



Dear Parents and Carers,
Today's November sunshine has been perfect for Year 3 outdoor learning, Year 6 Bikeability and happy playtimes across the school – a lovely end to another very busy week at Ivy Lane.

Thank you for attending parents' evening appointments this week. We hope you found these useful and informative at this stage of the school year.

Thanks also to those families who came along to the magic show, Christmas crafts or wreath making workshop organised by FOILS last Saturday. We have had some lovely feedback about all of these events. Further thanks for your enthusiastic support in donating items for the Rainbow Hampers today. There are a lot of goodies up for grabs in the FOILS Rainbow Hamper raffle so it will be well worth buying a ticket.

The stage is set for next week's Christmas performances from children in Reception and Years 1 and 2! If you are lucky enough to attend one of these performances, you are sure to leave with a full-on festive feeling and at least one song that becomes an earworm for the rest of the week! The children are very excited to put on their costumes and entertain you.

As December begins, with all that it brings, we will continue to maintain our usual high expectations of behaviour and attitudes to learning from all our children, despite the appearance of glitter and the sight of some very small angels and shepherds!

Wishing you a happy weekend...

Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher



Date	Event
02/12/25	Y1 Christmas Production 9.30am and 2pm
03/12/25	Reception Christmas Production 9.30am and 2pm
04/12/25	Y2 Christmas Production 9.30am and 2pm
05/12/25	Y6 Football Festival at Stanley Park (rescheduled date)
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
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 (wear with uniform)
12/12/25	FOILS EVENT: Christmas Movie Night (Details to follow)
15/12/25	KS2 Christmas Cinema Experience (in school)
16/12/25	Sunflowers Christmas Workshop 1.30 to 3pm
17/12/25	Y2 to Panto at Bristol Hippodrome funded by FOILS
19/12/25	TD Day
07/01/25	Y5 to Young Voices
07/01/25	Y3 Griffiths Class to Sevington Victorian School
07/01/25	Y3 Cowell Class to Sevington Victorian School
13/02/25	TD Day
13/04/25	TD Day
22/06/25	TD Day

Friday 12th December

Wear your Christmas jumper + uniform / Bring £1 for Save the Children

Photo: Alex Bamford / Save the Children

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Save the Children



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

Carle: Otilie P, Elliot U

Rosen: Toby P, Isabelle T

Donaldson: George B, Darcey W

Hargreaves: Aurora G, Evellyn S

Dahl: Ava U, Otilie R

Kerr: Daphne S-L, Hanna K

Cowell: Olivia G, Teddy H

Griffiths: Sophie G, Finn D

Morpurgo: Effy-May M, Suzie G

Zephaniah: Amelie L, Musaddiq U

Pullman: Genevieve C, Cade R

Riddell: Tassi B, Daisy N

Lewis: Gabriella T, Georgia D

Tolkien: Mabel S, Cameron M



Well done to the children on the Golden Ivy Leaf over the last 2 weeks who joined Mrs Lammin for a

Headteacher's breakfast!

Ralphie M (Sunflowers)

Margot C, Otilie P, Olive F, Cleo D-A,

Elliot U, (Carle)

Margot N, (Rosen)

Rory S (Donaldson)

Billy G (Hargreaves)

Mabel G, Daphne S-L, Flora S,

George W (Kerr)

Maya L, Cooper C (Griffiths)

Henry M (Lewis)



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

Bonnie F (Carle)

Margot C (Carle)

Oscar S (Carle)

Zoe C (Cowell)

Year 1 Library Trip

This week, Year 1 went to visit Chippenham Library. They loved listening to a story and having the opportunity to look at some lovely picture books. Miss Burrows and Mrs England were so proud of how well the children behaved throughout the whole trip – demonstrating our favourite Ivy Lane behaviour!



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 Dinners

Sunflowers/Reception/Year1/Year 2

Tuesday 9th December

Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6

Thursday 11th December



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.

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





THE GREAT IVY LANE CHRISTMAS BAKE OFF

MON 8TH DEC

WIN THE COVETED STAR BAKER TROPHY!

