



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the Easter break and to jump into term 5 together.

Years 1-3 thoroughly enjoyed their Mini London Marathon experience last Friday and were proud of their running achievement. Thank you to Mrs Angell for organising this event at Ivy Lane. Maybe some seeds of ambition have been sown for our children to one day complete a real marathon! This week we had an assembly focus on road safety for all year groups. It is important that we continue to visit this topic to reinforce clear messages around safe travelling on roads, whether that is as a pedestrian, a cyclist or scooter-rider or as a passenger in a car.

We are huge supporters of 'active travel' but would remind parents and children that our expectation is that helmets are worn by those children who are scooting or cycling to school and we kindly request parental support in ensuring that this is the case.

Years 1 and 3 will have further road safety training next week with a visit from Wiltshire Council 'Walk Safe' team.

Year 2 have enjoyed a fabulous day out at the Steam Museum in Swindon this week. This has helped them understand more about the impact of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, both locally and nationally.

Year 5 have enjoyed a taster day at Hardenhuish School and a glimpse of life at secondary school.

It has come to our attention that some of our oldest children are arriving independently at school very early in the mornings – in some cases a long time before the gates are opened and children come under our care and supervision. A reminder that the school gates open at 8.30am and prior to this time, unless children are attending breakfast club, they are unsupervised and not within the confines of our school. In particular, we request your support in reminding children that they should not be sitting on or climbing on the wall between our school and Ivy Cottages either before or after school. Thank you.

It is a sunny Friday and a sunny weekend is forecast, so I hope you can all enjoy time outdoors. Good luck to all those children who are collecting a 'Wonder Bar' and hoping to win a special prize after school today. Thank you to FOILS for organising this fun event.

Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher



*New dates in green

Date	Event
27/04/26	Reception and Year 6 Class Photos
29/04/26	Y6 Outdoor Learning
W/C 11/05/26	Y6 SATs Week
15/05/26	Y6 BBQ Lunch
19/05/26	Online Safety Workshop for parents, 6pm (details to follow)
22/05/26	OPAL Non-uniform day (details to follow)
22/05/26	Reception Outdoor Learning (details to follow)
22/05/26	Y4 Chippenham Folk Festival (details to follow)
02/06/26	Y1 Trip to Roves Farm
12/06/26	Sports Day (details to follow)
17/06/26	Y6 to Chippenham Games (details to follow)
17/06/26	Y1 Hargreaves Chippenham Museum and lunch in Monkton Park
18/06/26	Y1 Donaldson Chippenham Museum and lunch in Monkton Park
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 12-3pm
29/06 to 01/07	Y6 Residential to Hooke Court
02/07/26	Choir Voices of Friendship Concert at Olympiad (details to follow)
03/07/26	End of Year Reports home to parents
09/07/26	Y6 Transition Sheldon School only
09/07/26	FOILS Summer Discos, KS1 4.15 - 5.15pm / KS2 5.30 – 6.30pm
10/07/26	Y6 Transition Sheldon and Hardenhuish schools
10/07/26	Whole School Move Up Day (details to follow)
15/07/26	Reception to Y6 Open Classrooms, 3 to 5pm
16/07/26	Y6 Transition Abbeyfield School only
16/07/2026	Y6 Ivy Fest (after school- timings tbc)
22/07/26	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 9.30am
22/07/26	Last day of Term. Early finish at 1.30pm

Reporting Absence

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 to assistantadmin@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

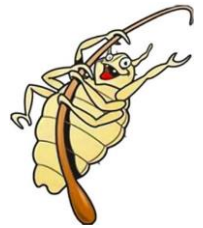
Headlice

We are seeing an increase in the number of reports of headlice across the school.

Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

Please also make sure your child's hair is tied up where appropriate.

Many thanks for you support.



