

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a festive fortnight we have had! Last week's outstanding performances from our children in Reception and KS1 were the perfect way to start December. The children rose to the occasion beautifully; their wonderful costumes and enthusiastic singing lifted all our hearts. It was clear that the children had put in hours of practice and their efforts paid off in performances that left the audience smiling from ear to ear. A huge thank you to parents for helping with costumes and rehearsals at home. Your encouragement makes these special moments possible.

This week we have enjoyed a very fine Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, cooked here on the premises by our amazing catering team. That's a lot of roast potatoes and turkey and it was all delicious!

Parties and classroom celebrations have followed and Father Christmas himself has even found the time to visit our EYFS and KS1 classrooms! Today there is a marvellous collection of Christmas jumpers on parade.

In amongst the festivities, Year 3 have visited Chippenham Museum and the second Year 6 Bikeability group have been put through their paces. Year 2 have also enjoyed a happy outdoor learning morning.

Next week is equally fun-packed with our KS2 cinema experience, Sunflowers' Christmas workshop, Year 2 FOILS funded trip to the pantomime at Bristol Hippodrome (thank you FOILS!) outdoor learning in Year 4 and 6 and, possibly most exciting of all, the staff Christmas pantomime performance will take place on the last day of school (Oh yes it will!)

It certainly has been a very busy run up to the end of term. In amongst all the activity, we have found some important moments of peace and calm to reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

We hope you and your families find moments of peace and calm over the Christmas holidays. Ahead of the end of term on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, on behalf of all staff here at Ivy Lane School, I wish you a very happy Christmas indeed.



**Mrs H Lammin**  
**Headteacher**



# Reception



# Year 1



# Year 2



Date	Event
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
05/01/26	Y3 Swimming Begins
07/01/26	Y5 to Young Voices
07/01/26	Y3 Griffiths Class to Sevington Victorian School
08/01/26	Y3 Cowell Class to Sevington Victorian School
13/02/26	TD Day
13/04/26	TD Day
22/06/26	TD Day

### Christmas Performance Donations

A huge thank you to the parents and families of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who very generously made donations at the Christmas Productions last week in support of Reading for Pleasure. An amazing amount of **£591.68** will go towards stocking our library with new interesting and current up to date books for all the children to enjoy.

Many thanks again for your generosity.



### REMINDER: No school dinners on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December

Due to unforeseen staff shortages within our catering team next week, we will not be able to provide hot lunches on Wednesday 17th December and Thursday 18th December.

**Please ensure that you provide a packed lunch for your child on both of these days.**

If your child is eligible for pupil premium free school meals (this does not include universal free school meals for Reception, Y1 and Y2), we will provide them with a school packed lunch.

As money is not deducted from your meal account within Arbor until the day (for Sunflowers and Y3-6 children), you will not be charged for these meals as long as you have cancelled them via your Arbor Parent Portal. Any bookings that have not been cancelled will be cancelled by the school on the day of the booking.

## Choir at the Christmas Voice Concert

We are bursting with pride following the choir's magnificent performance at the Wyvern Theatre!

Our dedicated singers joined with other schools to present a selection of much-loved Christmas songs, showcasing all the hard work and practice they have put in over the last few weeks.

The children performed brilliantly to an audience of parents and carers. Every child showed fantastic enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour, making the whole event a truly collaborative and joyous occasion.

Well done to all our choir members—you were phenomenal! What a memorable start to the festive season!

**Mrs Lammin and Miss Burrows**



## 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**

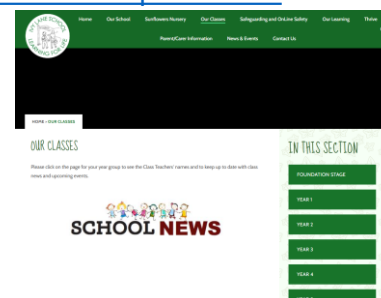


## Year Group News

<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.





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

Carle: Lucas S, Theo M

Rosen: Arlan B, Reggie W

Donaldson: Lyla N, William Y

Hargreaves: Florence D, Seren W

Dahl: All of Dahl Class, Gabriel G

Kerr: All of Kerr Class, Milo B

Cowell: Oskar C, Carter M-S

Griffiths: Ava D, Florence G

Morpurgo: Bella C, Sophie R

Zephaniah: Safin H, Oliver B

Pullman: Ella-Rose D, Lyla S

Riddell: Cara W, Gio W

Lewis: Lewis C, Carnie M

Tolkien: Casper T, Louie L



Well done to the children on the Golden Ivy Leaf over the last 2 weeks who joined Mrs Lammin for a Headteacher's breakfast!

Tobias C, Rosie H (Sunflowers)

Luca S, Cleo DA, Kasper E

Evellyn S, Amelia C, Arthur J, Joshua

M, Wasif R, Aurora G, Sami C

(Hargreaves)

Madeleine L, Evie J, Ursula P, George

B (Donaldson)

Orla E, River-Rose O, Dinah M-D,

Connie G, Jack H (Kerr)

Floyd W, Safin H (Zephaniah)

Sophia P, Henry P (Riddell)

Julian P, Aston W (Lewis)



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

Olive F (Carle)

Cleo DA (Carle)

Mrs Smith (Rosen)

Sabrina W (Rosen)

Evelyn G (Zephaniah)

Skylar B (Pullman)

Iris O (Lewis)

From the office...

## Contacting the School

01249 652556

### Email Mrs Jones

[assistantadmin@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

Want to apply? Not sure?

Ask at the office

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](mailto: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"

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