



Dear Parents and Carers,

The exceedingly hot conditions had us all in survival mode last week! Thank you for your support as we navigated a very difficult few days at school. Cooler weather this week has allowed usual routines to resume again – and what a very busy week it has been!

The FOILS Summer Fayre last Saturday was a huge success! Thank you to FOILS for all the hard work that goes into organising such an event. Particular highlights were the performances from our school choir, led by Mrs Lammin, and our wonderful maypole dancers, led by Miss Burrows and Mrs Tiller. The choir have given a further public performance this week, taking part in 'Voices of Friendship' at John Coles Park yesterday afternoon with many other local school choirs. You represented us brilliantly! Well done to all our committed choir members.

Year 6 have been away on their residential trip this week, spending two nights under canvas in the beautiful Dorset countryside that surrounds Hooke Court and enjoying a broad range of activities and adventures. They have returned tired but happy, with special memories made and a sense of pride in the way they stepped up to the challenges they were presented with during their time away. Thanks must also go to the staff members who supported this trip.

The necessary postponement of the Year 6 production of Aladdin due to the extreme heat last week means that Year 6 are straight back into rehearsals and final preparations for their rescheduled performances next week. We are sure the performance will be all the better for the unexpected wait!

Your child will be bringing home their school report today. Details of new class allocations will follow next week, ahead of move up day on Friday.

Have a happy weekend everyone!

And for all the football fans –  
**COME ON ENGLAND!!!**

Mrs Helen Fahey  
Deputy Headteacher



**Mrs H Fahey**  
**Deputy Head**



Date	Event
06/07/26	Y6 Production at 6pm
07/07/26	Y6 Production at 9.30am
07/07/26	Kitness Cup Football Tournament at Queens Crescent (Y5 & Y6)
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
09/07/26	Y6 Transition Sheldon School only
09/07/26	Nursery to Y1 watching The Owl & the Pussycat performance in school. Funded by FOILS
09/07/26	Piano Assembly to parents of school piano lesson students
10/07/26	Y6 Transition Sheldon and Hardenhuish schools
10/07/26	Whole School Move Up Day (details to follow)
13/07/26	Y5 Outdoor Learning (details to follow)
15/07/26	Reception trip to Weston-super-Mare
15/07/26	Reception to Y6 Open Classrooms, 3pm to 5pm
16/07/26	Y1 Outdoor Learning (details to follow)
16/07/26	Y6 Transition Abbeyfield School only
16/07/26	Y6 Ivy Fest (5pm to 6.30pm)
16/07/26	Y2 visit and picnic at John Coles Park (details to follow)
17/07/26	Y4 Outdoor Learning (details to follow)
20/07/26	Y3 Outdoor Learning (details to follow)
20/07/26	Choir performance to parents 5.30-6.15pm, Old Hall
21/07/26	Sunflowers' Graduation 2 to 3pm
22/07/26	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 9.30am
22/07/26	Last day of Term. <b>Early finish at 1.30pm</b>

## End of Term Reminders

School finishes at 1.30pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**There will be NO Ivy Kidz on this day.**



Please check your **child's personal and contact** details on the Arbor App and update any changes. Alternatively, you can let the office know and we can update them for you. Many thanks.

# WE ARE GOLD

## IVY LANE IS OFFICIALLY AN OPAL GOLD SCHOOL

### ONCE UPON A TIME...

Bored.  
Nothing to do.  
Waiting to eat.  
Arguments.  
Fallings out.  
Not being able to use the field.

Playtime was something children got through.  
Not something they looked forward to.

“ Some people said it would be too messy.

Some people said children wouldn't tidy.

Some people said there would be too many arguments.

*But look what happened.* ”

### WE BUILT MORE THAN PLAY SPACES.

**We built** confidence.  
**We built** creativity.  
**We built** friendships.  
**We built** independence.  
**We built** opportunities for children to take risks, solve problems and discover what they are capable of.

**We built** a culture where children look after resources because they value them.  
Where older children support younger children.  
Where imagination is celebrated.  
Where play belongs to everyone.

And now, OPAL have recognised it.

