

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first newsletter of the new school year comes with a warm welcome to returning families and new families to Ivy Lane. We hope you are all beginning to adapt to the school routines after the long, sunny break. We are certainly impressed with the way our children are arriving ready to learn and full of enthusiasm for the day ahead.

Classroom routines are being successfully established and it is wonderful to see Ivy Lane behaviour shining through during learning time and whilst children are at play or in social situations. This is something that our entire staff team will continue to promote, recognise and publicly praise as it makes our school a happy and productive place for everyone.

It has rained quite a lot since we returned to school! Wherever possible, we try not to let wet weather prevent us from using our outside spaces so please do ensure that your child always has a (named) waterproof coat with them at school so they can continue to play outdoors. Thank you!

Our classrooms are full of busyness and buzz! Please see the year group paragraphs in this newsletter to find out what is going on for your child (for reception children this information is shared with you via the weekly reception bulletin).

Wishing you all a happy (hopefully dry!) weekend.



Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher

Bonkers about Conkers!

29th September- 3rd October

In 2025 we are relaunching our ever-popular event, Bonkers About Conkers, one of Ivy Lane School's renowned 50 Experiences.

KS1 and KS2 children are invited to bring their stringed conkers into school throughout the week commencing 29th September.

Practice and tournament areas will be available during each morning breaktime.

Start collecting and preparing conkers now!

(Please do not tamper with your conkers, e.g. No ovens, no vinegar, etc.)





Date	Event
15/09/25	Y4 Swimming Starts
24/09/25	YR to Y6 Individual and Sibling School Photos
24/09/25	Coffee Morning for Reception parents, Ivy Hall 8.45am
02-03/10/25	Y6 Bikeability (Details to follow)
26 and 29/09/25	Harvest Festival donations (see poster below)
07/10/25	Student Nasal Flu Vaccinations (details to follow)
16/10/25	FOILS Autumn Discos Y1-Y2: 4.15-5.15pm, Y3-5: 5.30-6.30pm
21/10/25	Open Classrooms 3-5pm
23-31/10/25	October Half Term
10/11/25	Wear Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
10/11/25	Y3 and Y5 Planetarium in school
25/11/25	Parents' Evening (3.30-7pm)
27/11/25	Parents' Evening (3.20-5.30pm)
28/11/25	Non-uniform day—FOILS Rainbow Hamper Raffle (details to follow)
09/12/25	EYFS / KS1 Christmas Dinner Day
09/12/25	KS2 Christmas Parties (no school dinner bookings)
11/12/25	KS2 Christmas Dinner Day
11/12/25	EYFS / KS1 Christmas Parties (no school dinner bookings)
12/12/25	Christmas Jumper Day
17/12/25	Y2 to Panto at Bristol Hippodrome (details to follow)
19/12/25	TD Day
07/01/25	Y5 to Young Voices (details to follow)
13/02/25	TD Day
13/04/25	TD Day
22/06/25	TD Day

Parents' Evening—Date Change

Please note that the date previously advertised for the October Parents' Evening has changed.

They will now take place as follows:

Tuesday 25th November, 3.30 to 7pm

Thursday 27th November, 3.20 to 5.30pm

Year 1

DONALDSON & Hargreaves

We have had such a fantastic start to the new school year in Year 1! The children have settled in beautifully and are embracing all the new routines with incredible positivity and enthusiasm. It's been a joy to see them so ready and eager to learn.

This week's indoor PE session has been a huge success, with a focus on gymnastics. The children have been practicing different movements and balances, and it's been wonderful to watch them work together so well in pairs, helping and encouraging one another. Their teamwork has been a real highlight!

In our Enquiry lessons, we have been exploring materials. The children worked together in groups to sort various materials based on their properties, using a fantastic range of new vocabulary to describe what they observed.

In Writing, we have started our new text, Little Charlie. We are so impressed with how quickly the children have taken to the story, already joining in with words and actions as we retell it. Their ability to remember and act out the story is truly brilliant. In Maths, we've been focusing on counting up to 10 and children have been using a range of practical resources to help them count accurately. It's been lovely to see their confidence grow as they develop strong number sense through hands-on activities and games.

It's been a great first few weeks, and we are so proud of all the hard work and positive attitudes the children have shown. We can't wait to see what wonderful things they'll achieve this year!

