

Dear Parents/Carers,

As term 1 moves on, we have all been enjoying the autumn sunshine. Our new Reception children have transitioned well to full days at school and it is lovely to see their confidence growing as they move around school following their routines and showing Ivy Lane behaviour. They have super role models around them from all our other year groups.

This week we have celebrated European Day of Languages and some classes have welcomed visitors to explore everyday life and culture in different parts of Europe.

Next week we are looking forward to celebrating Harvest Festival. We have already begun collecting tins and dried goods for our donation to 'Doorway' following our Harvest assemblies next week. Collection boxes will be out at the gate again on Monday. Thank you for your kind donations – they will make a difference to local people in need.

Another much anticipated autumn event will be up and running next week. 'Bonkers About Conkers' gets underway on the KS2 playground from Monday. Thank you to Mrs Smith for organising this and leading an assembly so everyone knows how to play conkers. Anyone who would like to join in needs to bring their own pre-stringed conker to school and head for the designated conker area. We look forward to crowning our 2025 conker champion by the end of the week!

Here's hoping for a sunny weekend for important conker collecting.



Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher

Bonkers about Conkers!

29th September- 3rd October

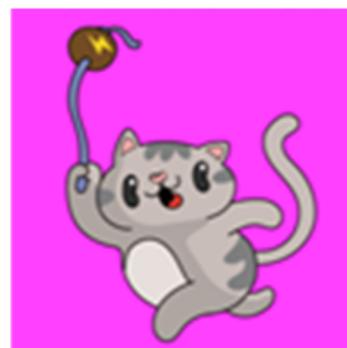
In 2025 we are relaunching our ever-popular event, Bonkers About Conkers, one of Ivy Lane School's renowned 50 Experiences.

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
29/09/25	Harvest Festival donations (see poster below)
29/09/25	Choir Auditions
02-03/10/25	Y6 Bikeability
07/10/25	Student Nasal Flu Vaccinations (details have been emailed)
10/10/25	Wear Yellow + non-uniform for Hello Yellow day
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 for KS2)
11/12/25	KS2 Christmas Dinner Day
11/12/25	EYFS / KS1 Christmas Parties (no school dinner bookings for EYFS/KS1)
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



Wear as much **YELLOW** as you can + non-uniform to school on Friday 10th October for Hello Yellow day.

Wear **ODD SOCKS** (with your uniform) to school on Monday 10th November for Anti Bullying Week



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

Carle: Felicity H, Luca C
Rosen: Maya S, Atticus C
Donaldson: Reuben L, Lyla N
Hargreaves: Eryk S, Isla H
Dahl: Nova C, Marcel VZ
Kerr: Mabel G, Jack H
Cowell: Madison D, Kairah T
Griffiths: Issy N, Darcy D
Morpurgo: Lucas S, Ariana D
Zephaniah: Ona T, Safin H
Pullman: Curtis T, Elodie C
Riddell: Harper H, Isobel C
Lewis: Iris O'B, Aston W
Tolkien: Lenny B, Huw J



Well done to the children on the Golden Ivy Leaf over the last two weeks who joined Mrs Lammin for a Headteacher's breakfast!

Maeve R, Avery C (Sunflowers)
Cece S, Edward G, Abigail P, Arla R (Hargreaves)
Katherine R, George S (Dahl)
Finley L-S (Cowell)
Lexie P, Sylvie C (Lewis)
Martha D, Rufus W, Anna M, Shay K (Tolkien)



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

Maurice M-M (Rosen)
Leia M (Rosen)
Freddie F-W (Donaldson)
Lyla N (Donaldson)
Izzy H (Donaldson)
Olive Y (Donaldson)
Ethan E (Hargreaves)
Ethan Y (Hargreaves)
George S (Dahl)
Eloise W (Griffiths)
Jenny D (Pullman)
Tassi B (Riddell)

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



Welcome to our 2025-26 Eco Committee!

The members will be taking on various environmental responsibilities throughout the year to help with making Ivy Lane as sustainable as possible and sharing this with the school community. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please get in touch with Mrs Gunner.



Christmas has come early!

Following the success of last year, we are thrilled to announce that Ivy Lane will be doing the Cauliflower Christmas cards again this year! Across the school, the children will be working on their artwork this week and next week to get it completed. On **Friday the 3rd of October**, your child will bring the artwork back home, stuck inside of a form. The form will explain how you can place an order online for a product(s) with your child's artwork printed onto it. These form must then be sent back into school with your child by **Monday 6th of October** so that they can be sent off. **Late submissions will not be accepted past this date.**



We're doing a Christmas fundraising project!

Help us to raise funds!



- Cards
- Mugs
- Playing Cards
- Spiral Books
- Gift Labels
- Wrapping Paper



ARTWORK MUST BE
RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY:

Monday 6th October

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Volunteers Needed!

