

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2 is underway and there is much excitement and enthusiasm in all our classrooms – a lovely counter-effect to the rain and early dark of November! Weather conditions were actually perfect for our Reception children to enjoy a fantastic outdoor learning experience last week. The children made full use of our outdoor learning area and enjoyed a campfire in the fire circle too.

This week, Year 3 and Year 5 have enjoyed visiting the Planetarium in support of their current Enquiry. This very special treat was fully funded by FOILS and was a huge hit with the children whose behaviour, conduct and ability to ask pertinent and intriguing questions was noted by our Planetarium host. Well done Year 3 and Year 5 and thank you FOILS!

In order to continue to fund these events for our children, FOILS are working hard to promote upcoming fundraising events. Please see information from them regarding the wreath-making workshop, children's crafts and magic show, family film night and the fabulous, festive, rainbow hampers that will be raffled off (please remember to send in a foodie donation in the colour assigned to your child's year group on the non-uniform day on Friday 28th November. See posters below.)

Our new welly racks mean we can offer field access much more frequently as part of lunch time play arrangements during autumn and winter. If your child does not already have a pair of wellies in school, please do provide a pair as autumn and winter access to the field is strictly with wellies on only. We were very proud of the way our Ivy Lane children observed the 2 minute silence on Armistice Day this week. We know that some children from Ivy Lane carried out special duties on Remembrance Sunday too and it has been lovely to hear about these proud moments. Thank you for sharing them with us.

If we listen carefully around EYFS and KS1 we can begin to hear the jingle and jangle of some festive tunes!

Rehearsals are underway for Christmas performances and this only adds to the happiness and excitement around school. Have a lovely weekend everyone.



Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher



Date	Event
18/11/25	Y1 to Chippenham Library
21/11/25	Bikeability Group 2 Day 1 (Year 6)
22/11/25	FOILS EVENT: Crafts and Magic
22/11/25	FOILS EVENT: Wreath Making
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	FOILS EVENT: Non-uniform day—Rainbow Hamper Raffle (see posters below)
28/11/25	Bikeability Group 2 Day 2 (Year 6)
08/12/25	FOILS EVENT: Bake Off and Cake Sale
09/12/25	EYFS / KS1 Christmas Dinner Day
09/12/25	Y3/4/6 Christmas Parties (no school dinner bookings for KS2)
09/12/25	Y5 to Sheldon School for Christmas Production (details to follow)
10/12/25	Y3 Cowell Class to Chippenham Museum
11/12/25	Y3 Griffiths Class to Chippenham Museum
11/12/25	KS2 Christmas Dinner Day
11/12/25	EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y5 Christmas Parties (no school dinner bookings for EYFS/KS1)
12/12/25	Christmas Jumper Day
12/12/25	FOILS EVENT: Christmas Movie Night (Details to follow)
17/12/25	Y2 to Panto at Bristol Hippodrome funded by FOILS (details to follow)
19/12/25	TD Day
07/01/25	Y5 to Young Voices
13/02/25	TD Day
13/04/25	TD Day
22/06/25	TD Day

Grapes in Lunch and Snack Boxes

For safety reasons, please ensure that grapes and similar fruit are cut in half if appropriate for the age of your child.

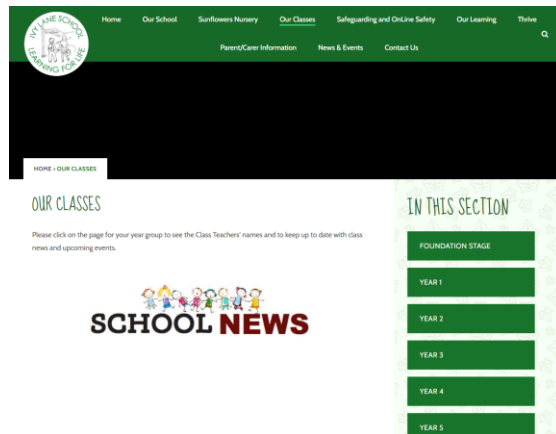


Year Group News

<https://www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Classes&pid=115>

To find out what's been happening over the last 2 weeks in your child's year group, take a look at the class pages on our website.

Please note, fortnightly updates will no longer appear in the newsletter.



Christmas Dinner – Bookings open on Arbor

Sunflowers/Reception/Year1/Year 2

Tuesday 9th December

Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6

Thursday 11th December



These will need to be booked through the 'Trips' section. See letter sent 16/10/25

All Christmas dinners should be booked by **Friday 28th November**.

Dinners for Monday 8th, Wednesday 10th and Friday 12th December should be booked through 'Meals' on Arbor as usual.

Christmas Class Parties

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No school dinners will be bookable on these days. Please provide a party packed lunch. Further details on Christmas Dinner letter sent 16/10/25.