Year 1 Team

Year 2

DAHL & Kerr

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the school year, they've settled into the routines very well and have begun their Year 2 learning journey with great enthusiasm. We have really enjoyed the start of our writing topic all about pirates! We have created some super pirate faces and treasure maps. This term we are focusing on our sentence structures to include some adjectives and extending our sentences with 'and', 'but' and 'or'. In maths we have been working on place value, making numbers using tens and ones and learning how to partition numbers in different ways, practice of this at home would be very helpful. Our enquiry this term is 'What could my classroom be made from?', focusing on materials and their properties. We have designed our learning spaces and will be learning some joining methods later in the term to build our designs. Thank you to those who have already brought in shoeboxes for this project, there is still time to bring in a shoebox if you haven't done so already.

We are very proud of all the children for a great start to the school year, well done Year 2!

**From Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Angell, Mrs Fahey
and the rest of the Y2 team**



Year 3

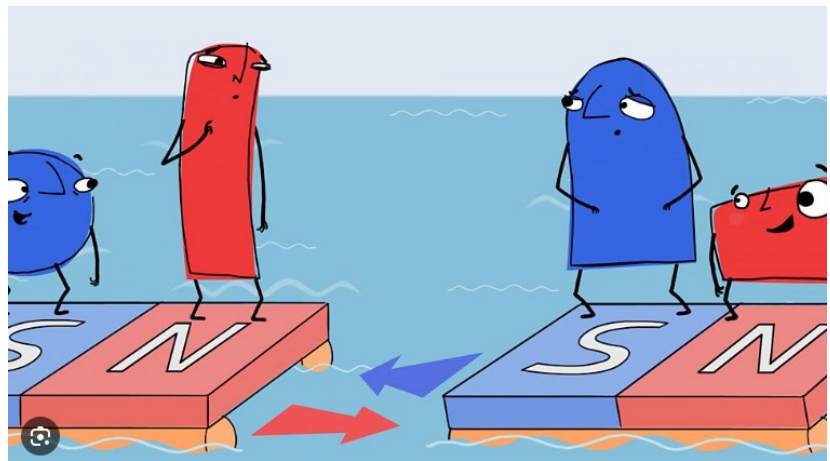
COWELL & Griffiths

What a fantastic first two weeks we have had in Year 3. The children have made an excellent transition into KS2 demonstrating great enthusiasm and Ivy Lane behaviour.

We have got stuck into our new enquiry and have had great fun exploring forces through friction and magnets, the children have been showing us what super scientists they are! In writing we have been stretching sentences and learning all about the 7 steps to speech, ask your young learner if they can recall what they all are! In maths we have been recapping place value and securing our knowledge of tens and ones.

Well done to all of Year 3 for a super return to school, we look forward to lots more exciting learning over the course of the year!

The Year 3 Team



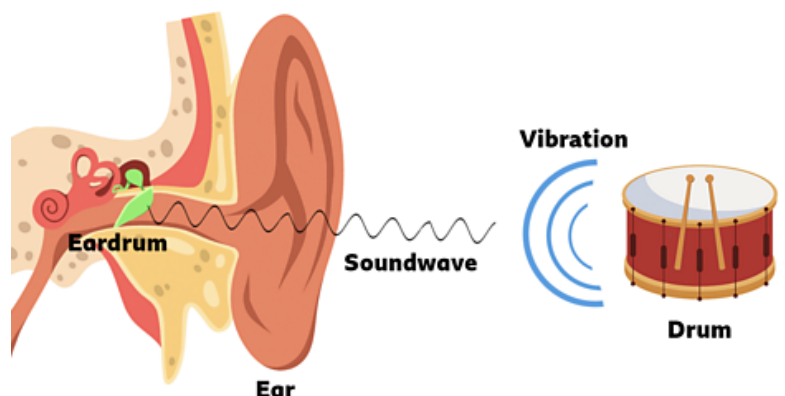
Year 4

MORPURGO & z e p h a n i a h

Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the term! We have been working on school expectations and routines. As part of our enquiry we have been exploring sound and how sound travels by playing a variety of musical instruments. Pupils then began exploring pitch and how sound travels through different mediums. It has been lovely to discover just how musical Year 4 are! In addition, pupils have also been singing and practising Mamma Mia with real gusto!