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. We will be **leaving school after morning registration and will return to school by 11am.**

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.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Sports in Our Community

There is a new charity in Chippenham who are dedicated to making team sports accessible for all. They assist with club membership fees, the provision of sports kit and equipment for families who are facing financial barriers. The charity has established connections with several clubs across our town. If your child would like to join a team sport but finances are a barrier, get in touch with the fantastic team at Game On charity.



Game On

Making team sports more accessible to children in Chippenham

Enjoy new friendships, grow in confidence, handle the losses and celebrate the wins.



Want your child to keep healthy and active without the worry of costs?

Game On is a new charity dedicated to enabling children grow physically, socially and emotionally through team sport.

We offer:

- Financial support with club membership fees for primary school children
- Provision of sports kit, gear and equipment
- Access to a wide network of local clubs - football, netball, hockey, rugby & cricket

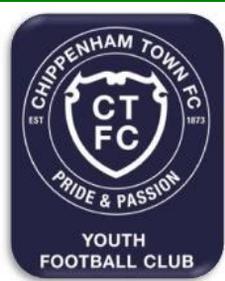
Participating clubs

- Chippenham TownYouthFC
- FC Chippenham Youth
- Chippenham Hockey Club
- Chippenham Netball Youth
- Chippenham Cricket Club
- Chippenham Rugby Club

If you want to join a club that isn't listed here contact us at hello@gameoncharity.com



www.gameoncharity.com



Football for Children

Chippenham Town Youth Football Club has spaces in the :

Under 6 (Year 1) – Wednesday 520-620pm @ Stanley Park 3G

Under 9 (year 4) – Tuesday 630-730pm @ Stanley Park 3G

Under 11 (year 6) – Wednesday 530-630pm & 630-730pm @ Stanley Park 3G

Players are most welcome to come along to have a free taster session so you can meet the manager and players to see if YOU wish to join us.



If interested or need more details, please contact:

Terry McCosh

Chippenham Town Youth Secretary

ctyouthceo@gmail.com

www.chippenhamtownyouthfc.com.uk

Baby News!

We are delighted to announce that Miss Murray had her baby over the summer. She had a beautiful little girl called Linnéa

Miss Murray has asked us to express her thanks for all the gifts and good wishes she received before she went on maternity at the end of last year.

We had a visit from Miss Murray and baby Linnéa this week and can confirm she is a real cutie.





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MULTI SPORTS COURSE



Thursday 23rd - Friday 24th October (2 days)

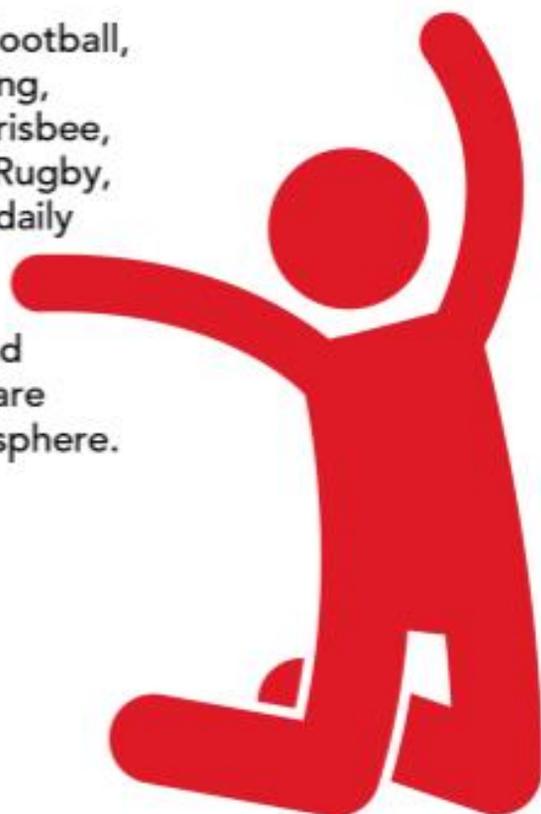
Monday 27th - Thursday 30th October (4 days)



Our popular Multi Sports Programme is open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 -13 and offers a fantastic variety of sports & activities each day. The course will run from 9am – 4pm.

Sports include – Archery, Laser Tag, Football, Mini Olympics, Tennis, New Age Kurling, Handball, Hockey, Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee, Dodgeball, Lacrosse, Basketball, Tag Rugby, Team Building Challenges along with daily competitions, prizes and certificates.

Our activity days are structured around teamwork and working together and are delivered in a fun and engaging atmosphere.



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Camp Day: 09:00 - 15:00

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Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30

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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 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.



Dietary / Medical Needs

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



Medicines

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



Lost Property

Please remember to **name** 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 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.

Call the WPCC Helpline

01225 764 647

10.00am - 5.00pm

Monday - Friday

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:

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

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

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

Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub can help:

- put people in touch with community groups who can help and provide a warm space
- signpost to sources of financial support and foodbanks
- provide advice to those experiencing loneliness
- advise people on cost-of-living crisis
- signpost customers to any appropriate schemes through the Household Support Fund (HSF)

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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

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