



**IVY LANE SCHOOL**  
**School Newsletter #7**  
**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**



Dear Parents/Carers of Ivy Lane,

We have made it to the end of a very busy term. Thank you to all the staff that have worked hard to provide the many different craft activities and experiences.

After the excitement of the Christmas Nativity performances, we moved on to yet more fun filled Christmas activities. Santa made a surprise visit to Nursery and KS1, in the middle of his hectic schedule! The Year 2 children had a fantastic trip to The Wyvern to see Snow White, curtesy of FOILS. It was such a memorable experience for the children. Our Year 4 children have visited St. Andrew's Church to support their RE learning and also took part in the Chippenham cluster festive welly walk. Our Year 3 children enjoyed a Festive outdoor learning morning and the Year 5 children were invited to watch their school production of 'A Christmas Carol.'

A huge thank you to Fay and the kitchen team for their hard work preparing and serving such a delicious Christmas dinner. Once again, it was a huge success and delicious!

This morning, the whole school came together to watch our very own staff pantomime 'Ivy Lane School Does Cinderella'. Thank you to Mrs Jones, Yr. 6 TA, for writing and producing the script. It was great fun and I think the Wyvern will definitely be looking for some new recruits for their annual pantomime next year!

We look forward to welcoming new staff to the Ivy Lane team at the beginning of next term. Mrs Tyson and Mrs Collins will be joining Milligan class and Walliams Class as Teaching Assistants. Mrs Goulding will be working alongside the kitchen team as a new catering assistant.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for their support. Thank you so much for all the lovely gifts for our staff! Please ensure you all have a safe and merry Christmas, spending quality time with families and friends. We look forward to welcoming all our children back on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2024**

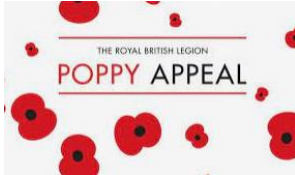
We would like to give you prior warning of the school closing at 1.30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

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



A gentle reminder that pick-up times for Ivy Kidz is **5.30pm**. Please ensure your child is collected promptly.

Please use the out of hours number to call Ivy Kidz after 3pm for any emergencies or late arrivals. The number is: **01225 460822**. Many thanks.



The Royal British Legion have informed us that we raised an impressive **£603.17** for the Poppy Appeal in November. The representative from the British Legion said that Ivy Lane was once again the top fund-raising school in Chippenham and they are very grateful. Thank you for all your very generous donations.



## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE COLLECTION

Thank you to our very generous families who contributed to the NSPCC collection following our Christmas nativities and performances. We raised an impressive **£430** to go to the very worthy cause.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

We raised an impressive **£450** for our bright colours non school uniform day. Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a worthy cause.



We are grateful to all the Ivy Lane families and school staff who have supported FOILS this term.

Year 2 had a fantastic festive day out last week when they watched Snow White at the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon. The annual pantomime trip was fully funded by FOILS including tickets, coach and even the ice creams during the interval.

We had some wonderful feedback from parents and teachers. Here are some lovely comments left on our FOILS Facebook page:

"I was very lucky to be a parent helper at the panto and I have to say, it was a truly amazing experience. The kids were so focused and engaged, lots of shouting "it's behind you" and giggling. A few told me it was their first time, it was mine too! Thank you FOILS for providing us with such a great experience."

"It was an amazing experience for the children, especially at this time when families might not be able to afford trips like this. How lucky the children are at this school to have such an amazing team. Thank you!"

Good news for children in Year 1...Tickets have already been bought for the next panto in December 2024. They sell out fast so we didn't want you to miss out!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and we will be back with more fun and fundraising in the New Year.



## STAFF PANTOMINE

This year Mrs Jones, one of our Teaching Assistants, wrote Ivy Lane's Staff panto Cinderella. This was performed on the last day of school in front of all the staff and children. It was a brilliant performance with the perfect number of boos, cheers and he's behind you! The children (and staff) loved it, and it was the perfect way to end this term.







## 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

Leo G (Donaldson)  
 Seb R (Hargreaves)  
 Evelyn G (Dahl)  
 George A (Milligan)  
 Gio W (Griffiths)  
 Monet D (Walliams)  
 George S (Hughes)  
 Rosie M (Morpurgo)  
 Amelia B (Pullman)  
 Cassius M (Byars)  
 Aria M (Lewis)  
 Bryce B (Rowling)

## CHIPPENHAM SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Please see attached the Chippenham Sports Partnership newsletter. Ivy Lane take part in many of the wonderful sporting activities that they organise within Chippenham.



## BIRTHDAY BOOKS

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

Oliver B (Dahl)  
 Matilda H, Senan H (Pullman)



Mr Butterfield (Hughes)

## 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.

## 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.





**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT IVY LANE**  
**SUNFLOWERS CREATED SOME LOVELY CHRISTMAS CRAFT**



**FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITED SUNFLOWERS, RECEPTION & YEAR 1**





## RECEPTION IN THEIR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND THEIR NOISY NATIVITY PRODUCTION



## Y1 CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS BY SHARING SOME BEAUTIFUL FESTIVE SONGS



## Y2 THE BIG LITTLE NATIVITY





**Y3 CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS WITH A FESTIVE OUTDOOR LEARNING MORNING**



**Y4 VISITED ST. ANDREWS CHURCH, WENT ON A FESTIVE WELLY WALK AND CREATED SOME BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS**







As part of the Ivy Lane experiences, Y4 partnered up and shared a story with Y1 children together.

**Y5 CREATED SOME LOVELY CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**



**Y6 ENJOYED THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTIES IN THEIR CLASSROOM**





## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
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
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
28/03/24	TD Day
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

**0300 003 4576**

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

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