

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final newsletter of the school year and a chance to highlight the way we have rounded off the last couple of very warm weeks in school. Congratulations must go to the entire Year 6 cohort for their entertaining performance of Aladdin. Delayed by the heat, this was definitely worth the wait and was very well received by the school audience and then the parents and wider family members of Year 6. Special recognition must go to Mrs Storey for managing this production in challenging circumstances. Last week, our annual Ivy Lane Awards Ceremony took place in Ivy Hall. This is always a lovely occasion, recognising a broad range of special qualities shown by our children. We were delighted to welcome Neil Griffiths to present the awards. You can see a photo and read more about this later in the newsletter.

Congratulations to the Ivy Lane footballers who won the first ever 'Kitness J' football tournament held at Queens Crescent School last week. Ivy Lane triumphed over all the Pickwick north hub schools to add another trophy to our cabinet. Well done!

We have enjoyed drumming and piano performances in assemblies recently and been thoroughly wowed by the musical talent of our Ivy Lane pupils who have music lessons at school. Our guitarists will have a chance to perform in the new school year.

Our youngest children (EYFS and Year 1) were treated to a professional musical performance from 'Music for Miniatures' who visited school to perform 'The Owl and The Pussy Cat' and 'Paddington' last week. We are very grateful to FOILS for funding this wonderful experience for our children. There are some photos further on...

The warm weather did not deter our children from participating enthusiastically at the Silent Disco organised by FOILS last week. It was great fun – if rather sweaty! These FOILS events fund many wonderful experiences and resources for our whole school community. Thank you for supporting the fundraising events they put on.

Our Reception children had perfect weather for a day at the beach on Wednesday. They enjoyed a proper British seaside day with buckets and spades, ice cream and a donkey ride at Weston Super Mare. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who came along to support this trip and help make special memories.

'Move up day' gave everyone a chance to get a taste of what September will feel like, whilst in Year 6 anticipation is building for moving on. Just 3 days left at Ivy Lane for you now! The celebratory events for our Year 6 Leavers have begun this week with 'Ivy Fest', a wonderful event funded and organised entirely by parents. Thank you to all involved - you did a wonderful job. Leavers' Assembly will follow next week... (tissues at the ready!)

As you know, we are also saying goodbye to two very long-standing members of staff next week too. Mrs Horan and Mrs Monaghan are both retiring after careers of well over 30 years each – all spent at Ivy Lane School. They will be enormously missed but we wish them every happiness in their next chapter.

It is also goodbye to Mrs England, Mrs Dowling, Mrs Doggett and Mrs Hinton who have made valued and important contributions to our school and will also be much missed.

I would like to wish all our families a happy, healthy and safe summer holiday when it begins next week. A reminder that school will close at 1.30pm on Wednesday 22nd July and will reopen to children on

Wednesday 2nd September.

Happy holidays!



Mrs Helen Fahey
Deputy Headteacher



***New dates in green**

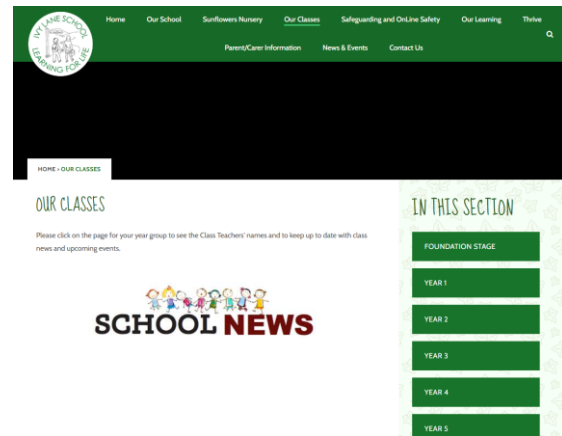
Date	Event
20/07/26	Y3 Outdoor Learning
20/07/26	Choir performance to parents 5.30-6.15pm, Old Hall
21/07/26	Sunflowers' Graduation 2 to 3pm
22/07/26	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 9.30am
22/07/26	Last day of Term. Early finish at 1.30pm
01/09/26	TD Day
02/09/26	First day back.

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.



Awards Ceremony

Well done to all the children who received an award at our special ceremony last week. Children were recognised for their skills in friendship, resilience, reading, writing, maths, sports, music, arts and outdoor learning among other skills.

A special thank you to children's author Neil Griffiths who joined us to celebrate the children's success.

Well done, everyone!