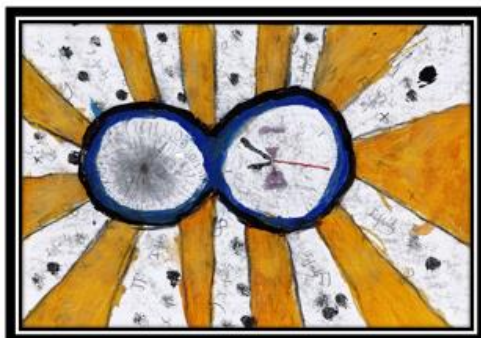
Wrap Around Care – New Users

If you are signing your child up for Breakfast Club or Ivy Kidz for the first time, please remember to complete a registration form. The forms are available on the website: [Ivy Lane School – Forms](#) or available from the school office. This will make sure the wrap-around care staff have access to emergency contact details etc.

Year 5 Art Bytes

Massive congratulations to Cara W (Riddell) who won first prize in the Ivy Lane Art Bytes competition and goes through to the next regional stage.

Congratulations also to Freddie C and Max M who came 2nd and 3rd respectively.



Mini-Marathon

Years 1, 2 and 3 had a great time taking part in the Chippenham Sports Partnership mini marathon. The children were all determined to do their very best and even surprised themselves by how far they ran. Well done, everyone!

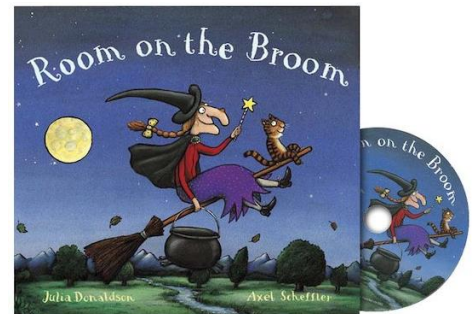
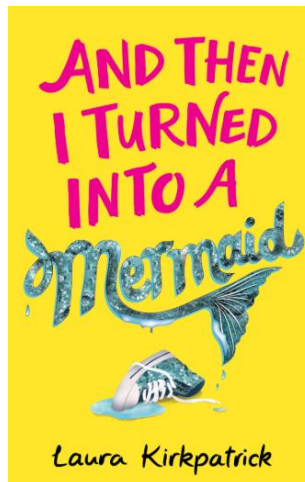


School Council

A huge thank you from the School Council for all the audio CDs that have been donated to the library already.

Children across the school have requested the titles below. If anyone has these books on audio CD at home and would be happy to donate them, please bring them to the school office. Thank you!

Room on the Broom, Julia Donaldson
What the Ladybird Heard, Julia Donaldson
The Magic Faraway Tree, Enid Blyton
Lee Newbery books
Jacqueline Wilson books
Harry Potter books, J. K. Rowling
Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Jeff Kinney
Dogman books, Dav Pilkey
And then I turned into a mermaid,
Laura Kirkpatrick





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

Carle: Lottie M, Musfirah U

Rosen: Betty R, Phoebe R

Donaldson: Maisie E, Rory S

Hargreaves: Xander K, Daniel P,
Jonah D

Dahl: Zach H, Finn S

Kerr: Eliza DA, Hanna C

Cowell: Leo F, Pip G

Griffiths: Darcy D, Trystan L, Nadim I

Morpurgo: Alfred H, Kiki-G S

Zephaniah: Lillian A, Mark M

Pullman: Akosua A, Sophie H

Riddell: Demi-Leigh C, Remi L

Lewis: Georgia D, Iris O

Tolkien: Isla R, Milena H

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

Bonnie F. Maisarah U, Oscar S, Cleo DA, Kasper E, Louis H, Nanci K, Felicity H, Lottie M, Ellen G-C, Rafael B, Theo M, Oliver M-L, Archie H, Elana V, Olive F, Otilie P (Carle)

Jonah S (Rosen)

Olive Y (Donaldson)

Edward G, Ivy B (Hargreaves)

Joey B (Dahl)

Daphne S-L, Mabel G, Jaxon C, Orla E, Hanna C. Adaline W (Kerr)

Mia F, Leo F (Cowell)

Estelle H (Zephaniah)

Theo G (Lewis)

Huw J (Tolkien)



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

Elana V-Z (Carle)

Theo B (Rosen)

Beatrice B (Donaldson)

Alva D (Hargreaves)

Martha R (Hargreaves)

Oscar H (Dahl)

Fern B (Cowell)

Florence G (Griffiths)

Scarlett L (Morpurgo)

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 us know if there are any changes to your contact details, addresses, email addresses etc. You can do this through the Arbor parent portal or by letting the office know directly.



