



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our usual Ivy Lane green has been replaced by a splash of yellow today as we take part in Hello Yellow Day to highlight the importance of mental health. Thank you to our SENCo, Mrs Stranks, for delivering an assembly this week to talk about World Mental Health Day and to help us all to support our own and each other's mental well-being.

Mrs Keogh organised and led two wonderful harvest festival assemblies last week. Thank you for your generous harvest donations. These went on display as part of our harvest celebrations and have now been very gratefully received by 'Doorway'.

Our children really did go bonkers for conkers last week! It was wonderful to see children participating in tournaments and cheering each other on during this brief playground craze. A thank you to Mrs Smith for organising this fun event.

The first of the Year 6 Bikeability groups got underway last week. Those children involved in this worked hard and represented themselves well as they got to grips with making sure they are able to enjoy cycling safely on roads.

We remain committed to ensuring all children have outdoor learning days and this week Year 4 have enjoyed this experience. The children really enjoyed making bug hotels and exploring the wildlife area. All other year groups will be having their outdoor learning days before half term.

Our OPAL (outdoor play and learning) project was under the spotlight this week during a scheduled Director of Education visit. The project has come a long way over the last year and there was clear evidence of a wide range of highly creative and interactive play on show as well as children enjoying the craft / quiet area, sandpit, wheeled toys and dance opportunities that are now routinely on offer at lunch times. Parents of children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will have their turn to experience OPAL in action and hear more about this initiative from Mr Johns on Monday 20th October.

Term 1 has been action packed! As it draws to a close, children in KS1 and 2 can let their hair down at the FOILS autumn discos next Thursday (16th Oct).

Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher

OPEN CLASSROOMS

A reminder that we have our Open Classrooms on Tuesday 21st October after school from 3pm to 5pm. This is a great opportunity to see your what your child has been learning about so far this term and to see their classwork and school books. The teachers look forward to seeing you then.



*New dates in green

Date	Event
16/10/25	FOILS Autumn Discos Y1-Y3: 4.15-5.15pm, Y4-6: 5.30-6.30pm
16/10/25	Y2 Outdoor Learning Day (Details to follow)
17/10/25	Y6 Outdoor Learning Day (Details to follow)
20/10/25	Y3 Outdoor Learning Day (Details to follow)
21/10/25	Open Classrooms 3-5pm
21/10/25	Y1 Outdoor Learning Day (Details to follow)
22/10/25	Y5 Outdoor Learning Day (Details to follow)
23-31/10/25	October Half Term
04/11/25	Reception Cake Sale (See below for details)
10/11/25	Wear Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
10/11/25	Y3 and Y5 Planetarium in school – funded by FOILS
14/11/25	Football Festival at Stanley Park (Details to follow)
21/11/25	Bikeability Group 2 Day 1 (Year 6)
25/11/25	Parents' Evening (3.30-7pm)
26/11/25	Choir to Voices Festival at Wyvern Theatre
27/11/25	Parents' Evening (3.20-5.30pm)
28/11/25	Non-uniform day—FOILS Rainbow Hamper Raffle (details to follow)
28/11/25	Bikeability Group 2 Day 2 (Year 6)
09/12/25	EYFS / KS1 Christmas Dinner Day
09/12/25	KS2 Christmas Parties (no school dinner bookings for KS2)
10/12/25	Choir to Neeld Hall for Christmas performance (Details to follow)
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

Conkers Champions

Well done to all of our Conkers champions this week.

Special mention to the following children:

George M (Dahl) has shown some excellent conker-ing skills this week

Freddie T (Kerr) brought in hundreds of extra conkers for his classmates in case they didn't have any. He provided enough so that everyone in Kerr could participate.

Oskar C (Cowell) and Finn S (Dahl) played a lovely game of conkers showing great sportsmanship.



