

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have almost reached the end of term 3. It has been a tremendously busy term.

This week Year 4 and Year 2 have enjoyed wonderful outdoor learning mornings. Year 4 got lucky with the weather and managed to be outside in the only bit of sunshine we have seen in quite some time! Year 2 were less lucky with the weather today but nevertheless enjoyed a wonderful morning outdoors. Next week our reception children and also Year 6 are looking forward to their outdoor learning time.

Year 5 have had a very busy time indeed. Last week they took part in a 'mini mudder' event at Sheldon School and each Year 5 class will return to Sheldon before the end of term for a full day 'taster session'. These events are a great way for our children to begin to experience what lies ahead for them at secondary school.

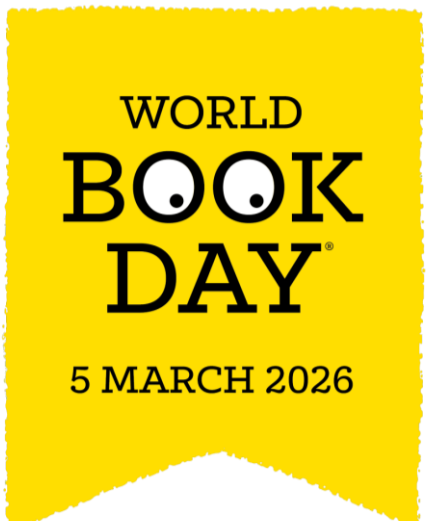
Thank you to all the reception parents who attended the maths workshop here at school last Friday. These events allow us to build that strong partnership with you which is essential for a child's success at school.

A reminder that term 3 ends for the children next Thursday (February 12th) with Friday 13th being a training day for teachers. Term 4 begins on Monday 23rd February and is set to be as action packed as term 3. Please look out for notification next week of how we will celebrate World Book Day this year – it's on Thursday 5th March.

Wishing you all a happy weekend and (when it arrives at the end of next week) a very happy half term holiday.



Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher



WORLD
BOOK
DAY

5 MARCH 2026

Date	Event
06/02/26	FOILS Quiz Night, Ivy Hall, 7 – 10pm (details below)
11/02/26	Y5 (Riddell) Taster Day at Sheldon
11/02/26	Reception Outdoor Learning Day
12/02/26	Y6 Outdoor Learning Day
13/02/26	TD Day
23/02/26	Dance Club: Dance Festival at Need Hall
25/02/26	Y5 Outdoor Learning (details to follow)
05/03/26	World Book Day (details to follow)
11/03/26	Y4 Lion King in London (funded by FOILS)
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 (Riddell) Taster Day at Hardenhuish School
23/04/26	Y5 (Pullman) Taster Day at Hardenhuish School
27/04/26	Reception and Year 6 Class Photos (details to follow)
22/06/26	TD Day
27/06/26	FOILS Summer Fayre

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!

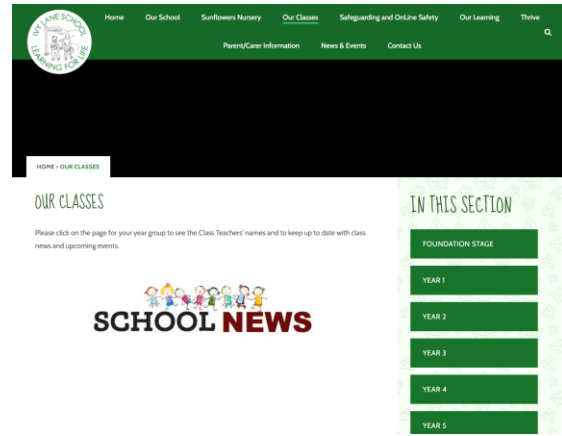
Ms Keogh and the School Council



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.