We are looking forward to starting our swimming lessons on Monday, so don't forget to bring your swimming kit and thank you to the parents that have volunteered to help support us with the walk to and from school.

Ms. Keogh and Mrs Harvey



Year 5

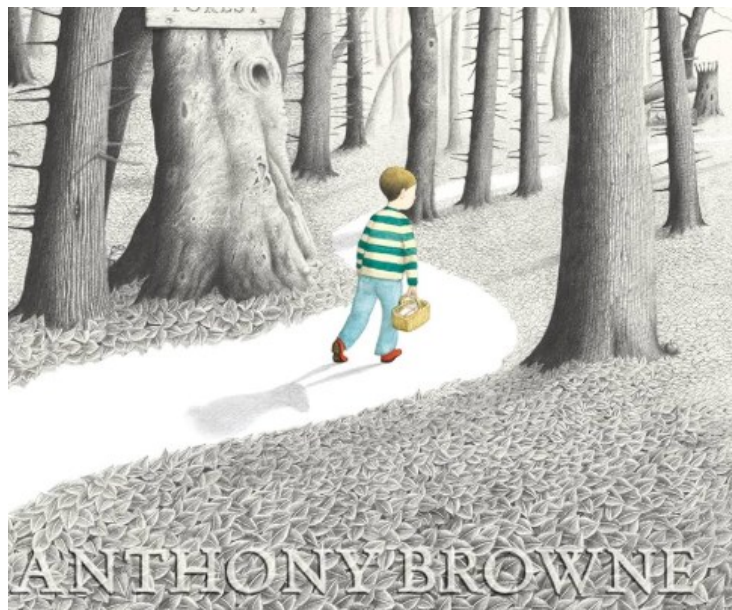
PULLMAN & RIDDELL

Year 5 have made a great start to the year. It has been lovely to hear about what the children did over the Summer!

In writing, the children have been learning our first text of the year 'Perseus and the Gorgon', by exploring the vocabulary used. In reading, we have started to read 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne. The children have really enjoyed finding clues day-by-day to try and predict what plot twists the story may have! In maths, we have started to learn about numbers up to 1,000,000 by exploring place value. Please keep practising times tables and division facts up to 12x12 at home to help support your child's speed and fluency with these. We have also started our first enquiry of the year which is 'How Can Science Help the Vulnerable'.

Thanks everyone for a great start to Year 5!

Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Johns



Year 6

Lewis & Tolkien

Year 6 has started in a very positive way, with all children returning refreshed from their long summer holidays. Although it is very early days, all children have settled into the routines well, and have started to meet the expectations of Year 6 really well.

Well done all.

We have set homework this week, with a folder helping the children keep these tasks organised. We do expect this to be handed each and every Monday along with their reading records too.

If something does happen during the week to prevent this homework being completed – please do let us know.

Mr MacMahon & Mrs Storey

Year 6 Class teachers



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

Donaldson: Maddie B, Arabella R

Hargreaves: Evellyn S, James G

Dahl: Isabelle C, Christopher F

Kerr: Jaeden B, Eva M

Cowell: Mia F, Luna C-S

Griffiths: Dorothy F, Isla W

Morpurgo: Noah M, Louis DB

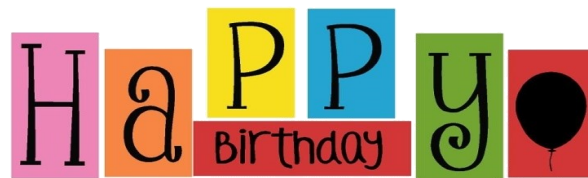
Zephaniah: Whole Class, Karim D

Pullman: Hugo DM, Adalyn C

Riddell: Henry P, Archie P

Lewis: Cerys J, Solomon M

Tolkien: Lily-Mae P, Charlie G



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

Arabella R (Donaldson)

Edward G (Hargreaves)

Arthur J (Hargreaves)

Marcel VZ (Dahl)

Matilda H (Dahl)

Adaline W (Kerr)

Vaishnav T (Kerr)

Emilia N (Griffiths)

Theo L (Pullman)

Vishnu T (Riddell)



Friday 26th September is the **European Day of Languages**.