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

Carle: Ace B, Nanci K

Rosen: Ivy W, Ari T

Donaldson: Charlie H, Harshith G

Hargreaves: Florence D, Arthur J

Dahl: Jude S, Margot G

Kerr: Rupert C, Daphne S-L

Cowell: Charlie S, Molly C

Griffiths: Maya L, Issy N

Morpurgo: Skye H, Noah W

Zephaniah: Evelyn G, Erik L

Pullman: Leo F, Charlie S

Riddell: Tassi B, Conor B

Lewis: Harry L, Frank N

Tolkien: Shay K, Amelia T



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

Ned G, Sophie C (Sunflowers)

Otilie P, Olive F, Archie H, Cleo DA, Elliot U, Ivy B, Ace B, Nizar H (Carle)

Madison B, Lyla N,

Harshith G (Donaldson)

Martha R, Jonah D, Alva D, Noah S, Archer H (Hargreaves)

Adaline W (Kerr)

Sarah B-C (Dahl)

Gabriela B-C, Toby D (Riddell)

Cerys J (Lewis)

Louie L (Tolkien)



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

Oliver N, Maeve R (Sunflowers)

Otilie P (Carle)

Valentina M-L (Dahl)

Ava U (Dahl)

Katherine R (Dahl)

Orla E (Kerr)

Dinah M-D (Kerr)

Clemmie C (Cowell)

Casper T (Tolkien)

Year 1

DONALDSON & Hargreaves

The children have continued with their wonderful enthusiasm and we are delighted with their attitudes and engagement across all subjects.

Last week, we celebrated European Day of Languages with lots of fun activities! We started by talking about the different languages already spoken by some of the fantastic children in our class. It was brilliant to share and celebrate the different languages that we can speak. The children then practised saying 'Hello' in several different languages. We also had a special visitor who shared fascinating facts all about Spain! Following this, we looked at a map and flags from all over Europe. To bring the celebrations to our outdoor space, we painted flags on rocks to decorate the path in our wildlife area.

We recently started our new enquiry; How does our school change? During this enquiry we are focusing on autumn. This week, the children will be channelling their observations and producing some beautiful artwork based on pumpkins. We are excited to see their creative interpretations! We are so proud of everything the Year 1 children have achieved so far.

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

DAHL & Kerr

We've had a lovely couple of weeks in Y2.

In writing we have just finished writing our own "rags to riches" story using our class text "The Story of Pirate Tom" as a model. It has been a delight to read all the stories and see how imaginative Year 2 can be!

Our focus in Maths has moved onto addition and subtraction, we are learning that sometimes in Maths if you know one fact that can help you solve other number sentences too.

Thank you for all the shoe box donations, they have been put to good use creating classroom models for the challenge to finish our enquiry "What could my classroom be made from?". Our classroom models were a great success and we all worked very hard to complete them.

We're looking forward to a busy end of term, especially our trip to Hardenhuish for the "Under the Sea" multi-skills event!

Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Fahey, Mrs Angell and the rest of the Y2 team.

Year 3

COWELL & Griffiths

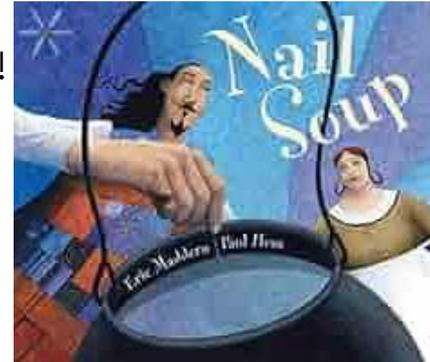
In Y3 this week we have been working hard at becoming experts in column addition and subtraction in maths.

We have also been putting together our design ideas for our end project in Enquiry – making a magnetic board game.

We have finished our Nail Soup writing unit with fantastic stories of our own and we have been looking at fairy tales in guided reading.

It has been a busy and exciting learning time for us all!

Mrs Hugo, Mrs Horan, Miss Vernon and Mrs Tetlow
The Year 3 Team



Year 4

MORPURGO & Z e p h a n i a h

The past two weeks have been super busy for Y4, filled with hard work and dedication to their work.

In maths, the children have been focusing on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. They have also been adding and subtracting using the grid method and are now very confident in doing so! Year 4 have also been really focusing on their times tables and are keen to continue practicing using TTRS at home.

Year 4 have been reading a variety of books by Helen Ward, noticing similarities between the messages within each book. The children have enjoyed looking at the illustrations and discussing their emotions towards each book.

