

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already half way through term 3, 'Blue Monday' is behind us and the end of January is in sight! Hopefully we will be waving off the bugs and germs that have been doing the rounds very soon too.

At Ivy Lane we have continued to be very busy indeed. Everyone is working so hard and this shows in our weekly celebration assemblies where those learning behaviours that make such a difference are highlighted and rightly praised. We have regular opportunities to see just how far a positive attitude can take you, what an impact a bit of perseverance can make, the benefits of being an excellent listener and the power of developing the art of focus and concentration. We are so proud to see our children developing these behaviours and moving on in their learning as a direct result.

Thank you for continuing to support reading at home at least five times a week. Parents of children in Reception who attended our 'read with your child' event last week heard a clear message about the link between reading and future success. As 2026 is a national year of reading we have even more reason to spread this message and do all that we can to create confident readers who willingly devour books.

If you've had poorly children in your family recently (and so many of you have!) we wish them better so that they can return to the hive of activity that is Ivy Lane every day!



Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher

You're never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book
and
read to a child.





*New dates in green

Date	Event
30/01/26	Reception Maths Workshop 8.45-9.15am
30/01/26	Y5 Mini Mudder at Sheldon (details to follow)
04/02/26	Y5 (Pullman) Taster Day at Sheldon
11/02/26	Y5 (Riddell) 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
05/03/26	World Book Day (details to follow)
11/03/26	Y4 Lion King in London (funded by FOILS) (Details to follow)
W/C 17/03/26	NO CLUBS due to Parents' Evening week
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
16/04/26	Y5 (class TBC) Taster Day at Hardenhuish School
23/04/26	Y5 (class TBC) Taster Day at Hardenhuish School
27/04/26	Reception and Year 6 Class Photos (details to follow)
22/06/26	TD Day

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!

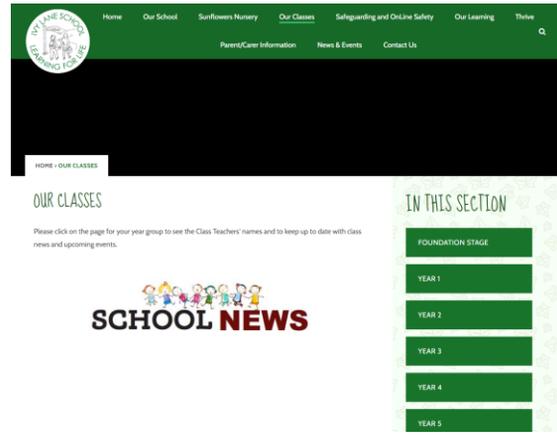
Ms Keogh and the School Council



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.

Swimming Success!

Caesar M (Tolkien) qualified for the Wiltshire County Swimming Championships in Five Rivers, Salisbury and took part in a 2 day event. Caesar progressed through preliminaries for 3 events to go into the finals and won gold in 50 metre backstroke (making him Wiltshire County Champion) and silver in 100 metre backstroke. Well done, Caesar!



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Police Visit Reception

On Friday 16th January, the children in Carle and Rosen classes had some very exciting visitors. Members of our local policing team came in for the morning to share some time with us. They talked to us about how to stay safe, who to ask for help and checked that everyone knew the important 3-digit number to call in an emergency. Part of the session involved trying on the various items of uniform, which gave us an insight in to our potential future police force! Following this, we were lucky to explore the police car and see the lights flashing. Everyone had a turn to sit inside the car, look at all of the buttons and discover the important equipment that is stored in the boot ready for emergencies. It was a real 'wow' moment for the children and we are sure that they have shared this with you. Thank you to our Chippenham based police team for giving us this experience.



Year 5 at Young Voices

On Wednesday 7th January, Year 5 went to Birmingham for Young Voices. They were part of a 6,000 strong choir made up of children from different Primary Schools around the UK. During the day, the children rehearsed together the songs and dances they have been practising in school. This was all in preparation for the performance in the evening to around 5,000 adults who made the trip. The day was extremely memorable for the children and despite the tiredness, after arriving home around midnight, all of the children were keen to share their memories of the event the next day in school! Well done Year 5s on a truly memorable experience!

Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Johns.





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

Carle: Maisarah U, Louis H

Rosen: Robyn R-G, Margot N

Donaldson: Ursula P, Ava D

Hargreaves: Abigail P, Alva D

Dahl: Joey B, Reuben P

Kerr: Remy B, Orla E

Cowell: Freya L, Ben G

Griffiths: Eloise W, Khizer B

Morpurgo: Evie M, Finley S

Zephaniah: Keeley-Rae P, Estelle H

Pullman: Emily M, Cora G

Riddell: Max M,

Lewis: Seren J, Erin H

Tolkien: Avery B, George S

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

Lilly W, Maryam B, Phoebe R, Ivy W (Rosen)

Theo M, Lucas S, Bree W, Oscar S, Rafael B, Elana VZ, Otilie P, Bonnie F, Archie H, Maisarah U, Nanci K, Kasper E, Felicity H, Margot C (Carle)

Issy H, Arabella R (Donaldson)

Isla H (Hargreaves)

Ben G, Carter M-S, Harry G, Coco L (Cowell)

Darcy D, Issy N (Griffiths)

Florence B, Noah W (Morpurgo)

Ona T, Estelle H, Blair A-C, Charlotte B (Zephaniah)

Alex M, Theo L, Emily M, Leo S (Pullman)

Chloe P (Lewis)



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

Reggie W (Rosen)

Marta M (Rosen)

Freya L (Cowell)

Oskar C (Cowell)

Mrs Monaghan (Pullman)

Avery B (Tolkien)



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QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6TH
FEBRUARY
7-10PM
IVY HALL

£18 PER TEAM
(UP TO 6 PLAYERS)



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FOILS

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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 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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**EARLY BIRD RATES END
MIDNIGHT 1ST FEBRUARY**

 **Stanton St Quintin Primary School, Chippenham
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 **Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th February**

 **Breakfast Club: 08:00 - 09:00**
Camp Day: 09:00 - 15:00
Extended Club: 15:00 - 16:00
Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30

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Extended Club: 15:00 - 16:00
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<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



Eligibility Criteria

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ on 31 August this academic year; they must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

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

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Travel and childcare expenses paid



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



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