

Newsletter 11
Friday 6th March



Pickwick
Academy Trust



Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 4 is a shorter term and there is much to do so we have commenced at pace!

Our amazing Ivy Lane Dance Club represented us brilliantly at the Chippenham Sports Partnership Dance Festival last week. Coached by dance specialist Kim Blackman, this group have worked very hard since before Christmas to develop and perfect a spectacular dance routine that they performed with confidence and enthusiasm on stage at Neeld Hall. Congratulations to all our committed dancers – you should be very proud of the standard you achieved through your dedication and hard work every week. A huge thank you to Kim Blackman for inspiring and motivating this group to reach such a high standard of dance performance whilst clearly having so much fun.

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day and the joy (not to mention countless benefits) of reading for pleasure. In particular, our World Book Day assembly focused on the theme of 'If you're into it, read into it' highlighting the books, magazines and online blogs that can fuel our personal passions, developing and deepening our understanding or skills in specific areas. Members of our Ivy Lane team shared the reading they do to develop skills from crochet to gardening to cooking. Others shared their passion for History, maps or specific sports and the variety of reading they do to further their understanding of these specialist areas. It was truly inspiring and a great opportunity for children to see adults as reading role models.

Our Reception children enjoyed a beautiful sunny morning for their outdoor learning on Wednesday and the warmer, drier weather also means that the field is accessible again at lunch times.

In Year 4, excitement about the forthcoming production of Little Red Riding Hood is growing! The trip to see The Lion King in the West End next week (thank you FOILS) will inspire this year group to keep working hard to create a performance to be proud of.

I wish you all a happy weekend

Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher





Year 1 & 5



Year 2



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Year 2

Reception and Year 6



Year 3

Year 1



Dance Festival – Chippenham Sports Partnership





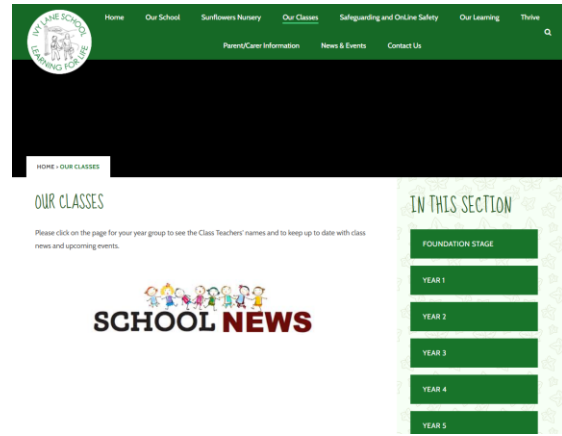
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Date	Event
11/03/26	Y4 Lion King in London (funded by FOILS)
W/C 17/03/26	NO CLUBS due to Parents' Evening week
17/03/26	Parents' Evening 3.20pm to 5.30pm
19/03/26	Parents' Evening 3.30pm to 7pm
20/03/26	Reception trip to St. Andrew's Church
20/03/26	Netball Tournament at Sheldon School
24/03/26	Sunflowers visit to Chippenham Library
25/03/26	Reception Visit to Cotswolds Wildlife Park
26/03/26	FOILS Spring Discos, KS1 4.15 - 5.15pm / KS2 5.30 – 6.30pm
26/03/26	Y4 Performance to parents, 9.30am and 2pm
27/03/2026	Whole School Performance Poetry
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)
W/C 11/05/26	Y6 SATs Week
12/06/26	Sports Day (details to follow)
17/06/26	Y6 to Chippenham Games (details to follow)
22/06/26	TD Day
23/06/26	Y5 Abbeyfield School Taster Day (details to follow)
26/06/26	Non-uniform for FOILS Summer Fayre (details to follow)
27/06/26	FOILS Summer Fayre
29/06 to 01/07	Y6 Residential to Hooke Court
09/07/26	FOILS Summer Discos, KS1 4.15 - 5.15pm / KS2 5.30 – 6.30pm
15/07/26	Reception to Y6 Open Classrooms, 3 to 5pm
22/07/26	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 9.30am
22/07/26	Last day of Term. Early finish at 1.30pm

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.

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



CHIPPENHAM HOLIDAY CAMP IS BACK!



After a fantastic week during February half term, we're excited to be returning this Easter for EIGHT action-packed days of fun at St Peter's C of E Academy!

Children can look forward to a fantastic mix of traditional and alternative sports, all delivered in a fun, safe, and friendly environment where everyone is welcome.

📍 Location: St Peter's C of E Academy

📅 Dates: 30th March - 10th April (8 days)

🕒 Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

🕒 Extended hours available

💰 Cost: £26 - Early Bird price until 16/3/26

🚲 Cycling Workshop - £20

📍 St Peter's C of E Academy

📅 Friday 10th April

🕒 9:30am - 11:00am

Spaces are limited, so parents are encouraged to book early at:
www.in2sportcoaching.co.uk



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

Carle: Olive F, Oliver M-L, Margot C

Rosen: Freddie L-B, Maurice M-M, Elianna T

Donaldson: Beatrice B, Leia-Mai G, Olive Y

Hargreaves: Martha R, Archer H, Noah S

Dahl: Oscar H, Theo C, Dimi R

Kerr: Freddie T, Taylor T, Flora S

Cowell: Harry C-S, Clementine C, Charlotte B

Griffiths: Hazel D, Spencer C, Fifi M

Morpurgo: Noah R, Scarlett L, Lucas S

Zephaniah: Porter M, Bailey-Rose K, Roman H

Pullman: Theo L, Oliver S, Alex M

Riddell: Anita Y, Jasper C, Penelope C

Lewis: Sylvie C, Harry L, Theo G

Tolkien: Caesar M, Maebh O, Oliver K

Well done to the children on the Golden Ivy Leaf over the last week

who joined Mrs Lammin for a Headteacher's breakfast!

