



**IVY LANE SCHOOL**  
**School Newsletter #1**  
**WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023**



Dear Parents/Carers of Ivy Lane,

Welcome back to school and an especially warm welcome to all our new families and children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) or joining us further up the school. We are all so pleased to see you here in school and ready to learn in your new settings. All of our children have had a very positive start to the new school year, looking smart and certainly ready to learn, despite a very warm first week of term! Our new staff have also settled well, with Mrs Angell in Milligan, Mrs Harvey in Pullman, Ms Keogh in Morpurgo, Mrs Finner in Reception and Mrs Collins in Year 1. We also welcome our new Forest Schools Leader Ms Maudet.

At Ivy Lane we pride ourselves on being friendly and approachable. Mrs Lammin, Mrs Fahey, Mrs Burton and Mrs Adams are out on the playground in the mornings and afternoons to greet and say goodbye to our children. The Class teachers welcome you at the classroom doors or playground at those times too, for parents and carers to share any concerns or issues that may. Our welcoming office staff are also on the end of the phone or on email for any queries you may have as well.

Please always come and speak to us if there is something that is concerning you about your child during their school day, such as practices or expectations – we are always happy to clarify and explain. We appreciate that many things can get lost in translation when the children arrive home after a busy day in school.

We look forward the term ahead with many events planned. Year 3 have already enjoyed their Orienteering days, along with swimming starting in Year 4 and after-school clubs this week, I am sure it will prove to be yet another busy term and Halloween will be here before we know it!

Best wishes,

**Mrs H Lammin**  
Head of School



**PLEASE SEE THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**TD Days 23/24**

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

## MEDICINE & MEDICAL FORMS

Please ensure any medication that your child needs in school is brought in as soon as possible. You will also be asked to complete a new Medical Form which can be obtained from the office. Thank you.

## HEALTHY ME

Please see details attached of a Wiltshire Council initiative with regards to healthy eating.



## WRAPAROUND CARE

It is essential when completing registration forms that **ALL** dietary and medical requirements are included on the form. This important information is used as a reference for the catering team when making meals for Breakfast and AfterSchool club.

## SCHOOL START TIME

We are seeing an increase in children arriving late in the mornings. Please ensure children have arrived to school for 8.30am as the school day begins at 8.40am. If you arrived after 8.40am please come to the office as registers will have already been taken.

We ask for parents/carers to promptly leave the school site in the morning and afternoon to ensure they exit via the main gates.



## PRIMARY & SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Please see attached posters from Wiltshire Council Admissions team detailing deadlines for primary and secondary school applications.

## SCHOOL COATS

With autumn approaching along with cooler and wetter days, please ensure that waterproof coats are brought into school every day.

## BOOKING DEADLINES

Could we please remind parents/carers to adhere to the booking deadlines for school dinners and wraparound care. This will avoid disappointment when late requests are made for dinners, breakfast and afterschool clubs.

Thank you for your support with this.

**Do you receive any of the following?**

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

Want to apply? Not sure? Ask at the office



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being taken on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** so please make sure that your child looks smart with their very best smiles, hair washed, uniform on including green cardigans and sweatshirts please! The photographers have requested that girls do not wear green hair accessories, i.e. JoJo Bows as this can compromise the "green screen" process if used.

The photographer will be taking individual and sibling photos again this year.

Photo proofs will be sent out once we receive them from Fraser Portraits. Parents/carers are requested to place orders on-line directly with Fraser Portraits. More information will follow.



Who's ready for another year of fun and fundraising? Thanks to your generous support in the last school year FOILS was able to grant £8,121.20 to fund a range of resources and experiences from theatre tickets to leavers hoodies and new equipment for PE and pastoral care.

Friends of Ivy Lane School is a registered charity. The Trustees are Kim Moules (Chair), Jill Davis (Secretary) and Sophie Cosgriff (Treasurer).

We have a fantastic team of volunteers but always need more helpers so if you can spare some time to support events please get in touch on [foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk) or send a message through our Facebook page. We are all busy working parents who want to make a difference to our children and support our school.

If you have a child in Reception come along to the coffee morning on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. We will be happy to answer any questions about who we are, what we do and how you can get involved.

The next fundraising event is our after-school Autumn Disco for Years 1 - 6 on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October and before you know it we'll be counting down to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### WILTSHIRE SUPPORT SERVICES

#### Wiltshire Autism Assessment Service

If your child is known to WASS and you would like some support with the service, please visit the website to find a range of useful links, resources, and information.

