



**IVY LANE SCHOOL**  
**School Newsletter #5**  
**FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**



Dear Parents/Carers of Ivy Lane,

It was lovely to welcome you to parents' evening appointments this week and to have the opportunity for some more detailed discussions around school life. Thank you to all who attended; every child's school journey is enhanced through this partnership approach.

Term 2 has continued to be very exciting – this newsletter has updates from all our KS1 and 2 classes which give lots more details about what has been going on across the year groups.

Our upper KS2 children benefit enormously from excellent outreach programmes from local secondary schools. This week, Year 5 had a great experience at the Hardenhuish 'taster day'. They all returned with smiling faces and feeling very grown up indeed!

We may not have hit December yet, but there is already a happy hint of Christmas in the air as our Reception and KS1 children prepare for their nativity plays and Christmas shows. It is lovely to hear their singing and to see the costumes and props beginning to appear. If you are a Reception or KS1 parent or carer we look forward to welcoming you to Christmas performances the week after next.

Just ahead of that, don't forget our FOILS Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 12-2pm. This is always an excellent community event and a lovely start to the festive season. Full details of all the stalls and experiences on offer are detailed in this newsletter. We'll be having a non-uniform day next Friday (1<sup>st</sup> December) and ask for donations to the bottle or chocolate tombola please. Collection points will be very visible around school entrances.

I wish you all a warm and restful weekend.

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**

**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.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** the children of Ivy Lane celebrated Children in Need by coming to school in bright and bold colours. Everyone looked fantastic and we want to thank you all for the generous contributions to this worthy cause.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER WEEK

A gentle reminder to book your child's Christmas dinners by **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. An email has been sent detailing which days your children will have their Christmas dinner and which days they will need to bring their party packed lunches to school.



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Last week was Anti Bullying Week, the theme this year was Make a Noise About Bullying. Everybody engaged well during the assemblies on anti-bullying and provided valuable contributions.

The children were set with the task of creating posters of their own anti-bullying hero to enter into a competition. Anti-Bullying Committee members met to vote for the winning posters. All entries were fantastic and we could see that a lot of thought and creativity had gone into making them. There was a lot of thought about the qualities and characteristics that a hero would possess to put an end to bullying.

Five posters were selected from the entries and these will be entered into a nationwide Thrive competition. A huge well done to:

KS1 - Leo, Sophie

KS2 - Otis, Erin, Cara

The winning teams will receive a £100 voucher for art supplies for their school!



## FOILS NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** we will be having a non-school uniform day, please bring your bottles or chocolate donations in support of the FOILS Christmas fayre. Thank you in advance.

## EARLY EARTH PROTECTORS

Thank you to Mati, Sam, Ed, Milena and Seryn who presented an assembly for KS2 this week highlighting the work of Early Earth Protectors (an environmental group founded by Mati) and encouraging us all to think about the way our everyday actions impact on our planet.



## COATS

With the cold weather now upon us please ensure your children wear appropriate coats to be outside during break and lunch times. Thank you for your understanding.



Just a week to go until our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 12 until 2pm. We hope you can join us for some festive fundraising.

### What's on?

- See the school choir singing on stage in Ivy Hall just after 12:00
- Enjoy Storytime with Santa and take home a gift.
- Watch the amazing Magic Show.
- Buy lovely gifts from local businesses.
- Play fun tombolas and games.
- Grab a bargain from board games to books.
- Pick up pre-loved Christmas jumpers and fancy dress.
- Get a makeover with tinsel hair extensions.

### Magic Show

Booking is only available on the day with 3 shows at 12:30, 13:00 and 13:30. Entry is £2 per person.

### Storytime with Santa

You can book in advance at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/foils>.

There will be some spaces available on the day. Cost is £4 per child and includes a wrapped gift and a group visit to the grotto in Milligan classroom (Year 2).