During their writing lessons, the children have developed their ability to build suspense and include dialogue within their writing. They have done a brilliant job at applying features such as show not tell, adverbs to add detail and dramatic fronted adverbials to their independent stories. Well done for all of your hard work the past two weeks year 4!



Year 5

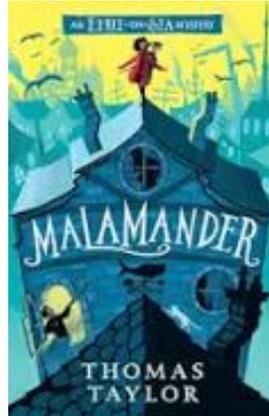
PULLMAN & RIDDELL

We have been continuing the hard work in Year 5. We have recently started reading Malamander, which has grasped everyone's attention as we build on our reading skills to make predictions, infer the story and explain our ideas. The children have written brilliant 'Defeat the Monster' stories which some excellent description of both their heroes and monsters, using relative clauses a variety of adjectives and similes.

During our Enquiry lessons, we have been exploring materials and discussing reversible and irreversible changes. The children made alien soup and then separated materials, we are currently using evaporation to separate the water and salt... we might be waiting a while!

Thank you for your continued support reading with your child at home and embedding times tables facts.

Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Johns



Year 6

Lewis & Tolkien

Year 6 has continued in a very positive way, with all children having settled well into the routines of Year 6. A huge well done to all of the children in Year 6 who are making huge efforts with their learning.

We have completed some great extended writing in our Authors lessons, and both classes have enjoyed using L.B.Q in many of our Maths lessons. We are all looking forward to our C.P.R. training in our Enquiry next week too, which will continue to answer our Enquiry question of 'How are lives saved'?

Mr MacMahon & Mrs Storey
Year 6 Teachers



European Day of Languages

We celebrated European Day of Languages across the school this month.

Kerr class painted some pebbles with designs of flags from around the world to add to our pebble path in the school wildlife area.



Thank you to Mr Fraga & Ms Taylor who visited Cowell class sharing lots of facts about Mexico.



Thank you to Mrs Lockwood for visiting Year 1 and sharing her stories about life in Spain.



Year 6 Bikeability

Our first group of Year 6 children braved the weather last week to complete their Stage 1 and 2 Bikeability training.

Bikeability teaches children essential life skills, promoting safe and independent cycling on roads, and encourages healthier, more sustainable travel by improving confident and practical cycling skills.



Music at Ivy Lane

We are delighted to announce that we have been issued a 'Music Mark!' GSW Swindon and Wiltshire Hub recognise the value that we place on music at Ivy Lane and have presented us with the Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition & Quality. Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education, championing and supporting access to music for all children and young people.

Well done to Miss Burrows, our music lead, and all the teachers and music teachers!

MUSIC MARK of *recognition*^{♪♪}
FOR SCHOOLS 2025 - 2026

for *Ambition & Quality*
in music education

By accepting the Music Mark of Recognition, this school pledges to:

- Advocate for the importance of music education in the curriculum and creative life of our school
- Provide an equitable, diverse and inclusive music education for every young person
- Welcome opportunities to broaden our musical horizons by working with providers in our community and beyond

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Bridget Whyte
CEO, Music Mark

www.musicmark.org.uk
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Reception Cake Sale

We plan to do a bake sale on **Tuesday 4th November** to raise funds for much needed new resources in reception.

We would kindly ask if **all Reception Parents could donate a bake** that we can then sell to the whole school at 3pm the same day. Any bake is welcome, **bought or homemade!**

We would just like to remind you that we are a **nut free school** so will not be able to accept any bake including nuts.

Please bring in your baked goods on the morning of Tuesday 4th November. We would also like to encourage all of the school community to bring cash and support us by buying a tasty treat!

We thank you in advance with your support in helping us maintain such a lovely Early Years environment.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

To all at Ivy Lane School,

Thank you so much for collecting food for Doorway for Harvest again this year.

We're really grateful for your support and generosity. As ever all the food we received will be passed on to our guests who are homeless or living with difficult challenges. Good food always helps to keep people stronger and feeling better and the donations mean we can provide bags to take away and hot meals in our sessions throughout the winter months and beyond.