<https://wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk/waas/>

#### Wiltshire Parent Carers Council

The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) can provide advice about local sources of support and information for families of children with special educational needs.

[https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Contact\\_us](https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Contact_us)



### BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corner in celebration of their birthday:

Vaishnav (Carle)  
Emilia N (Hargreaves)  
Theo L, Vishnu T (Walliams)  
Tassi B, Jenny D (Griffiths)  
Lara D (Rowling)

### STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to these children who have impressed their class teachers over the last two weeks.

Well done to you all



Oskar C, Zoe C (Donaldson)  
Finn D, Maya Le (Hargreaves)  
Bailey-Rose K, Karim D (Dahl)  
Josiah B-M, Bean J (Milligan)  
Freddie C, Tassi B (Griffiths)  
Penelope C, Curtis T (Walliams)  
Caesar M, Isla R, Mabel S (Hughes)  
To all of Morpurgo class, Caleb S (Morpurgo)  
Logan P, Luke McC (Pullman)  
To the entirety of Byars class, Alex L (Byars)  
Riley C, Ella F (Lewis)  
Clara Z, Enzo H (Rowling)



## MESSAGES FROM OUR AMAZING CLASS TEACHERS THIS WEEK

**DONALDSON**

& Hargreaves

We have had a fantastic start to year one and the children are settling into the new routines really well. It is wonderful to see them coming into the classroom each day so happy.

Whilst being authors, we have been learning our new text - Little Charlie. The children are enjoying retelling the story with actions. They are showing such a wonderful willingness, enthusiasm and positive approach towards their learning, we are so proud.

We are looking forward to the rest of the term with the exciting learning opportunities that we have planned.

We hope you have a great weekend.  
The Year 1 Team.

**Milligan**

All of the adults in Milligan class are very proud of the children for settling in so well to Year 2. The children have been working hard with their writing, maths and phonics and are impressing us every day.

In our enquiry we are being scientists and learning about materials. We are also being historians and learning about old and new buildings. The children have been enthusiastic with all their learning, what a great start to Term 1!

Mrs Angell & Miss Tiller

**DAHL**

Hello Dahl Class,

Well done on a super start to Year 2. You've all shown a fantastic attitude to your learning and you are adjusting brilliantly to our new routines.

In writing we've been learning the Story of Pirate Tom. Next week we will start to write our own versions of the story. In Maths we have been consolidating our place value knowledge and practicing how to partition numbers into tens and ones.

Our first enquiry of the year is called "What could my classroom be made from?" So far, we have looked at the buildings around our school site to see what they are built from and talked about when they were built. At the end of the term, we will be making a model classroom using a shoe-box. If you have any shoe boxes at home that we could use, please could send them into school for us!

We have lots of great things to look forward to in Year 2!

Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Fahey, Mrs Lane and Miss Kirkwood

**Walliams**

It has been lovely welcoming Walliams Class back to Ivy Lane and we have already been very busy with our learning.

This week we have started learning our new Talk for Writing story 'Little Red Riding Hood' and in Maths we have been looking closely at 2 digit and 3 digit numbers.

The weather has been kind to us and we have been able to go outside to enjoy learning about orienteering - it turns out that Walliams Class are brilliant orienteers!

Well done Walliams Class.

Mrs Bull, Mrs Horan, Senora Merry & Miss Moxey

**Griffiths**

Welcome back Griffiths class!

What a fantastic first two weeks we have had in Year 3. You have all transitioned brilliantly into KS2 and bring such enthusiasm every day.

We have got stuck into our new enquiry and had great fun exploring forces through friction and magnets, you have shown yourselves to be super scientists. Our Talk for Writing text is Little Red Riding Hood, you have learnt the whole text with actions and discussed new vocabulary.

In maths we have been recapping place value and securing our knowledge of tens and ones. Well done for a super return to school, we look forward to lots more exciting learning over the course of the year!

Griffiths team

Hi Everyone,

We have had an amazing start to the year in Year 4! We have both been really impressed with the attitude and motivation everyone has shown in their learning. Well done! It has been lovely to hear all about what everyone got up to and the places people visited during the holidays.

We have been learning all about place value in maths and representing numbers in different ways. In reading, we have started our author focus of Helen Ward by reading 'Varmints' which has created lots of great questions and discussions. In our writing, we have started to learn a text called 'Adventures at Sandy Cove', which is all about exploring and adventure! We even did our exploring on the school field and found some interesting objects.