*Then, two years ago, we started a journey. We started OPAL.*



### TWO YEARS IN NUMBERS

- 2** YEARS of transforming play
- 46** PLAY RANGERS trained and celebrated
- 26** ASSEMBLIES sharing ideas, challenges and achievements
- THOUSANDS** OF PLAY OPPORTUNITIES created every week
- THOUSANDS** OF POUNDS secured through grants, fundraising and community support
- HUNDREDS** OF DONATED RESOURCES given a second life through play

*Countless dens.  
Countless performances.  
Countless friendships.  
Countless muddy wellies.*

### WE ARE SEEING...

- More** imagination.
- More** teamwork.
- More** mixed-age play.
- More** confidence.
- More** creativity.
- More** children trying something new.
- More** children helping younger pupils.
- More** children leaving lunchtime happier.

The Play Team have noticed it.  
Teachers have noticed it.  
Families have noticed it.  
Visitors have noticed it.  
And now OPAL have noticed it too.



### THIS AWARD BELONGS TO EVERYONE.

- The children.
- The Play Rangers.
- The Play Team.
- Teachers and support staff.
- Families.
- Volunteers.
- Local businesses.
- Donators.
- The Steering Group.
- Our Site Team.

The people who said yes when we asked for old tyres, pallets, guttering, wellies, tools, crates and ideas.  
The people who believed play matters.

*Thank you.*

**OPAL ISN'T TYRES.  
IT ISN'T CRATES.  
IT ISN'T MUD KITCHENS.**

**OPAL IS PEOPLE.  
OPAL IS IMAGINATION.  
OPAL IS FRIENDSHIP.  
OPAL IS CHILDHOOD.**

**AND AT IVY LANE, WE DON'T JUST PLAY.**

*We play brilliantly.*

TOGETHER, WE HAVE CREATED SOMETHING SPECIAL.  
TOGETHER, WE KEEP PLAY ALIVE.

*Thank you for being part of our OPAL journey.*

## Choir Performance at John Cole's Park

Well done to the choir for performing at the Chippenham Voices of Friendship concert in John Cole's Park this week. They performed their own piece, as well as joint performances with other schools across Chippenham. They sung beautifully and brought a smile to the faces of the people watching in the sunshine.



## Kickboxing Success!

Congratulations to Ari T in Rosen class who was the winner at his Kickboxing Academy  
Well done, Ari!





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

Carle: Oscar S, Cleo DA  
Rosen: Dougie C-B, Freddie T  
Donaldson: Rory S, Reuben L  
Hargreaves: Eryk S, Isla H  
Dahl: Valentina M-L, Oscar H  
Kerr: Connie G  
Cowell: Molly C, Lucas X  
Griffiths: Sebastian R  
Morpurgo: Dexter H  
Zephaniah: Melie H  
Pullman: Cade R, Albert B  
Riddell: Max M  
Lewis: The Whole of Year 6  
Tolkien: The Whole of Year 6



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

Mrs Finner (Rosen)  
Coco L (Cowell)  
Margot C (Griffiths)  
Darcy D (Griffiths)  
Grace G (Griffiths)  
Khizer B (Griffiths)  
Adalyn C (Pullman)

**£5 ENTRY**  
INCLUDING  
SWEET BAG  
AND HEADSET

# FOILS SUMMER SILENT DISCO

PREBOOKING  
ESSENTIAL



**IVY HALL**  
**TUESDAY 7TH JULY**

YR-Y3: 16:15-17:15

Y4-Y6: 17:30-18:30

WATER AVAILABLE FREE

**FOILS**  
Friends of Ivy Lane School

From the office...

## Contacting the School

01249 652556

### Email Mrs Jones

[assistantadmin@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)

# mapac<sup>®</sup>

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](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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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

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BUILDERS**

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call or text Trevor on  
07593 393653

**HOLIDAY CLUB @ Sheldon Road Church**  
28th–31st July 2026

For 5–11 Year Olds



# CHIPPENHAM CRICKET CLUB

## SUMMER CRICKET CAMP

27th July - 31st July  
3rd August - 7th August  
(Excluding 4th and 6th August)  
10th August - 14th August

0900 - 1500

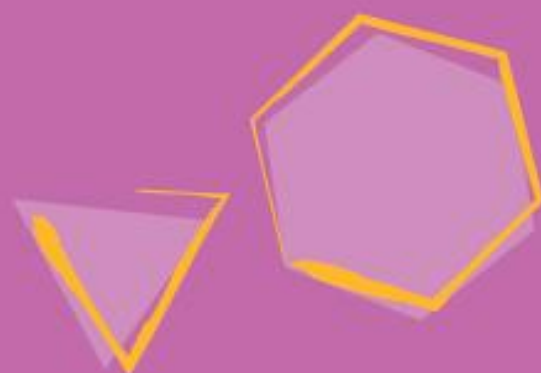
- ✓ £35/day or £20 for a half day
- ✓ All abilities welcome
- ✓ Sibling and block booking discount available
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For Boys and Girls 5 - 15

Contact Mark Hick—[chippenhamcccamps@gmail.com](mailto:chippenhamcccamps@gmail.com) for booking information.

