Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

We have had a fantastic, Autumn filled week in Pebbles Nursery. The children have loved exploring the changing season through songs, movement and story time. We read two wonderful books, *Going on a Leaf Hunt* and *Leaf Man*, which inspired us to talk about trees, bright autumn colours and how nature changes this time of year. The children created their very own Leaf Man pictures using leaves and we finished our week with some lively dancing pretending to be Autumn leaves – spinning, twirling and fluttering to the ground.

Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have been thinking about Autumn, we enjoyed walking around the school grounds to look for the changes in our environment. We enjoyed spotting as many different colours as we could. We collected interesting leaves and looked at the different shapes and colours. We used wax crayons to make rubbings. We listened to the story *Leaf Man* and thought about who Leaf Man might meet along the way; we worked really hard to use our phonics and write as many sounds as we could. We then creatively made our own Leaf characters.

In maths we have looked at the numbers 1,2,3, we have matched objects and practised subitising (recognising the amount instantly without counting) and seeing these in various arrays. Ladybirds have been introduced to the 5 frame and have been finding out how numbers can be represented.

In phonics our sounds of the week are h, b, f and l. Our new tricky word is 'the'.

Love – Courage – Respect – Community – Perseverance

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Philippians 4:13

Woodland

In English, Woodland Class have been busy writing their innovated versions of Handa's Surprise. This week we have been working very hard to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We have also been using interesting adjectives to describe items and animals within our stories. I look forward to reading all of them when they are finished.

In maths, we have continued learning about addition. This week we have been looking at doubles and near doubles. We have also been learning how to add three 1-digit numbers together using counters and tens frames.

In science, we have enjoyed using our knowledge of animals to write animal riddles. We each chose an animal and wrote clues describing its characteristics such as 'I am warm-blooded' or 'I am a carnivore'.

In geography, we have been looking at different types of climate around the world. We have also been observing weather patterns in the UK and comparing them to the weather in Nairobi, Kenya.

During our COOL (Choosing Our Own Learning) time, we have been finding number bonds using dominoes, practising tricky words in the sand, playing tricky word bingo and developing our fine motor skills using conkers and tweezers.



Kestrel

In maths this week, we have been looking at connections with numbers, and have now started column addition. The class were all very excited as they could clearly see where the numbers needed to be added. We used dienes and place value counters to support with our understanding. Today we have started to use column addition to add by exchanging the 1s, which was a bit trickier, but the class had excellent focus and worked really hard.

In English, the class have finished writing their own version of the text. We had lots of warning tales about rivers, streams and beaches and I have been extremely impressed by their writing stamina. They completed a lot of writing and even when I stopped them, they wanted to continue and finish the paragraph! Some excellent perseverance! Kestrels retelling of the text is now brilliant; such fantastic expression and actions.

In Geography, the class were learning about animals that live in the different layers of the rainforest. The children completed a fact file about a chosen animal and learnt more about their diet, habitat and appearance; as well as which layer they live in.



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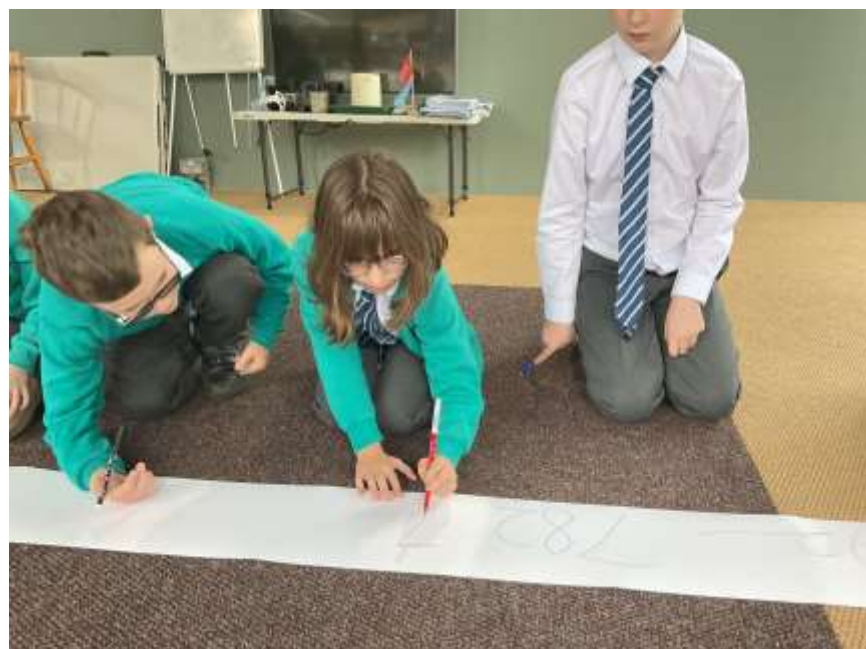
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Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have taken adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, and 100s to the next level. We have been focusing on numbers that cross the tens or hundreds boundary. To bring this learning to life, the children loved making a large, shared number track.

In English, the children have written their own super stories using the structure of our original class text. We have had some super plots including: children falling when playing on a bridge, children skating on a frozen pond and children playing football near a river. The children have shown incredible focus and should be really proud of their final pieces of work.



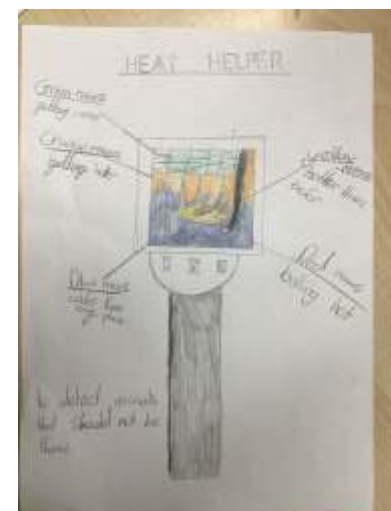
Osprey

In English this week, the children have been learning more about our editing and redrafting acronyms: CUPS and ARMS. These allow the children to focus in on different aspects of editing and redrafting in order to help them in improving their writing. The children were given a poorly written and punctuation free piece of writing that they had to use CUPS and ARMS to improve. They have planned and started writing another defeating the monster story, in which they could choose their own characters, monster and setting.

In maths, the children have been learning about factors and common factors. They have applied their work on multiples and factors and learnt about different rules of divisibility and prime numbers.

In geography, the children have continued with their comparison of Ibstone and an area in North and South America. This week they have been information gathering about Ibstone (including historical information about the school and church) and have also started sketching different landmarks in and around the area.

In computing this week, we have learnt about RFID (radio frequency identification). We have learnt about how and when it is used. We have also learnt about encryption and discussed why this is important.



Enjoy your weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Runners of the Week



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
October 2026		
21 st	Re scheduled Parents Evening – 2pm-3pm	Kestrel Class only
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
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