Keep up the hard work. We're really excited about the year ahead!

Mr. Butterfield and Mrs. Keogh.

## BYARS

We have had a superb start back to the year and the whole class have been magnificent. We have been working hard on our routines and expectations for the last two weeks which should help us be fabulous all year.

We spent some time learning about the wonders of the world (physical and human geographical features) and creating our own artwork, highlighting our uniqueness.

This week we have begun to learn our new text for writing - the story of Perseus and Medusa; developed our place value knowledge and started reading the book Into the Forest by Anthony Browne.

We have also begun our new enquiry "What does Earth Look Like From The Solar System. All very exciting and the children have thrown themselves into each lesson with enthusiasm and effort. Keep it up.

Mr Johns

## ROWLING

Wow Rowling, what a fantastic start to year 6 we have had.

We have been so impressed with all of your attitudes to learning in the last two weeks and have really enjoyed getting to know you!

In science, we have been learning about the circulatory system and what blood is made of and in writing we have been looking at how to write a suspense narrative.

More busy weeks coming up, so keep up the enthusiasm!

Mrs Storey & Mrs Pratt

## PULLMAN

What a busy and brilliant start to year 5!

In Pullman class we have been actors and role-played the tale of Persius and Medusa, we have been mathematicians and have become experts at place-value (and putting a comma in the right place for numbers in the thousands, ten thousands and hundred thousands), we have been scientists and artists and have even managed to make time to practice our handwriting.

As I only started at Ivy Lane this year, Pullman class have been showing me the ropes and reminding me that my name is Mrs Harvey and not Miss Surgison anymore, alongside all of their school activities! It has been a fabulous two weeks and I look forward to the rest of the term.

Mrs Harvey

## Lewis

Welcome to Lewis class. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can support you or your children with anything at all.

A huge well done to Lewis class for their first 2 weeks of Year 6. We have seen the entire class settle really well and show a huge effort within all of our learning.

We have enjoyed starting the Year 6 curriculum, but also worked hard to ensure we have a really positive classroom this year too. Many awards and rewards have started well, with all of the children deserving of praise or more. We have also made sure that we have made time for Year 6 responsibilities too! This includes the careful selection of House Captains, where volunteers made some fantastic speeches to show their skills. Well done to all those who applied for this important role.

Mr MacMahon

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
27/09/23	School Photographs (Individual & Siblings)
27/09/23	Reception coffee morning for parents in Ivy Hall at 8.50am
10/10/23	Nasal Flu Vaccinations for YR – Y6
12/10/23	FOILS Halloween Discos Year 1 – 3: 4.15-5.15pm Year 4-6: 5.30-6.30pm
17/10/23	Open Classrooms
21/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
23/11/23	Parents Evening 3.20-5.30pm
23/11/23	Year 5 visiting Hardenhuish School for Taster day (further details will be sent out)
02/12/23	FOILS Christmas Fayre
12/12/23	Nursery, Reception & KS1 Christmas Dinner. KS2 Party Packed Lunch
14/12/23	KS2 Christmas Dinner. Nursery, Reception & KS1 Party Packed Lunch
19/12/23	Last day of Term
04/01/24	First day back of 2024
24/01/24	Y5 to Young Voices in Birmingham
09/02/24	TD Day
28/03/24	TD Day
19/03/24	Parents Evening 3.20-5.30pm
21/03/24	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
26/03/24	FOILS Spring disco Year Reception-2 4.15-5.15pm Year 3-6 5.30-6.30pm
24/06/24	TD day
01- 03/07/24	Y6 Residential to Hooke Court
06/07/24	FOILS Summer Fayre
10/07/24	Open Classrooms 3-5pm
11/07/24	FOILS Summer Disco Year Reception-2 4.15-5.15pm Year 3-5 5.30-6.30pm
18/07/24	Y6 Ivy Fest 5-6.30pm
24/07/24	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
24/07/24	End of Term 1.30pm finish – there will be no After School Club available

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#### Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is available to anyone who is struggling during this difficult time – and will now be available on Saturdays.

The hub can help and provide support to those who perhaps don't have a network around them, and also signpost them to where additional help is available in their local area.

Hundreds of community groups, run by volunteers, are still set up across the county, providing invaluable assistance to those who need it.



The Wiltshire  
**WELLBEING HUB**  
For vulnerable people in need of support

**0300 003 4576**

✉ [wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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