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# AT A GLANCE

## JULY

25	2PM	KID CARPET & THE NOISY ANIMALS: JACK & THE BEANSTALK (SORT OF!)	3YRS+
27 - 31	9AM-3PM	MUSICAL IN A WEEK!	4-12YRS
27 / 29	9AM-3PM	LEGO STOPFRAME ANIMATION	7-12YRS
30	3-4.15PM	BSO RELAXED CONCERT	ALL AGES
31	10AM-3.30PM	ROCK BAND WORKSHOP	9-14 YRS

## AUGUST

3-14	10AM-5PM	PRESS PLAY	12YRS+
3	11AM-12PM	ROCK THE TOTS SUMMER PARTY!	0-10YRS
5/12 / 19	9.30-10.15AM / 10.30 / 11.15AM	DRAMA TOTS SUMMER SESSIONS	18M-5YRS
6	2PM / 3.15PM	BUBBLE BAGH!	ALL AGES
7 / 21	10AM / 11AM	LITTLE PICCOLOS SUNSHINE SESSIONS	3M-7YRS
10	10AM - 3.30PM	BEATS & BARS: MAKE A TRACK IN A DAY	10-16YRS
12	3PM	MALTILDA SCREENING SINGALONG	ALL AGES
13	10-10.45AM / 11-11.45PM	PRINCESS DANCE PARTY	2-5YRS
18	6-9PM	WICKED SCREENING SINGALONG	PG
19-21	10AM - 3.30PM	MUSICAL IN THREE DAYS!	7-18YRS
24-30	10AM - 5PM	WEST OF ENGLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA SUMMER COURSE	12-21YRS
29 / 30	7.30PM / 3PM	WEST OF ENGLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA SUMMER CONCERT	ALL AGES

## BOOKING INFORMATION

BOOK NOW 01225 860 100 | [wiltshiremusic.org.uk](http://wiltshiremusic.org.uk)

For more information contact [creativelearning@wiltshiremusic.org.uk](mailto:creativelearning@wiltshiremusic.org.uk)

Parental / guardian consent forms for children and young people participating in these activities must be completed prior to the event.

## WILTSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE

Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire BA15 1DZ

# SUMMER HOLIDAY 2026

## MULTI SPORTS COURSE

HARDENHUISH SCHOOL  
9AM - 4PM



THURSDAY 23RD & FRIDAY 24TH JULY  
2 DAYS

MONDAY 27TH - THURSDAY 30TH JULY  
4 DAYS

MONDAY 3RD - WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST  
3 DAYS



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24-28 AUGUST

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STUDENTS  
WELCOME**

**COST AND TIMING**

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9:00 - 12:30  
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BREAKFAST  
CLUB  
8:30 - 9:00**

£5

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Feeding | Animal husbandry | Nature walks

FOR MORE INFO:

OFFICE@LARKRISEFARM.ORG.UK

[LARKRISEFARM.ORG.UK/EVENTS/SUMMER-FARM-CLUB](https://larkrisefarm.org.uk/events/summer-farm-club)



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<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>

### Helping My Child Prepare Positively for Change

Friday 17 July - 10am-12pm

### Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience

Monday 20 July - 4pm-6pm

### Helping My Child Build Positive Connections

*Time for parents/carers and then children join to learn together*

Thursday 23 July  
10:30am-12pm

Monday 27 July  
10:30am-12pm

Tuesday 11 August  
10:30am-12pm

### Helping My Child Develop Listening and Attention Skills

*Time for parents/carers and then children join to learn together*

Friday 24 July  
10:30am-12pm

Thursday 30 July  
10:30am-12pm

Thursday 13 August  
10:30am-12pm

### Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

Tuesday 28 July  
10:30am-12:30pm

Friday 14 August  
10:30am-12:30pm

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.



**Wiltshire Council**