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

ODD SOCKS DAY for Anti-Bullying Week

Year 1



Year 2



Year 3

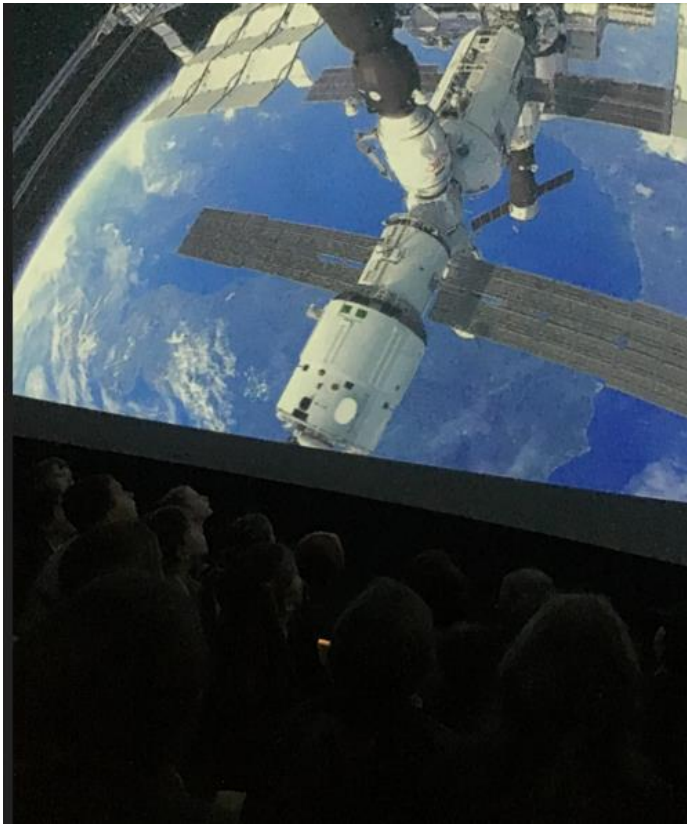
Year 4



Planetarium Experience – Year 3 and Year 5

A huge thank you to FOILS for funding the Planetarium visit from Immersive Theatres (www.Immersive-theatres.com)

The children experienced all things space! Ask them: how space was formed; what space might look like in the future; how rockets take off and all about the orbit of the planets around the sun!



Audio Story CDs

Our thoughtful School Council have suggested that we should develop our library resources to include audio story CDs that have accompanying story books to read along with.

If you have any children's audio CDs at home that you are happy to donate to this initiative, then please bring them to the school office.

Thank you in advance!

Ms Keogh and the School Council



Safer Parking around Ivy Lane School

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are parking on the pavement and double yellow lines at drop off and pick up times in the Spanbourn Avenue area.

Parking on the pavement means children and parents are having to walk out on to the road to continue their route to school.

Likewise, children are having to step out in the road to see around the cars in order to cross the road.

Please be mindful of this when dropping your child at school.

Parking permits are available from the school office for the car parks on Spanbourn Avenue and Bath Road.

Thank you for helping keep our children safe.





Well done to these children who have impressed their class teachers over the last 2 weeks.

Carle: Rafael B, Ellen G-C

Rosen: Lilly W, Sabrina W

Donaldson: Evie J, Madeleine L

Hargreaves: Ivy B, Ethan Y

Dahl: Harvey S, Tobias N

Kerr: Jaxon C, Mabel G

Cowell: Maccabee M-M, Adiat R

Griffiths: Kwame A, Mia G

Morpurgo: Noah R, George A

Zephaniah: Charlotte B, Floyd W

Pullman: Skylar B, Leo S

Riddell: Finley R, Alicia T

Lewis: Chloe P, Blake S

Tolkien: Martha D, Stefan S



Well done to the children on the Golden Ivy Leaf over the last 2 weeks

who joined Mrs Lammin for a Headteacher's breakfast!

Rafael B, Musfirah U, Archie H, Felicity H (Carle)

Olive Y, Otis A, Maddie B (Donaldson)

Zach H (Dahl)

Vaishnav T (Kerr)

Mia F, Leo F, Jeenlada W,

Maccabee M-M (Cowell)

George T (Griffiths)

Kiki-G S, Effy-May M (Morpurgo)

Estelle H, Safin H (Zephaniah)

Joel D, Solomon M, Caleb S,

Grace E (Lewis)

Cameron M (Tolkien)



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

Bonnie F (Carle)

Monty F-M (Rosen)

Elizabeth R (Rosen)

Freddie L-B (Rosen)

Seren W (Hargreaves)

Arla R (Hargreaves)

Theo C (Dahl)

Harry G (Cowell)

Trystan L (Griffiths)

Finn D (Griffiths)

Isobel C (Riddell)








CHRISTMAS RAINBOW RAFFLE

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER



-  **WEAR COLOURFUL CLOTHING (ANY COLOURS)**
-  **EACH YEAR GROUP HAS A DONATION COLOUR**
-  **DONATE NEW ITEM BASED ON YEAR GROUP COLOUR**
-  **DONATION BASKETS LOCATED IN CLASSROOMS**
-  **ENTER RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!**



DONATION IDEAS



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

#WiltshireTogether

Wiltshire Council

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, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 9YW, Companies House No: 07557894

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

FREE SEND INFORMATION EVENT

26th November 2025
10 am to 2 pm
Corn Exchange, Devizes



**Primary and Early Years
for
Parent Carers and those Working to Support Them**

Registration from 9.30am

Free buffet lunch and refreshments

Travel and childcare expenses paid

For enquiries, call the WPCC on:
01225 764647 (option 1)

Hosted by Wiltshire Parent Carer Council
(WPCC)

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

See the Pre-Event
Information Pack for
more information
about what to expect
on the day



Or go to...

www.surveymonkey.com/r/infoeventey25

Wiltshire Parent Carer Council



JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM



Are you interested in supporting Wiltshire's SEN decision making process?

Find out more by joining us in Devizes on Tuesday 11th November 2025

10am to 1pm

See over for more information...

Attendance does not mean an expectation to commit

Travel expenses reimbursed

Free refreshments

3 lucky attendees will each win a £50 voucher!