This is an international day that we recognise every year. However, there is an opportunity for families to also celebrate languages with your children at home and you will find lots of ideas using the following link

<https://share.google/PnfTjRhmro96iCcXI>

If you speak a second language and would like to visit the school on European Day of Languages or at some point during the week beginning Monday 22nd September to share your language & culture with the children please contact the school office.

Many thanks, Mrs Horan, International Learning and Languages Lead

EYFS and Key Stage 1

As part of our learning for the European Day of Languages, we would like the children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 to start **bringing in a pebble** (or 2) from home so they can decorate them with a flag pattern. These pebbles will then be added to our pebble path in the school wildlife area.



Carle and Rosen Class trip to Chippenham Library

We will be visiting Chippenham Library on Tuesday 14th October, where we will be listening to stories and exploring the children's section of the library. If you would like to help walk a group of children up to the library with us then please let a member of the EYFS team know. We will be leaving school after morning registration and will return to school by 11am. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Last call for **comic donations!**

If you have any spare comics that you are thinking of throwing away, please pass them our way instead!

Our **comic club** which starts soon could make very good use of them. Thank you, Mrs Horan



Wear ODD SOCKS to school on Monday 10th November for Anti Bullying Week



Doorway Harvest Wish List



Yes please, we really need...

Tinned tomatoes

Baked beans

Tinned vegetables (including potatoes)

Tinned meat (e.g. corned beef, meat stew)

Tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines etc)

Bags of pasta & rice

Packet soups, packet instant mash

Packet savoury noodles

Coffee & Tea

Tinned fruit

Tinned puddings & custard

Packets of biscuits, bars & cereal bars

Long life fruit / jelly pots

Individual cartons of fruit juice



No thanks, we have enough or can't

use....

Tinned soup, tinned pulses

Cereals & porridge

Pot Noodles

Jars of cooking sauce

Jam & Chutney

Fresh produce

Catering-sized items

Anything containing alcohol

Anything that is past its best before date



*Thank you for
your support!*

Doorway

Doorway

Doorway would like to thank Ivy Lane for their continued support, particularly following the recent floods of which Doorway in Chippenham was affected. The cost of food and all the other related food charities has meant that their annual collections have also been a bit thinner over recent years. Due to the flood, Doorway have made a few changes to their space with their downstairs area due to open soon. The old food storage space has been made into a one-to-one meeting space for staff to use with guests, and they now have a dedicated food storage space ready for collections to come in. Please see the attached poster for their donation wish list.

Crates to collect your generous donations will be positioned by both school gates on the mornings of Friday 26th September and Monday 29th September.

Thank you for once again coming together as a school to help us celebrate **Harvest Festival** and to make a positive contribution within the wider community



Florence's Little Princess Trust Fundraiser



Florence (Griffiths class) was in Reception year when she decided to grow and donate her hair to The Little Princess Trust. Two and a half years later and her hair is finally long enough to make the preferred donation of 12 inches. Maybe more! A hair donation is enough, but she's also raising funds to help the Trust meet the £700 cost of making the wig. If you can spare a little, please use the link or QR code to sponsor Florence and donate to this worthwhile cause via Just Giving. Thank you.

<https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/florences-little-princess-trust-fundraising-pag>



Donate here

The Little Princess Trust provides wigs to children with hair loss to help restore their confidence and identity. All costs, including the making, fitting, and styling of the wig, are met by the charity, and this free service is available to any young person up to the age of 24 with hair loss. As part of its Hair and Hope mission, The Little Princess Trust also funds childhood cancer research aiming to find kinder and more effective treatments.

Messages from the Eco Council

Each month in the newsletter we will be keeping you updated on the key sustainability activities that are taking place in the UK. You might like to discuss these with your children and share any sustainability activities you have participated in with school, no matter how big or small.

Environmental calendar



SEPTEMBER

Second Hand September

This month-long event was first organised by Oxfam. The goal of this campaign is to encourage the public to shop second hand to reduce waste and encourage a more sustainable lifestyle.

1st-5th – Zero Waste Week

During Zero Waste Week, participants are encouraged to take action to reduce waste in their daily lives, such as by avoiding single-use plastic, composting food waste, or choosing products with minimal packaging.