Stick Insects in Year 1

This week, one of our students brought her stick insects into school to share with Year 1, and they were a huge hit! The children were fascinated to learn about how stick insects live, what they eat, and how well they camouflage themselves. Everyone listened carefully, asked brilliant questions, and enjoyed seeing these amazing creatures up close.



Mini-Mudder

Children from Year 5 headed to Sheldon full of excitement and ready to throw themselves into a series of action-packed stations designed to challenge both their mental and physical strength. The Mini Mudders tackled a range of imaginative challenges, including Ninja Cone Snatch, where budding ninja warriors weaved their way through obstacles to collect power cones and restore calm at the Ninja Dojo. In Duck, Roll and Smash, children jumped walls (tackle cylinders), ducked under laser beams (lacrosse sticks), and pushed over the final power tower to save the city.

Another highlight was the Secret Agent Mission, where children were blindfolded and guided by their teammates over, under, and through tricky obstacles — a brilliant test of trust, communication, and teamwork.

While we managed to stay dry, the children definitely didn't stay clean! It was wonderful to see everyone getting muddy, laughing, and having so much fun together. A truly fantastic way to finish the week!



UNIFORM REMINDER

We would like to remind all parents of our expectations around children's dress and presentation at school. The following information about school uniform and accessories is published in our Parent Handbook ([see website](#)).

School Uniform

School uniform is available from www.mapaconline.com. Items can be delivered to home (P&P charge) or directly to school (during term time only). Second-hand uniform can be obtained from Chippenham Uniform Exchange at any time. They have a shop that parents/carers can visit in Chippenham or uniform can be requested directly by email.

All items on the uniform list should be school wear and not fashion items (**and should be named.**)

Accessories such as jewellery and large hair bows are not permitted. Only stud earrings should be worn please (children will be asked to remove hoop or dangly earrings, as well as necklaces, bracelets and rings for health and safety reasons.)

School Uniform List

- Green sweatshirt or cardigan (preferably with the school logo)
- White polo shirt (optional school logo)/ blouse/shirt
- Grey (not black) trousers/skirt/pinafore dress/shorts
- A simple style of dress in green and white checked fabric may be worn by girls in summer
- Plain grey/black/white socks OR black/grey/dark green tights
- Plain black shoes

PE Kit

- House-coloured t-shirt with school logo only OR plain white t-shirt (no logos)
- Black shorts
- Plain, dark jogging bottoms (for outdoor use)
- Long sleeved, dark coloured sweatshirt for outdoor use (no logos)
- Sport trainers
- Ivy Lane draw string PE bag or similar

School uniform should be worn on all trips, unless clearly stated otherwise. Daily compliance with our school uniform requirements is expected from all children.





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

Carle: Ivy B, Bonnie F

Rosen: Devaswi M, Freddie T

Donaldson: Alfie G, Charlie H

Hargreaves: Cece S, Ted G

Dahl: Aria C, George M

Kerr: Kazi D, Vaishnav T

Cowell: Sara C, Zoe C

Griffiths: Archie W, George T

Morpurgo: Florence B, Ted C

Zephaniah: Blair A-C, Alfie S

Pullman: Jenny D, Elodie C

Riddell: Louie K, Freddie C

Lewis: Xander M, Lexie P

Tolkien: Anna M, Evana C

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

Headteacher's breakfast!

Oliver N, Beau B (Sunflowers)

Olive F, Louis H (Carle)

Phoebe R, Elianna T, Maryam B (Rosen)

William Y, Keanu V (Donaldson)

Teddy L, Ethan E, Evellyn S (Hargreaves)

Marcel VZ (Dahl)

Remy B, Eva M (Kerr)

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

Khizer B, Archie W (Griffiths)

Effy-May M (Morpurgo)

Floyd W, Elias T, Safin H, Keeley-Rae P,

Lily G (Zephaniah)

Skylar B (Pullman)



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

Phoebe R (Rosen)

Grace L (Rosen)

Siara K (Donaldson)

Mrs Angell (Kerr)