### Raffle

Don't forget to return your raffle ticket stubs and money by popping them into an envelope and posting in the red box outside the office. There are some fantastic gifts and experiences to win. The draw is at the fayre at 13:30

### Donations

Thank you very much for all the donations this week. We now have plenty of board games and puzzles so no more please! You can still drop off teddies and Christmas clothing next week. We will also be collecting bottles and chocolate for the tombolas on the non-uniform day next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We welcome any boxes or bars of chocolates as well as wine, beer and spirits but also soft drinks and squash.

### Volunteers

Thanks to all the parents, carers and staff who have signed up to help with fayre from wrapping gifts to setting up, running stalls and clearing up.

If you could spare an hour to join the team please email [foils@ivy lane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foils@ivy lane.wilts.sch.uk)





## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **Friday 8th December**  
(Please note change of date)

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 this charity.



## BIRTHDAY BOOKS

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

Theo C (Carle)  
Miss Heap (Griffiths)  
Julian P (Morpurgo)  
Ms Anker (Lewis)

## 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

Clemmie C, Charlotte B (Donaldson)  
George T, Freya P (Hargreaves)  
Oliver B, April M (Dahl)  
Alfred H, Ariana D (Milligan)  
Hope C, Pippa L (Griffiths)  
Cara W, Adalyn C (Walliams)  
Evana C, Lenny B (Hughes)  
Xander M, Sylvie C (Morpurgo)  
Lily T, Clara R (Pullman)  
Niamh O'C, Poppy D (Byars)  
Sam W, Dylan P (Lewis)  
Charlotte P, Liana N (Rowling)



## 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

## 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)



## 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

## MESSAGES FROM OUR AMAZING CLASS TEACHERS THIS WEEK



Over the last couple of weeks we have been practising our Christmas song, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning the words and actions to. We are looking forward to performing to parents and children.

We have started our new Enquiry 'Where is my school?', where we have been looking at different maps, atlas and keys. The children created their own key using a map of the school. Our contrasting country that we have been researching is Jamaica, where the children have been looking at similarities and differences with Chippenham.

Last week was anti-bullying week, where the children discussed different types of bullying and what to do if they experience bullying, during an assembly. There was a whole school competition. Each child created a poster which was entered into a school competition. The existing anti bullying committee selected 5 posters to be entered into a nationwide competition. A big well done to the winners!



It has been a very busy term for far in Year 2. The children have been working very hard with learning the songs for our Christmas performance 'The Big Little Nativity', we are looking forward to sharing their hard work with you on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

For our enquiry this term, we have been learning the continents of the world and their climates. The children have enjoyed using the atlases to find countries and which continent they are in and labelling these on their world maps. Next week we will be focusing on hot and cold colours to produce some beautiful artwork.





It's been a busy few weeks in Year 3. We kick started our Enquiry 'Where does the darkness come from?' with an exciting visit from a planetarium. We have also been involved in a Road Safety initiative practising how to cross the road safely.

In writing we have been learning how to be journalists and write newspaper articles. Ask us all about the 5 Ws!

We have also enjoyed not one but two books by Roald Dahl - The Twits and Esio Trot and thinking about how this master storyteller creates such fantastic characters.

Our Maths learning has seen us move onto multiplication and division where we have been representing calculations using diagrams called arrays.

The children's enthusiasm and fantastic learning attitude never fails to make us smile but a big thank you must also go to our Year 3 families for all the help behind the scenes with reading, spelling and times table. Every bit helps!

The Year 3 Team

Year 5 have had a very busy few weeks. During enquiry, we have had a focus on geography and science and we have been exploring what Earth looks like from space. Linking to this, we had the incredible opportunity of having a planetarium come into the school which really sparked everyone's enthusiasm for the topic. We even got a chance to touch a piece of metal that had come from a meteorite!

During Maths we have been working on fractions, particularly equivalent fractions and improper fractions vs mixed numbers.

