



**IVY LANE SCHOOL**  
**School Newsletter #3**  
**TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2023**



Dear Parents/Carers of Ivy Lane,

We have made it to the end of Term 1. Life at Ivy Lane has certainly been a busy one with many events both in and outside of school. Our Enquiry learning across the school has enabled our children to get stuck into being Scientists, Engineers and Historians. I have seen model classroom creations in Year 2, experiments during science learning and some fantastic story writing across the school.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting the 'Young Minds' Charity and celebrating #helloyellow day. The children looked super in their splashes of yellow. Thank you to Mrs Burton for organising the day and providing some delicious 'yellow themed' treats in our staff room! The donations we had for the Doorway (Salvation Army) charity, will support our local community, especially at this very challenging time. We were able to share the collection with our children during our Harvest assemblies last week.

We look forward to welcoming all our children back on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, where (dare I say it) we will begin the countdown to Christmas and all the excitement that will bring. Our parents' evenings will also take place and further information will follow at the start of next term.

Once again I am immensely proud of all of our staff at Ivy Lane, the hard work and dedication they all give to our children. Thank you also to the parents and carers for your continued support.

Have a relaxing and peaceful half-term holiday with your families.

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**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February,  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

**MOBILE PHONES**

Please can we remind you that the use of mobile phones is not permitted **anywhere on the school site**. There has been a noticeable increase of parents/carers using their mobiles when on the school premises – a member of staff will approach you to ask you turn your mobile off if you are seen using it. Please ensure when you are dropping off and collecting your children, that mobile phones remain in your pockets or bags. Thank you for your co-operation.



**No mobile phones**

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2024

We would like to give you prior warning of the school closing at 1.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

This will mean that there will be no Ivy Kidz provision on that day.

### OPEN CLASSROOMS

Reminder that Open classrooms are Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 3-5pm. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's class to take a look at the work they have completed this term. You can also have a quick chat with the class teacher at the same time.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

### IVY KIDZ

Throughout the year we run many afterschool clubs (teacher led and sports coach led) alongside our wraparound clubs. This can get especially confusing when parents/carers and staff are referring to afterschool club(s). We have therefore decided to name our afterschool club which is held every day in Ivy Hall.

With immediate effect the Afterschool Club will now be known as **Ivy Kidz**.

Please use the following email address if you have any queries or questions for the Ivy Kidz team:  
[ivykidz@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:ivykidz@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk)

We hope you will agree that this name change will make communication easier when referring to the current afterschool club.



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

A heartfelt thank you for donating so generously towards Ivy Lane's Harvest collection. We have discussed Harvest in our assemblies and why traditionally it is a time to give thanks, celebrate and prepare for Winter. We also discussed how lucky we are that due to trade we are often able to get the food that we like all year round and have enough to eat.

Your donations have since been collected by Doorway; a local charity based in Chippenham that provide hot meals for those that need a helping hand. Doorway were incredibly impressed with the volume of high-quality donations; your donations will go a long way to helping a lot of people.

An extra special thanks to Y4 who formed a human chain to help transport the Harvest donations from the Old Hall to the New Hall ready to be collected.





## YELLOW MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October we invited children to come into school dressed in something yellow in support of **#HelloYellow** for World Mental Health Day. Thank you for helping your child(ren) to support this day and raise awareness. We also held whole school assemblies in support of Hello Yellow.



### CHARITY FUNRAISING

Each year Ivy Lane School supports a small number of charities by holding non-uniform days. Please see information below:

On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be supporting Children In Need and will be inviting the children to come into school dressed in bright colours and donating £1.00 towards the charity.

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** we will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children. Festive jumpers or accessories can be worn to school along with their uniform on that day. We will be collecting £1.00 donations in support of this charity.

Can we please say a huge thank you in anticipation of your support for both of these charities.

Please ask even if your child is of Infant school age.

**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**

## MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION FOR CHILDREN

I am a mindfulness and meditation teacher who specialises in supporting children and their emotional well-being. My sessions are ideal for children who are sensitive, suffer from anxiety, stress, overwhelm or low-confidence. I help them bring more calm, peace and joy into their lives.

As an ILS parent I have previously volunteered at Ivy Lane and support groups of children who needed extra emotional support with great results. I also volunteered to lead an art & mindfulness after school club at Ivy Lane before the pandemic.