Kairah T (Cowell)

Fifi M (Griffiths)

Charlotte B (Zephaniah)

Charlie S (Pullman)

Anna M (Tolkien)



FOILS

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6TH
FEBRUARY
7-10PM
IVY HALL

£18 PER TEAM
(UP TO 6 PLAYERS)



BOOK ONLINE
AND PREORDER
FOOD AND DRINK

www.pta-events.co.uk/foilspta

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

#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




EASTER HOLIDAY

BOOK CLUB






Join us at Kandu Arts for four days of storytelling fun and creative activities



Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April
Two sessions per day to choose from:
10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm

£20 per child, per session

Best suited to children aged 8-12 years
Please email for further details and to book
apmanager@kandu-arts.com



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

MULTI SPORTS COURSE

MONDAY 16TH FEB - THURSDAY 19TH FEB
2026 (4 DAYS)

9AM - 4PM



Our popular Multi Sports Programme is open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 -13 and offers a fantastic variety of sports & activities each day.

Sports include – Archery, Laser Tag, Football, Mini Olympics, Tennis, New Age Kurling, Handball, Hockey, Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee, Dodgeball, Lacrosse, Basketball, Tag Rugby, Team Building.

Challenges along with daily competitions, prizes and certificates.



Hardenhuish School

Hardenhuish Lane
Chippenham
SN14 6RJ



£35 a day
£130 for all 4 days (discounted)



To Book Visit Our Website



BOOK NOW



UP & UNDER SPORTS
www.upandundersports.co.uk

PH CAMPS

We are hosting a brilliant multi-activity holiday camp near you at Stanton St Quintin Primary School, and Kings Lodge Primary School this February half-term!

Here's what you need to know:

- Our camps are for kids aged 4-14.
- We're fully Ofsted registered.
- We accept tax-free childcare and are childcare voucher registered.

Book now to receive a special Early Booking 10% discount – but hurry, the offer ends SUNDAY 1st February at midnight!

For all the details about our camps, activities lined up, and how to secure your spot, head over to our website. Check out our Facebook or Instagram pages, and take a peek at the attached flyer as well.

STANTON ST QUINTIN HOLIDAY CAMP



**BOOK
NOW**

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

 **Stanton St Quintin Primary School, Chippenham
SN14 6DQ**

 **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

**BOOKINGS
FROM £28.50**

**BOOK ONLINE AT
WWW.PHCAMPS.CO.UK**

**Childcare vouchers & Tax-Free
Childcare payments are accepted**




KINGS LODGE HOLIDAY CAMP



**Book
Now**

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

 **King's Lodge Primary School, Chippenham
SN15 3SY**

 **Monday 16th February - Friday 20th 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**

**BOOKINGS
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Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry Online Course

Tuesday 24 February 10:00-12:00

**Book by
17 February**



- **Understand how to support emotional wellbeing at home**
- **Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together**
- **Positive and realistic help for the family**

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<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.



Free online course

Supporting Myself to Support My Child

Three online sessions

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm 10, 17, 24 March

Book by
3 March



- Explore the importance of your own wellbeing
- Develop strategies to support the individual needs of your child
- Learn about further support available

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Free online course
**Helping My Child to
Prepare Positively for Change**
Friday 6 March 10am - 12pm



Yesterday

Book by
27 February

Tomorrow



- Explore the reasons why children find change difficult
- Discover ways to support children develop an ability to cope with change
- Learn strategies to support preparation for change

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
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Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

Understanding School Anxiety and the Emotional Barriers to School Attendance



Online course

Book by
26
February

Thursday 5 March 10:00-12:00

- Strategies to support children with anxiety and worry
- Identify other professionals who can offer support
- Advice on reasonable adjustments that schools can make
- Group discussion with educational psychologist

**For bookings and enquiries:
call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
or scan the QR code**



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ on 31 August 2025; they must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: on a lower income, 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.