We have finished our discussion writing, in which we focused on modal verbs and drop-in clauses, and we are now moving onto a non-fiction piece of writing.

The last few weeks have flown by, we'll be at the holidays before we know it!

The Year 5 Team

Hi Everyone,

What a great term we're having! Through our Enquiry question 'How Can We Switch Off?' we have been building simple circuits and testing a variety of materials to see if they are conductors or insulators. We have all really enjoyed this! We have incorporated role play into our writing on dialogue to show new speaker new line when writing. We have been doing a lot of times table practise during our maths lessons. Please continue to practise your times tables and division facts when you can.

We're really looking forward to the rest of the term and all of the Christmas festivities that follow.

Mr. Butterfield and Ms. Keogh.



Year 6 have had a great start to Term 2. Having all come back refreshed from the Autumn break, we have enjoyed starting a new Enquiry entitled 'Where does our food really come from?', as well as continuing to learn new skills to support progress in our writing. We have also enjoyed some fantastic Art – which we have been proud to display in both classes.

Also, can we say a huge thank you to parents/ carers for the support offered with this term's home learning – the children have really benefitted from this work when completing Arithmetic in class. Finally – it was great to see parents in our recent parents' meetings too.

Mr MacMahon & Mrs Storey  
Year 6 Class teachers

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
02/12/23	<b>FOILS Christmas Fayre 12-2pm</b>
04 – 08/12/23	<b>Y6 Bikeability</b>
05/12/23	<b>Y1 Christmas performance 9:30am &amp; 2pm</b>
06/12/23	<b>YR Christmas performance 9:30am &amp; 2pm</b>
07/12/23	<b>Y2 Christmas performance 9:30am &amp; 2pm</b>
08/12/23	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
11/12/23	<b>Y6 Child Measurement programme</b>
11/12/23 PM	<b>Y5 Sheldon Visit to watch their Christmas production</b>
12/12/23	<b>Y2 Panto trip to the Wyvern Theatre – Snow White (Further details will be sent out)</b>
12/12/23	<b>KS2 Christmas Dinner. Nursery, Reception &amp; KS1 Party Packed Lunch</b>
14/12/23	<b>Nursery, Reception &amp; KS1 Christmas Dinner. KS2 Party Packed Lunch</b>
19/12/23	<b>Last day of Term</b>
04/01/24	<b>First day back of 2024</b>
24/01/24	<b>Y5 to Young Voices in Birmingham</b>
09/02/24	<b>TD Day</b>
19/03/24	<b>Parents Evening 3.20-5.30pm</b>
21/03/24	<b>Parents Evening 3.30-7pm</b>
26/03/24	<b>FOILS Spring disco Year Reception-2 4.15-5.15pm Year 3-6 5.30-6.30pm</b>
28/03/24	<b>TD Day</b>
24/06/24	<b>TD day</b>
01- 03/07/24	<b>Y6 Residential to Hooke Court</b>
06/07/24	<b>FOILS Summer Fayre 12-3pm</b>
10/07/24	<b>Open Classrooms 3-5pm</b>
11/07/24	<b>FOILS Summer Disco Year Reception-2 4.15-5.15pm Year 3-5 5.30-6.30pm</b>
18/07/24	<b>Y6 Ivy Fest 5-6.30pm</b>
24/07/24	<b>Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am</b>
24/07/24	<b>End of Term 1.30pm finish – there will be no Ivy Kidz available</b>

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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.

A poster for The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub. It features a blue and green gradient background with a large white telephone handset icon on the right. The text 'The Wiltshire WELLBEING HUB' is prominently displayed in white. Below it, in smaller white text, is 'For vulnerable people in need of support'. A white box contains the phone number '0300 003 4576' in blue. Below that, a white box with a blue envelope icon contains the email 'wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk'. At the bottom left is the hashtag '#WiltshireTogether' and at the bottom right is the 'Wiltshire Council' logo.

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