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.

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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



Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry Online



Book your
place by
Tuesday
5 May

Monday 11 May
4:00-6:00pm



- ✓ Understand how to support wellbeing at home
- ✓ Suggestions shared to manage anxiety together
- ✓ Positive and realistic help for the family
- ✓ Suitable for parents/carers with primary school aged children

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: earning 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 status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.



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

Fancy having a go at cricket?



CHIPPENHAM CC

We are looking for new players
to join our girls cricket teams.
(school Y3 - Y11)

Come along and try a training session for **free!**


Every run counts, every girl shines!

Summer Girls Training
Fridays 5.30 - 7pm
Chippenham Cricket Club
Main Ground

Contact:
Jo Parsons
07921 711172
jojoparso22@gmail.com

GIRLS
CRICKET TEAM

 chippenhamcricket.org.uk

 @Chippenhamcc



Summer 2026

Kington Kids May Holiday Club will be open Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th May 2026. (Ofsted regulated)

Based at Kington St Michael Village Hall SN14 6HX. Prices are, £35 per child. Open from 0830 until 1630 hours, please bring a pack lunch and a water bottle, snacks are provided.

Please do contact us on kingtonkids@outlook.com

May Holiday Club Booking Form

Child Name:



	Monday 25th May	Tuesday 26th May	Wednesday 27th May	Thursday 28th May
	Closed	Pop out peg animals	Floating cup	Fruit kebabs
		paper plate bees	Cornstarch stress ball	Rocket ship
		Village Park	Village Park	Cinema afternoon
8.30am to 4.30pm £35.00				

To book your child into Holiday Club, please email kingtonkids@outlook.com with the days you require. Alternatively, please tick which sessions you require on this booking form and return to Kington Kids. Children are required to bring along a packed lunch and water bottle to each session, all snacks will be provided. Confirmation of sessions will be sent via email. If we already hold your child's details on file, no further information is required.

**AGE 5-11
YEARS**



PRICING

9:00 - 15:00 £35

9:00 - 12:30 £25

HALF TERM WORKSHOP

MIXED ACTIVITIES



DATES

26TH - 29TH OF MAY



WHERE?

**BSL CALNE
REDMAN ROAD**

SPORTS

- FUN, INCLUSIVE PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES
- TEAM GAMES AND MOVEMENT-BASED LEARNING
- FOCUS ON CONFIDENCE, COORDINATION, AND WELLBEING
- SUITABLE FOR ALL ABILITIES

ADDITIONAL BREAKFAST CLUB

**8:00-9:00
£5**

COOKING

- SIMPLE, PRACTICAL RECIPES
- BUILDING INDEPENDENCE AND LIFE SKILLS
- ENCOURAGING HEALTHY EATING HABITS
- STEP-BY-STEP SUPPORT IN A SMALL GROUP SETTING



ART

OUR ART SESSIONS PROVIDE A CALM, SUPPORTIVE SPACE WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN EXPLORE CREATIVITY, BUILD CONFIDENCE AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN A WAY THAT FEELS RIGHT FOR THEM.

WHY CHOOSE BLUE SKY LEARNING?

- ✓ SMALL GROUP SIZES
- ✓ EXPERIENCED, SUPPORTIVE STAFF
- ✓ CALM, STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT
- ✓ FOCUS ON WELLBEING AND CONFIDENCE
- ✓ PERSON-CENTRED APPROACH (ALIGNED WITH SEND SUPPORT)

TO BOOK EMAIL

ADMIN@BSLEDCATION.CO.UK