CATEGORIES:

- CUPCAKE CREATIONS
- FESTIVE SHOWSTOPPER CAKE
- TRADITIONAL FESTIVE BAKES
- KIDS STAR BAKER (OPEN THEME)

**ALL ENTRIES WILL BE SOLD UNDER THE CANOPY AFTER SCHOOL
ON THE 8TH WHERE THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED**

**BRING YOUR BAKES TO THE OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF THE 8TH IN A
LABELLED CONTAINER STATING INGREDIENTS, CATEGORY AND CONTACT
NAME & NUMBER**

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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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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

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 **CYT** 

(Chippenham Youth Theatre)



 Ages 4-7 



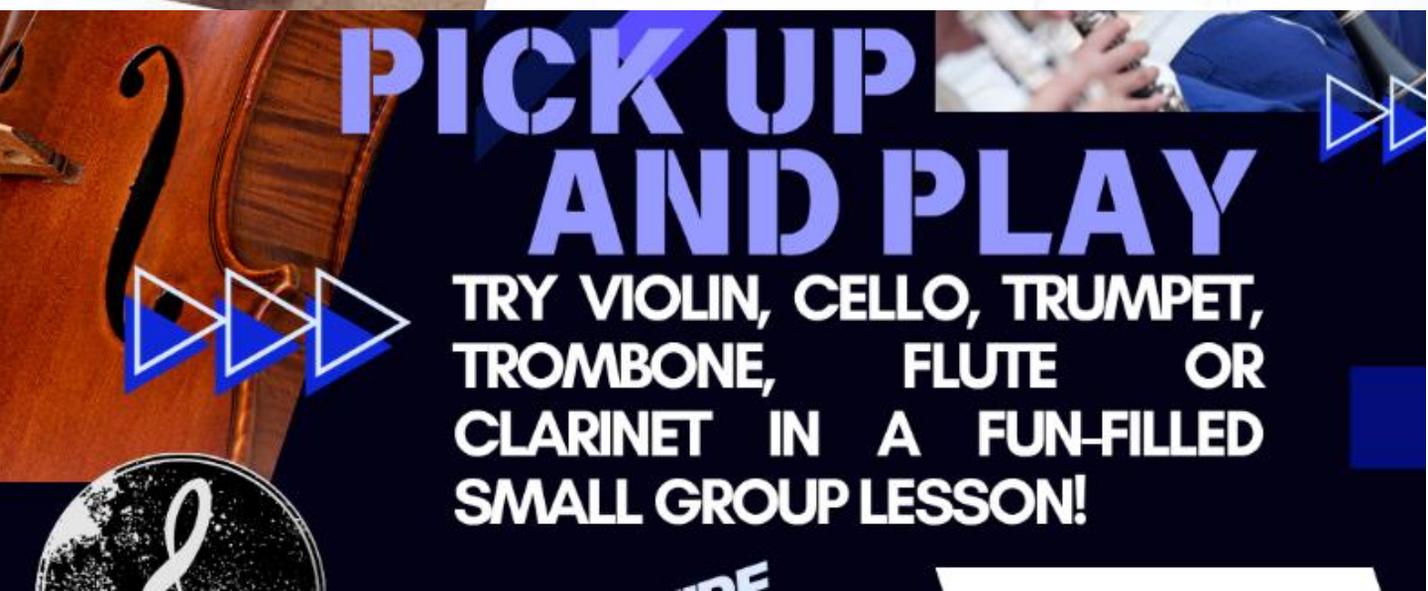
 Infants theatre class!
Filled with Fun, Games and Creativity 



Join us at
Sheldon Road Methodist
Church

 SN14 ODU 

Tuesdays 4pm-5pm



PICK UP AND PLAY

TRY VIOLIN, CELLO, TRUMPET, TROMBONE, FLUTE OR CLARINET IN A FUN-FILLED SMALL GROUP LESSON!





**INSTRUMENT HIRE
INCLUDED!**



STRINGS : MONDAYS 4.15 TROWBRIDGE
TUESDAYS 4.00 WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE BOA
WOODWIND : THURSDAYS 4.00 WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE BOA
BRASS : THURSDAYS 5.00 WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE BOA



INFO@WILTSHIREYOUNGMUSICIANS.ORG.UK

www.wiltshireyoungmusicians.org.uk



FAMILY EVENT

CHIPPENHAM SPORTS CLUB PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SAT
13
DEC **&** **SUN**
14
DEC

MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTTO

VENDORS, CRAFTS, GAMES,
FACE PAINTING, CHOIR, FOOD &
BAR OPEN ALL DAY

Bookings for Santa open 1 November 25

GIRLS CRICKET TEAM



CHIPPENHAM CC

Every run counts, every girl shines!