Sports Person of the Term



We are delighted to announce the introduction of the Ivy Lane Sports Person of the Term Award. This award honours students for exceptional enthusiasm, skill, and sportsmanship in PE lessons and competitions. This will be awarded to one child in each class every term. Congratulations to the following children this term:

Olive F (Carle)
Reggie W (Rosen)
Rory S (Donaldson)
Evellyn S (Hargreaves)
Matilda H (Dahl)
Gabriel W-R (Kerr)
Charlie S (Cowell)
Nadim I (Griffiths)
Louis DB (Morpurgo)
Elias T (Zephaniah)
Leo S (Pullman)
Harper H (Riddell)
Sylvie C (Lewis)
Stefan S (Tolkien)

The Owl and the Pussycat

A huge thank you to FOILS for kindly arranging for Year 1 to watch Music for Miniatures. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience live music, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



IVY LANE SCHOOL AWARDED

GOLD!



We are delighted to announce that we, Ivy Lane School have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:
Chippenham Sports Partnership

We look forward to applying once again in 2027!





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

Carle: Whole Class
Rosen: Whole Class
Donaldson: Whole Class
Hargreaves: Amelia C
Dahl: Theo C
Kerr: Dinah M-D
Cowell: Jeenlada W, Clemmie C
Griffiths: Sophie G
Morpurgo: Florence B
Zephaniah: Ayden L
Pullman: Ted L
Riddell: Vishnu T
Lewis: Gabz T, Georgia D
Tolkien: Mabel S

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

Jacob S, Phoebe S-L (Sunflowers)
Rafa B, Bree W, Bonnie F, Nanci K, Felicity H, Kasper E, Margot C, Otilie P, Oscar S, Ellen G-C (Carle)
Dougie C-B (Rosen)
Alfie G (Donaldson)
Joshua M (Hargreaves)
Rupert C, Rupert B, Joel B, Jack H, Zeynab A, Addie W, Rose M, Flora S, Connie G (Kerr)
George W, Finn D, Rowan D, Eloise W, Emilia N, Kwame A (Griffiths)
Charlie S, Olivia G, Maddie D, Fern B (Cowell)
Ariana D (Morpurgo)



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

James S (Sunflowers)
Isla H (Donaldson)
Matvii S (Donaldson)
Maisie E (Donaldson)
Cece S (Hargreaves)
Jonah D (Hargreaves)
Aria C (Dahl)
Olivia G (Cowell)
Finley S (Morpurgo)
Alex M (Pullman)

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/ivylaneSN1>



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.



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Web: www.pickwickacademytrust.co.uk Email: admin@pickwickacademytrust.co.uk Twitter: @PickwickTrust

Summer Fun for Kids

Chippenham Library



Mon 27 July 11.00

Thurs 30 July 2.00-3.00

Thurs 6 August 10.30

Mon 10 August 10.30-11.30

Tues 11 August 10.30

Thurs 20 August 10.30-11.30

Mon 24 August 2.00

Tues 25 August 11.00

Make-a-Shaker

Write to the Beat fun workshop

Jazz Jam

Write to the Beat fun workshop

YOU CHOOSE drawing/colouring

Scrap Poetry

TALENT SHOW!!

Singo Bingo

Mon/Thurs/Sat 2-4

Mon 2.15/Wed 11.00/Fri 11.00

Running all summer

Running all summer

Brick Creators Club

Rhyme Time

Summer Reading Challenge Trail

Write to the Beat Competition

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



Help your child discover the joy of reading this summer!

Sign your child up for the **FREE** Reading Challenge in Wiltshire Libraries this summer. Read to the Beat challenges children aged 4 to 11 to read 6 books over the summer (4 July to 5 September).

Why join?



- It's **FREE!**
- Children choose their own books and collect rewards as they read
- Finishers earn a certificate and medal
- It builds confidence, creativity and imagination
- It reduces stress, boosts focus and helps children to feel more connected
- It's **FUN!**



Find out more by visiting <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-childrens-area-summer-reading-challenge> or by scanning the QR code

Sources: The Queen's Reading Room wellbeing study thequeensreadingroom.co.uk/the-queens-reading-room-study

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The Summer Reading Challenge - created by the Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries.

WPCCC's SEND Holiday Activity Guide Summer 2026



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3rd August – 7th August
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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 BACH!	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

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

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SUMMER HOLIDAY

2026

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2 DAYS

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/b 3rd August 2026	Mixed Archery Lifeline Rocket Launch Body Zorbing	Survival Fire Lighting Shelter Building Survival Craft	Climbing Climbing Wall Zip Wire Abseiling Low Ropes	Watersports Canoeing Kayaking Paddleboarding	
w/b 10th August 2026		Canoeing Problem Solving Orienteering			
w/b 17th August 2026	Watersports Canoeing Kayaking Paddleboarding	Mixed Body Zorbing Fencing Circus Workshop Rocket Launch	Mixed Archery Lifeline Fire lighting Problem Solving	Climbing Climbing Wall Zip Wire Abseiling Low Ropes	High Ropes Leap of Faith Crate Stack High All Aboard Parallel Poles

Activities will run in groups, in rotation, throughout the day.

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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.



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