Sam H, Isla C (Sunflowers)

Oliver M-L, Nizar H, Lottie M, Cleo DA, Ellen G-C, Ivy B (Carle)

Maisie E, Evie J, Madison B (Donaldson)

Ethan Y, Ted G, Wasif R (Hargreaves) Harvey S (Dahl)

Rupert B, Freddie T (Kerr)

Louie DB, Scarlett L, Lucas S, Florence B (Morpurgo)

Monet D, Daisy N (Riddell)

Hugo DM, Theo L (Pullman)

Xander M, Rosie M, Iris O (Lewis)



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

Bree W (Carle)

Alix C (Donaldson)

Harshith G (Donaldson)

Noah S (Hargreaves)

Evellyn S (Hargreaves)

Rupert B (Kerr)

Ben G (Cowell)

Charlotte B (Cowell)

Agnes S (Cowell)

Issy N (Griffiths)

Oliver L (Morpurgo)

silent disco

THURS 26 MARCH
IVY HALL

£5
including
sweet bag &
headset hire



PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL

YEARS

YR-Y2

4.15 - 5.15PM



YEARS

Y3-6

5.30 - 6.30PM

www.ticketsource.co.uk/foils

Additional Tuck Items: £1

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"

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RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR PARENTS

ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOP

Join me for practical, reassuring strategies to help you raise resilient, confident primary-aged children for success and wellbeing.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- How to build confidence and resilience in your child
- Practical strategies for everyday challenges
- Ways to encourage a growth mindset
- Helping your child manage stress



WORKSHOP DETAILS

A SUPPORTIVE TWO HOUR ONLINE WORKSHOP WITH A Q&A SESSION.
DATES AVAILBALE: 28TH FEB/21ST MARCH/25TH APRIL/30TH MAY/27TH JUNE

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, CLICK ON THIS EVENTBRITE LINK:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/raising-resilient-primary-children-practical-tools-for-parents-tickets-1979623103994?aff=oddtcreator>



Time Out For Parents - Children with Additional Needs

Are you a parent/carer for a child (or children) with additional needs? This course was written for you!

Come and meet other parents/carers to support, help and encourage each other to share feelings and experiences about your child with additional needs.

Discuss and share ideas that support you to come up with solutions to problems and behaviours that challenge on the basis of what works - not what's meant to work!

(No formal diagnosis required)

Call us for more information or to ask for a space on: 0800 970 4669 or use the code opposite to sign up directly.

<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/alltogether>



Join us for a FREE SWIM!

For local children aged 0-11 years
with Puddle Ducks

Booking is essential - Spaces allocated on a first come first served basis!



Find out what all the fuss is about!



Scan / click the above QR Code or visit puddleducks.com/bbopenday
or Call **0117 971 7165** (Office hours: Mon-Fri 09:30-14:30; Sat 09:00-12:30).

🌟 What to expect from a Puddle Ducks lesson 🌟

- 100% child-led, we don't force children under the water.
- Led by highly trained teachers, who adapt each activity to suit your child's individual needs.
- Taught in small groups, in lovely warm pools.
- Baby & preschool classes (0-4 years) are a fun-filled sensory experience incorporating rhyme, music and movement.
- Classes for 4-11 years are driven by fun activities to keep children motivated and progressing, with teachers remaining in the water until Level 3.
- Children learn the importance of water safety and personal survival - invaluable skills to develop at such a young age!

Our Open Days are so popular – Secure your child's FREE class now!





Grassroots Sports Academy

Holiday Club

We at Grassroots Sports Academy are happy to tell you that we are going to be running a Multi-Sports Holiday clubs at Sutton Benger C of E Primary School, Chestnut road, Chippenham, SN15 4RP

SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATES Please circle	COST PER CHILD	DAY(S) ATTENDING (PLEASE CIRCLE)
MULTI-SPORTS This includes football, Athletics, Cricket, Hockey, Basketball, Badminton Volleyball Games & much more)	All children aged 4-11	9:00am-3:00pm	<u>Easter Club Weeks</u> Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April & Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April	<u>Early Bird Booking, before Monday 23rd march</u> FULL 4 DAYS - £70 Any Individual days £22 <u>BOOKINGS After Monday 23rd march</u> FULL 4 DAYS £79.20 Any Individual Days £25	All 4 day Monday TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY,

To book your child/children onto the Holiday Club or if you have any enquires please contact:

Kevin Hughes 07876688636 WEBSITE WWW.GRASSROOTSPORTSACADEMY.CO.UK Email grassrootsports@btinternet.com or visit our facebook page Grassroots Sports Academy GSA

Please note: To Secure your Early Bird Booking payment must be made before Monday 23rd March 2026 you can do this by either contacting Kevin Hughes or By Bank Transfer/ ACC No -00734706 Sort Code 30-98-41



Booking Form

Name: DOB:

School:

Home Address:

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..... Postcode:

Mobile:

Emergency no:

Medical requirements:

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Payment date and reference

Parent/Guardian name:

Signature: Date:

Permission for photos to be taken for advertising/website YES / NO

CHIPPENHAM CRICKET CLUB

Easter Cricket Camp

30th March – 2nd April &
7th April – 10th April

0900 – 1500

- ✓ £35/day or £20 for a half day
- ✓ All abilities welcome
- ✓ Sibling and block booking discount available
- ✓ ECB Qualified coach
- ✓ DBS Checked, First aid trained & child safeguarding

Cricket Fun and Games
For Boys and Girls 5 - 15

Contact Mark Hick—chippenhamcccamps@gmail.com for booking information.

Spaces are limited!




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





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

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet 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 or asylum seeker status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.