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### MEDITATION CAN HELP :

- REDUCE ANXIETY AND STRESS
- UNDERSTAND & MANAGE STRONG EMOTIONS
- LEARN COPING STRATEGIES FOR THE DEMANDS OF THE DAY-TO-DAY LIFE
- BOOST CONFIDENCE
- FEEL HAPPY IN YOUR OWN SKIN
- CREATE MORE CALM & PEACE IN LIFE
- CREATE AN OVERALL FEELING OF WELL-BEING TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY LIFE

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- a safe space
- an opportunity to unwind
- mindfulness activities & games
- gongs + soothing music
- breathwork
- guided visualisation meditation

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## FREE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Supporting the wellbeing of children has never been so important. To assist you in doing this, SSS Learning Ltd have produced two fantastic free parental resources:

[Child Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)

[Parents' Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)

I am sure parents/carers will find these free resources both informative and supportive.





Thanks for supporting our first fundraising event of the school year. We hope all the children enjoyed dancing with their friends and eating sweets at the Autumn Disco. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped, we raised an impressive **£741.17**.

Funds raised by FOILS are spent on resources and equipment for our school as well as exciting experiences for our children. In November we have arranged a treat for Year 3 and Year 5 who will have an immersive lesson inside a mobile planetarium. In December we have booked the annual trip to the pantomime at the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon for Year 2.

Plans are underway for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 12-2. We have a popular stall selling pre-loved Christmas clothing so if you have any items you no longer need please donate them to help FOILS to raise funds. Why not have a sort-out over half term? We can gladly take Christmas jumpers, tops, dresses, pyjamas or even festive fancy dress costumes. Any donations can be popped in a bag and put into the brown storage chest in front of Ivy Hall. Remember all donations of school uniform should now go directly to Chippenham Uniform Exchange.

We are gathering prizes for the Christmas Raffle with some great gifts and vouchers already lined up. If you run a business and could offer a prize or have a kind employer who is willing to support our charity then please let us know by emailing [foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk)

### LIBYA FLOOD APPEAL CAKE SALE

Thank you to the children and parents who generously donated and bought cakes for the Libya flood appeal last Friday.

Well done also to the Year 5 children who wanted to support this appeal.

The cake sale raised an impressive **£263**



### BIRTHDAY BOOKS

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

Orla E (Rosen)  
Katherine R (Carle)  
Clemmie C (Donaldson)  
Isobel C (Griffiths)  
Jasper C (Walliams)  
Savannah H (Pullman)  
Laurie G (Byars)  
Mrs Pratt (Rowling)

### 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)

### 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



Madison D, Leo F (Donaldson)  
India E, Sophie G (Hargreaves)  
Safin H, Elias T (Dahl)  
Alden B, Ariana D (Milligan)  
Alicia T, Albert B (Griffiths)  
Elodie C, Oliver S (Walliams)  
Lily-Mae P, Charlie G (Hughes)  
Grace E, Soloman M (Morpurgo)  
Billy P, Senan H (Pullman)  
Evie O, Tom G (Byars)  
James H, Desmond N (Lewis)  
Anyia K, Charlotte G (Rowling)

## MESSAGES FROM OUR AMAZING CLASS TEACHERS THIS WEEK



We have had a busy term, taking part in lots of fun activities that have helped to enhance our communication, resilience and empathy towards others.

In our Enquiry this term, the children have been looking at a range of different hats and we have spoken about the purpose of these and the materials used. We have explored different joining techniques, which helped us when we made our own hats.

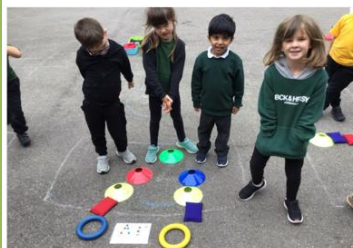
As part of Hello Yellow Mental Health Day, we explored ways to keep our body and minds healthy. As a class, we discussed what makes us happy and reinforced that it is fine to feel different emotions.

We all really enjoyed our orienteering day. The children worked in small teams to develop their map reading skills and they learnt how to place objects following instructions. The children worked effectively with their peers; it was great to see how their confidence with reading maps improved as the day progressed.

All the children have worked extremely hard this term and have adjusted well to the new routines in Year 1.

We hope that you all have a relaxing half term.  
Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team





## Milligan

It has been a busy first term in Milligan Class and all the children have been working hard.

We had a fabulous day orienteering on Monday, the children and adults thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was wonderful to see the children embrace new challenges, learning new skills and working well as a team. We also had the sunshine on our side too!