Fancy having a go at cricket?

We are looking for new players
to join our girls cricket teams

Come along and try a training session **for free!**

Winter Training Sessions:

Fridays

5pm - 6pm

Sheldon Sports Hall

Contact:

Jo Parsons: 07921 711172

jojoparso22@gmail.com

Winter 2025-2026



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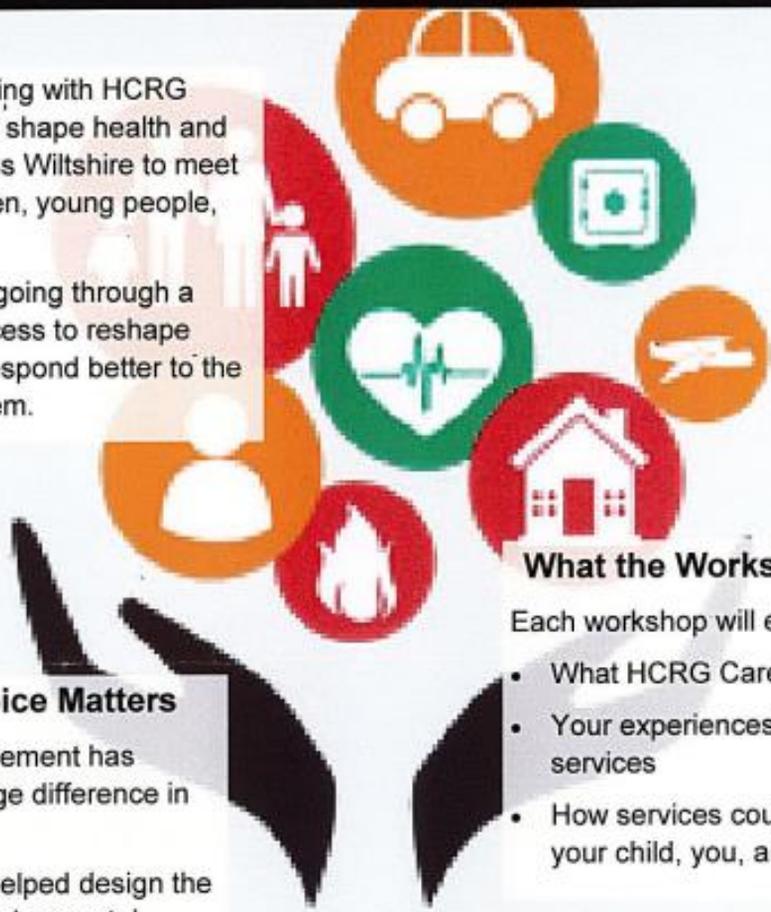
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Help Shape Health & Care Services for Children in Wiltshire

Have your voice heard at one of our upcoming workshops

The WPCCC is working with HCRG Care Group to help shape health and care services across Wiltshire to meet the needs of children, young people, and their families.

HCRG is currently going through a transformation process to reshape services, so they respond better to the people who use them.



Why Your Voice Matters

Parent carer engagement has already made a huge difference in Wiltshire.

Your involvement helped design the Wiltshire Neurodevelopmental Pathway and led to the creation of the WPCCC ND Advice Line.

This next phase is another chance to influence what local community health services look like and how they work.

What the Workshops Will Cover

Each workshop will explore:

- What HCRG Care Group does
- Your experiences of using their services
- How services could work better for your child, you, and your family

Refreshments & Expenses

Free refreshments and a simple buffet lunch will be provided.

Out of pocket travel and childcare expenses paid.

WHEN AND WHERE

Three daytime face-to-face sessions - 10am to 2pm

- **Calne** – Friday 5th December 2025
- **Devizes** – Thursday 11th December 2025
- **Salisbury** – Thursday 15th January 2026

(Each session offers the same opportunity to contribute.)

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

To book your place, please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WPCCC-HealthandCare-DectoJan>

or telephone the WPCCC on 01225 764647.

Information about venues is on the booking form.