

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school everyone! We have wasted no time in diving into some fabulous experiences for our children in the very first week of term 3.

Year 5 (and many of their parents who came to watch) are still buzzing with excitement from their Young Voices concert on Wednesday. They sang and danced with huge enthusiasm as part of a choir of nearly 6,000 children at the BP Pulse Arena in Birmingham. They also witnessed some spectacular performances from professional musicians and dancers. It really was an event they will never forget and well worth the very late night! Our children represented Ivy Lane brilliantly and are to be congratulated on their behaviour and conduct throughout the day. Well done Year 5!

Year 3 have had an all together different learning experience when they stepped back in time on their visit to Sevington Victorian School. There was certainly no raving! The children had a first-hand experience of Victorian education, in costume and in role, as they spent the day with a very strict Miss Squire. Well done Year 3! And remember - no slouching!

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming parents of our Reception children to share books with their children in our school library and attend a talk with our Reading Lead, Mrs Fahey.

We have certainly started 2026 with typical Ivy Lane energy and momentum! It's a great way to banish any winter blues!

Please do continue to ensure children have an adequate coat each day so they can enjoy outdoor playtimes. A reminder also that our expectations around school uniform and accessories are outlined on our school website and we politely request that standards of uniform are maintained - it's all part of helping us uphold our high expectations of behaviour and conduct at school.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.



Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher



*New dates in green

Date	Event
14/01/26	Reception Classes: Read with your Child 1.45pm
16/01/26	Reception Classes: Police visit
23/01/26	FOILS Clubbercise at Sheldon School, 6.30 – 7.30pm (details below)
04/02/26	Y5 (class TBC) Taster Day at Sheldon
11/02/26	Y5 (class TBC) Taster Day at Sheldon
06/02/26	FOILS Quiz Night, Ivy Hall, 7 – 10pm (details below)
13/02/26	TD Day
23/02/26	Dance Club: Dance Festival at Neeld Hall
03/05/26	World Book Day (details to follow)
11/03/26	Y4 Lion King in London (funded by FOILS) (Details to follow)
17/03/26	Parents' Evening 3.20pm to 5.30pm
19/03/26	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 7pm
26/03/26	FOILS Spring Disco
26/03/26	Y4 Performance to parents, 9.30am and 2pm (Details to follow)
13/04/26	TD Day
22/06/26	TD Day



Year 2 at the Pantomime!

On Wednesday 17th December, Year 2 had a fantastic trip to The Bristol Hippodrome to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show as well as the free ice-cream during the interval!

Thank you to FOILS for fully funding this trip, as ever it was a fantastic experience for all of the children.

“I liked it when the beanstalk appeared!”

Joey

“I loved all of the songs!”

Margot

“I liked the booing when the evil character came out.”

Otlile

“I liked it when the evil lady turned good.”

Sarah

“I liked it when they had to try to escape from the castle.”

Gabriel G

“I loved all of it!”

Tobias



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 few 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.



Hot Chocolate for Charity

Adalyn C and Remi L in Year 4 independently planned and ran a hot chocolate sale on Christmas, in aid of Doorway, and raised £68!

Well done, Adalyn and Remi!



Let's Go Zero!

Pickwick Academy Trust schools are working towards a Carbon Zero footprint by 2030. Mrs Gunner has recently successfully completed her Carbon Literacy training and is now certified as Carbon Literate!

Carbon Literacy means being aware of the impact of everyday activities on the climate and knowing what steps can be taken to reduce emissions as an individual, a community group, or an organisation, and why it's important that we all take these steps. The actions of individuals can and does make a difference.

To support with this initiative, Ivy Lane School has signed up to Let's Go Zero, which helps schools to understand their carbon footprint and create a climate action plan.

Please feel free to share any ideas you may have regarding the reduction of our carbon footprint.





Well done to these children who have impressed their class teachers this week.

Carle: Oscar S

Rosen: Heidi V

Donaldson: Keanu V

Hargreaves: Teddy L

Dahl: Valentina M-L

Kerr: George W

Cowell: Harry G

Griffiths: Cillian B

Morpurgo: Oliver M

Zephaniah: Melie H

Pullman: Pullman Class

Riddell: Riddell Class, Gabriela B-C

Lewis: Caleb S,

Tolkien: Arrietty C



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

Beatrice B, Arabella R (Donaldson)

James G. Florence, D, Xander K
(Hargreaves)

Maya S, Margot G, Matilda H (Dahl)

Molly C, Charlotte B, Zoe C, Coco L,

Harry C-S, Carter M-S, Olivia G
(Cowell)

Grace G, Finn D, Eloise W (Griffiths)

Sophie R, Oliver L, Alden B
(Morpurgo)

Lily G, Abel C, Mark M, Ivy C, Estelle H
(Zephaniah)

Louie K, Vishnu T, Gio W, Cara W,
Sophia P, Isobel C, Maggie H, Anita Y,

Penelope C, Pippa L (Riddell)
Rosie M (Lewis)



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

Maddie B (Donaldson)

Thomas N (Kerr)

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FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 6:30-7:30PM
£10 PER TICKET
SHELDON SCHOOL





FOILS

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6TH
FEBRUARY
7-10PM
IVY HALL

£18 PER TEAM
(UP TO 6 PLAYERS)



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FOILS

Friends of Ivy Lane School

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 changes throughout the year.



Medicines

If your child needs to have any regular 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

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

WPCC FREE SEND InformationEvent

Friday 6th February 2026

Registration from 9:30am, Trowbridge

Mental Health Theme

10am to 2pm

Civic Centre, Trowbridge



BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Free refreshments including cake
Travel and childcare expenses paid



Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WPCC-Info-Event-Feb2026>



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



Hosted by the Wiltshire Parent Carer Council

Any enquiries, phone: 01225 764647

Pre-School Curious Kids (ages 3-5)
For curious little minds full of big questions



Hands-on experiments



What can I expect?



Sensory play



Crafts



Lots of fun!



Curious Kids
Answering children's questions
with hands-on science



What is Curious Kids?

Scan to book your child's place:



"Curious Kids is the perfect activity for any child with a curious mind!"

Dad

- Hands-on science sessions answering real children's questions.
- Questions like: Why does the Moon shine? How fast can a cheetah run?
- Each month we explore a new question through play, crafts and science.
- Designed especially for children aged 3-5.
- Relaxed, child-led environment where children can join in at their own pace.



Where can I find you?

- Batheaston Village Hall
 - Biddestone Village Hall
- (easy access from Chippenham and Corsham)

bookwhen.com/preschoolcuriouskids



Weekly Football Sessions

MONDAYS

The Activity Zone
Malmesbury SN16 0DQ

3-4 yr olds	2:00-2:40
4-5 yr olds	3:45-4:30
6-7 yr olds	4:30-5:15
7-9 yr olds	5:15-6:00
9-11 yr olds	6:05-6:50

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DEVELOPMENT
FOR ALL!

THURSDAYS

Olympiad Leisure Centre
Chippenham, SN15 3PA

4-5 yr olds	4:00-4:45
6-7 yr olds	4:50-5:35
8-9 yr olds	5:40-6:25
9-11 yr olds	6:30-7:15

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