In maths, we have been working hard on our number bonds to 10 and 20 and are getting quicker with recalling these. We have looked at fact families and will be moving on to addition and subtraction very soon.

In writing, a secret message was left for us from a pirate who stole our treasure! We have been looking at different types of instructions and will be writing our own instructions on how to catch the pirate!

Over the last couple of weeks in our enquiry, we have explored different ways to join materials and built our very own paper tepees. We will be using our new joining skills to make a model of a new outdoor classroom next week.

Well done to all the children for an excellent first term of Year 2.

## DAHL

Dear Dahl Class,

We're nearly at the end of Term 1 and it's been a busy few weeks in Year 2!

We all enjoyed our orienteering day this week; the weather was very kind to us and it was great being outside for most of the day. We're looking forward to putting our new skills into practice next term when we have a go at the orienteering course around our school grounds.

Our enquiry, "What is our classroom made from?" is nearly finished. We have learnt lots about materials and what they are used for and their properties. Next week we will be making a model classroom using the joining skills we have been practicing in DT, we're looking forward to sharing these with home once they're finished.

Well done on nearly completing a term of being a Year 2. You're all doing brilliantly!

From  
Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Fahey and Mrs Lane

## Griffiths

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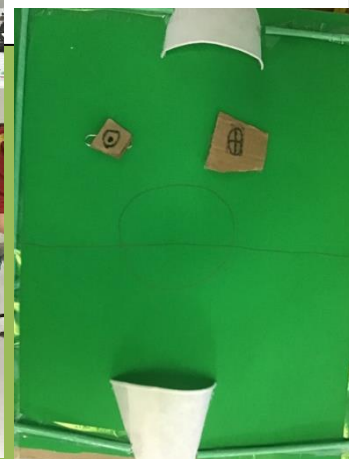
## Williams

In Year 3 the children have amazed us with their fantastic story writing skills with their recent 'Hot Write' of a warning tale. Some of the stories were so imaginative they really blew us away!

We have been perfecting our knowledge of place value and applying this knowledge to 2- and 3-digit addition using the column method, the children have really taken to this method and have been enjoying solving tricky sums.

We recently rounded off our enquiry 'How can you feel the force?' with an exciting day of planning and building magnetic games. The children took such pride in their work and created such impressive games. Take a look at the pictures of some of our games! We hope you have enjoyed playing them at home too!

Have a wonderful half term break,  
Team Year 3





As we near the end of the first term, it is a delight to share a few snippets of Year 5 so far.

As mathematicians, we have finished place value and are taking a step into addition and subtraction.

We have been authors and have written our own descriptive (and somewhat grisly) stories, inspired by Perseus and Medusa.

We have been scientists and have done many experiments in which we explored soluble and insoluble materials, separating materials and how materials can be chosen specifically when used within products.

We have explored the school grounds and made use of the fabulous weather during orienteering.

It has been a busy but fun-filled start to the academic year!

Mrs. Harvey and Mr. Johns



Hi Everyone,

We have had a fantastic Term 1 in Year 4. We have been super busy! We have been answering the question 'What is Sound?' in our Enquiry, doing this through lots of scientific experiments and explanations. It has been really interesting investigating this. We have been reading books by Helen Ward during our reading lessons, discussing key themes and identifying similarities and differences in her stories.

Throughout this term, we have enjoyed celebrating European Languages Day by learning what languages are spoken across Year 4 and raising awareness of World Mental Health by wearing something yellow. Both Morpurgo and Hughes Class enjoyed orienteering days, which we had a lot of fun map reading and completing activities in teams!

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term, we're already looking forward to all of the learning and fun in Term 2!

Mr. Butterfield and Ms. Keogh.



Year 6 have continued to astound all adults within the year group. They have done this in so many ways: by making a huge effort in each classroom, by persevering when a task is difficult, as well as supporting each other in a way which has helped their learning.

We have completed a huge amount of Arithmetic, including adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. Also, we have continued to improve our writing and have written some interesting Information texts.

We are now looking forward to a well-deserved half term when we can recharge those batteries.

Mr MacMahon & Mrs Storey.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
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 12-2pm
12/12/23	KS2 Christmas Dinner. Nursery, Reception & KS1 Party Packed Lunch
14/12/23	Nursery, Reception & KS1 Christmas Dinner. KS2 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 12-3pm
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 Ivy Kidz 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

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wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

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