Please find attached a thank you certificate which we hope can be used to express our gratitude to all involved. I understand that as usual some children also kindly helped sort the food and pack it all up to be picked up - thanks for this extra help and teamwork! With our best wishes,

Amy (on behalf of all at Doorway)

Doorway

Certificate of appreciation
awarded to:

Ivy Lane School

for donating a wonderful
harvest collection of food



October 2025

Jon Yates
CEO



Do you play an instrument?

We are looking for **parent volunteers** who play a musical instrument to perform a short piece at the start of one of our upcoming Thursday morning singing assemblies.

This is a fantastic opportunity to share your passion for music with the children, inspire their creativity and showcase the variety of instruments in our community. The performance would be brief, just a few minutes, as a wonderful start to our assembly.

If you are able to join us on a Thursday morning, please e-mail the school office on admin@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk . Please include the instrument you play and your availability. We will be in touch with more details about scheduling your performance. We can't wait to hear from you!



Amazing Authors!

Congratulations to Louis in Year 4 who was one of three winners of the Summer dragon poetry competition at Chippenham Library.

To top this exciting news Louis was awarded with a great 'Toothless' teddy. He also met Children's author, Rob Biddulph at the Bath Children's Literature Festival.



Autumn Disco



£4 ENTRY
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IVY HALL | THURSDAY 16TH OCT

YEARS 1-3
4.15 - 5.15PM



YEARS 4-6
5.30 - 6.30PM

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ALL ITEMS £1 EACH

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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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School Uniform can be ordered here:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/ivyaneSN1>



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

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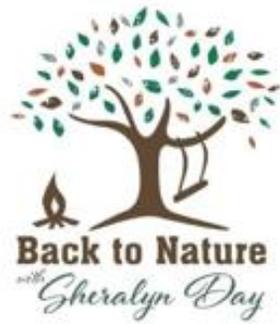
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£21.50 per child

Please pre-book online.

Terms & Conditions apply.



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ZOOLAB

'CREEPY CRITTERS' WORKSHOP BY ZOOLAB UK

Tuesday 28th October – Saturday 1st November

These fun indoor workshops will give children insights into amazing creatures and their behaviour.

£8.00 per person

Please pre-book online.

Terms & Conditions apply.

Day Ticket(s) for House & Gardens required to access this workshop.



BOWOOD

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OCTOBER HALF TERM

MULTI SPORTS COURSE



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

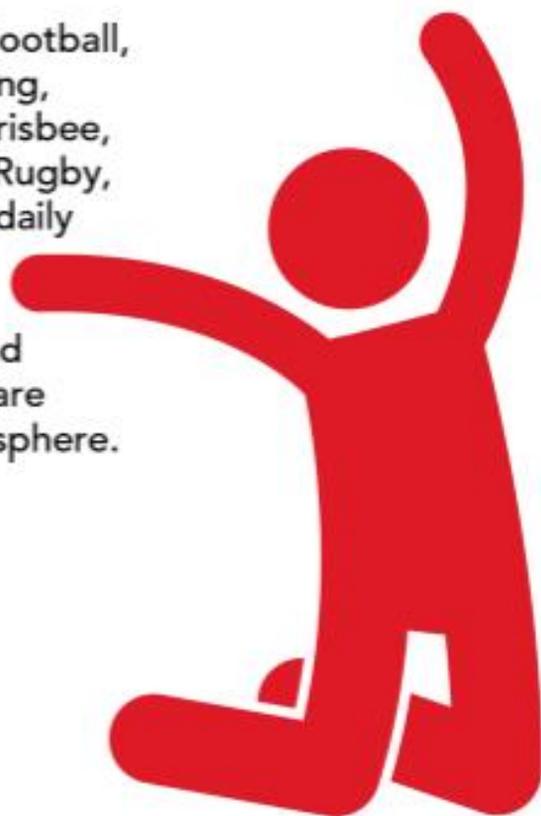
Monday 27th - Thursday 30th October (4 days)



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.

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Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30**



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Monday 27th - Thursday 30th 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**



**Childcare vouchers & Tax-Free
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Standard Prices

	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 - 09:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£31.00	£139.50
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