22nd-5th October – Fair Trade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight is an annual event that takes place in several countries around the world to promote and raise awareness about the Fairtrade movement. During Fairtrade Fortnight, various activities and events are organised to raise awareness about Fairtrade, such as coffee mornings, fashion shows, exhibitions and film screenings.

20th – World Clean-Up Day

During World Clean Up Day, volunteers from around the world come together to clean up litter in their communities, from streets and parks to beaches and forests. The event also aims to raise awareness about the importance of waste reduction and proper waste management.

Their target is to involve 5% of the world's population to catalyse lasting societal behaviour change around mismanaged waste.

22nd – Car Free Day

The goal of Car Free Day is to encourage motorists to use more carbon-friendly alternatives to their usual mode of transport. From cycling to work to carpooling, the alternatives you choose to driving are entirely up to you.

29th – International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction

This United Nations observance day aims to raise awareness of the importance of food loss. Studies suggest that around 33% of world food production goes to waste every year. It is important that we tackle this matter, especially when you consider that around 10% of the world population regularly goes to bed hungry.

From the office...

Contacting the School

01249 652556

Email **Mrs Jones**

assistantadmin@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk

- Pick up arrangements.
- School absences
- Medical appointments
- School dinner bookings
- Wraparound care
- Club bookings
- Parking permits
- Dietary / Medical needs

Email **Mrs Nowosielski**

admin@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk

For all other enquiries, including admissions, and your first point of contact for any member of staff here at Ivy Lane.

Changes to contact details

Please remember to let the school office know if there are any changes to your contact details, addresses, email addresses etc.



Medicines

If your child needs to have any medication in school please bring it to the school office and complete a medication form.



Dietary / Medical Needs

Please keep the office updated with any dietary or medical needs your child has. Please let us know if this changes throughout the year.



Lost Property

Please remember to label your child's uniform and school equipment. Particularly their jumpers, cardigans, PE jumpers and water bottles.

You can look for lost items at the end of the school day. Lost property is located inside the Y4/5 entrance near the tunnel gate.

Reporting



Absences

If your child is ill, please leave a message on our **dedicated absence line**, 01249 652556 (Option 1). It really helps us if you leave a voicemail rather than email in.

Please let us know your child's symptoms rather than saying they are 'ill' or 'sick' as we require this information for our attendance records.

For absence requests in advance, (eg. appointments / holidays/ external exams) please complete an absence request form, available from the office or download from the website and email in to assistantadmin@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk



Please remember to let Ivy Kidz know if someone different will be collecting your child. We follow the same procedures as the school and cannot let your child go home with someone different unless we have had authorisation from parents.

A gentle reminder that we cannot accept any late bookings for Ivy Kidz or Breakfast Club due to our staff rota organisation.

Please ensure all sessions are booked within the 1 week booking deadline. Reminders are sent out weekly to advise about dates that the Wrap Around bookings on Arbor will be closing.

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 collections.

Phone: **01249 460822 /**

Email: ivykidz@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk

Please do not call this number during the school day.



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued from September 2024

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent for each child that was absent.

For Example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

When will a Penalty Notice fine be issued?

Penalty Notices will be considered for 5 Consecutive days of term time leave or 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period (in the same or over different academic years).

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



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.

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)

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'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.

**Pickwick
Academy Trust**



Part of Pickwick Academy Trust Vision: "to work together to provide the best schools and outcomes for our children" Registered office: Pound Pill, Cors- ham, Wiltshire, SN13 9YW, Companies House No: 07557894

Web: www.pickwickacademytrust.co.uk Email: admin@pickwickacademytrust.co.uk Twitter: @PickwickTrust



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.

The Wiltshire
WELLBEING HUB
For vulnerable people in need of support

0300 003 4576

wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

#WiltshireTogether Wiltshire Council

KING'S LODGE HOLIDAY CAMP



**King's Lodge Primary School, Chippenham
SN15 3SY**

Thursday 23rd - Friday 31st October

**Breakfast Club: 08:00 - 09:00
Camp Day: 09:00 - 15:00
Extended Club: 15:00 - 16:00
Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30**



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MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Early Bird Prices

	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 - 09:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£28.50	£128.25
Extended Club (15:00 - 16:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Extended Club (15:00 - 17:30)	£10.50	£42.00



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