



Dear Parents and Carers,
Term 5 has continued at pace so a Bank Holiday weekend was very welcome! I hope you enjoyed extra time with friends and family. Last week, Year 1 and Year 3 have participated in 'Walk Safe' activities, helping them to be aware of road safety. We will continue to promote the importance of road safety when walking or cycling to all our children.

Year 5 have enjoyed a visit from Chippenham Museum where the 'Brief Lives' extracts written by John Aubrey in the 17th century were explored in order to support children in creating their own biographical piece of writing about someone who inspires them.

Year 2 have continued to learn about Isambard Kingdom Brunel through a local heritage walk. They were thrilled to see the impact of Brunel so close to home and to be able to stand where he once stood! The children are loving being on the field in the warm, dry weather and the sandpit is proving very popular indeed!

I wish you a very happy weekend (just the usual two days this time!)



Mrs H Lammin
Headteacher

Sports Day

Our Sports Day this year will take place on **Friday 12th June**. Please see below the times for each key stage:

KS2 (Years 3-6): 9am to approximately 12pm

Reception, KS1 (Years 1 & 2): 12.45pm - 2.55pm

Please note we will be requesting that **all children in Year 1 and 2** **bring in a packed lunch** on that day.

A letter will be sent out in due course giving further details.





*New dates in green

Date	Event
W/C 11/05/26	Y6 SATs Week
15/05/26	Y6 BBQ Lunch
19/05/26	Online Safety Workshop for parents, 6pm
22/05/26	OPAL Non-uniform day (details to follow)
22/05/26	Reception Outdoor Learning
22/05/26	Y4 Chippenham Folk Festival
02/06/26	Y1 Trip to Roves Farm
12/06/26	Sports Day – Y3-Y6 : 9am – 12noon , YR–Y2 : 12.45 – 2.55pm
17/06/26	Y6 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
19/06/26	Reception Fathers' Day event 2.15pm
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
01/07/26	Sunflowers' Summer Sports 9am to 10.30am
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
07/07/26	FOILS Summer Discos – CHANGE OF DATE AND YEAR GROUPS YR to 3 at 4.15 - 5.15pm / Y4 to 6 at 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, 3pm to 5pm
16/07/26	Y6 Transition Abbeyfield School only
16/07/2026	Y6 Ivy Fest (5pm to 6.30pm)
21/07/26	Sunflowers' Graduation 2 to 3pm
22/07/26	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 9.30am
22/07/26	Last day of Term. Early finish at 1.30pm

Charity Bake Sale

Gabz T, Georgia D (Lewis), Lyla S (Pullman), Evie and Ariana (Morpurgo) organised a bake sale that took place at the weekend.

The girls baked cakes together and set up and sold the bakes. They were all absolutely amazing. They even sung happy birthday whilst cartwheeling for a customer who told them it was her birthday!

They raised £129.46 for the DogsTrust and had a mini raffle on the day raising £45 for the Year 6 Ivy Fest.

They worked really hard to make it a fun, positive and successful event. Lots of neighbours said how lovely the girls were and how impressed they were with it.

We are very proud of them all!



DogsTrust



Well done to these children who have impressed their class teachers over the last two weeks.

Carle: Bree W, Olivia B
Rosen: Maxwell B, Theo B
Donaldson: George B, Izzy H
Hargreaves: Ethan E, Joshua M
Dahl: Katherine R, George S
Kerr: Thomas N, Zeynab A
Cowell: Adiat R, Fern B
Griffiths: Margot C, Rowan D
Morpurgo: Darcy G, Ethan B
Zephaniah: Joseph M, Elias T
Pullman: Penny D, Oliver S
Riddell: Demi-Leigh C
Lewis: Cerys J, Julian P
Tolkien: Max B, Rufus W

Well done to the children on the Golden Ivy Leaf over the last two weeks who joined Mrs Lammin for a Headteacher's breakfast!
Chulachak W (Sunflowers)
Rafael B, Elliot U, Olive F, Kasper E, Rory M, Ace B (Carle)
Freddie L-B, Atticus C, Robyn -G, Jonah S (Rosen)
Lyla N, Ava D, Madeleine L, Rory S, Beatrice B, Maisie E (Donaldson)
Florence D, Eryk S, Abigail P, Daniel P, Edward G, Seren W (Hargreaves)
Florence B (Morpurgo)
Alicia T, Ava T, Demi C, Monet D (Riddell)



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

Archie H (Carle)
Mrs Spyer (Carle)
Jonah S (Rosen)
Margot G (Dahl)
Finley L-S (Cowell)
Sophie G (Griffiths)
Ava T (Riddell)
Alicia T (Riddell)
Mrs Bunker (Library)

Online Safety Talk for Parents

Tuesday 19th May, 6-7pm

Ivy Lane School, Main Hall

Karl Hopwood is an online safety expert with over 15 years experience working with schools, parents and other professionals to address the challenges posed by modern technology. He is a member of UKCIS (UK Council for Internet Safety) and sits on the UKCIS education working group as well as on the advisory board for the UK Safer Internet Centre.



In this **free** session, Karl will give an overview of what children and young people are doing when they go online: **the risks, the opportunities** and specific issues that children face. He will cover things like **phones, screentime, social media, gaming, AI**, etc. He will then talk about solutions – giving **technical and practical advice** for parents so their children can benefit from the opportunities that the online world offers but in a **safe and secure** way.

To book your place, please complete the form at: <https://forms.gle/pUef2cEnYZUFqwT99>

Please note this event is for parents/carers only. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate any children.



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.

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

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wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Tuesday
5 May

Monday 11 May
4:00-6:00pm



- ✓ Understand how to support wellbeing at home
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- ✓ 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/>

MAY HALF TERM

MULTI SPORTS COURSE

TUESDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 29TH MAY
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9AM - 4PM



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Chippenham
SN14 6RJ



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HALF-TERM
Holiday
Workshop
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Starbird



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An original folk tale by Sharon King-Chai

Starbird is an original fable about love, freedom, and the wisdom of children, who are able to see more clearly than the adults around them. Join us on the half term break for a morning of dance as we weave our way through the story with a mixture of movement, music, art and puppetry!

When: Tuesday 26th May 9:30 - 12:30 pm

Where: Kington Langley Village Hall

Who: Ages 6 - 12 years

Cost: £20 per child (sibling discount available)

No previous dance experience necessary

For more information



Come Dance With Us

For more information click on the link above or email us
info@createmovedance.net

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YEARS 6/7/8/9/10/11/12

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