

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a real sense of the season lately and this has coincided nicely with planned outdoor learning days for some of our year groups. Those classes who have not yet enjoyed their term 1 outdoor learning day will do so before we break up. A rainy day did not deter our Year 4 children from creating luxurious bug hotels, making the Ivy Lane field quite the place to hang out if you are a minibeast who enjoys fine living!

Thank you so much for your kind and generous response to our Harvest appeal for tinned and dried goods to support 'Doorway' in Chippenham. Your donations will make a huge difference in our community and have been very gratefully received by this local charity. Thank you to Ms Keogh for coordinating this initiative and for leading our Harvest assemblies last week.

Year 6 brought home an unexpected gift from Queen Camilla last Friday! In celebration of the National Year of Reading and in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, Queen Camilla is gifting a special edition of *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell to every Year 6 child across the UK. Each copy includes a specially designed royal stamp on the cover and a personal message from Queen Camilla inside. Happy reading Year 6!

Our usual Ivy Lane green was replaced with a splash of yellow last week as we marked 'Hello Yellow' day following an assembly led by our SENCo and mental health lead, Mrs Stranks, to raise awareness of why it's important to look after our mental health and how we can do this. Thank you Mrs Stranks.

A reminder that FOILS are hosting the first (silent) discos of the school year next Thursday (15th October) for children in KS1 and 2. Tickets for this must be prebooked by scanning the QR code on the advertising poster displayed around school or via the FOILS facebook page. Please note the timings of the discos for different year groups.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AM Fahey'.

Mrs Fahey
Deputy Headteacher



*New dates in green

Date	Event
13/10/26	Reception Trip to Chippenham Library
14/10/26	Y1 Outdoor Learning
15/10/26	FOILS Autumn Discos Y1-Y3: 4.15-5.15pm, Y4-6: 5.30-6.30pm
15/10/26	Y6 Outdoor Learning
16/10/26	Y5 Outdoor Learning
19/10/2026	Y2 Outdoor Learning
20/10/26	Open Classrooms 3-5pm
22-30/10/26	October Half Term
04/11/26	Student Nasal Flu Vaccinations (details have been emailed)
05-06/11/26	Y6 Bikeability (Group 1)
10/11/26	Y3 and Y5 Planetarium in school
10/11/26	Parents' Evening (3.30-7pm) Details to follow
12/11/26	Parents' Evening (3.20-5.30pm) Details to follow
17/11/26	Sunflowers Parents Evening
12-13/11/26	Y6 Bikeability (Group 2)
19-20/11/26	Y6 Bikeability (Group 3)
02/12/26	Choir to Voices Festival @ Wiltshire Music Festival
09/12/26	Reception Christmas Nativity 9.30am and 2pm
10/12/26	Year 2 Christmas Production 9.30am and 2pm
15/12/26	EYFS / KS1 Christmas Dinner Day
15/12/26	KS2 Cinema Experience
15/12/26	KS2 Christmas Parties (no school dinner bookings for KS2)
16/12/26	KS2 Christmas Dinner Day
16/12/26	EYFS / KS1 Christmas Parties (no school dinner bookings for EYFS/KS1)
18/12/26	TD Day
14/01/27	Y5 to Young Voices (details to follow)
12/02/27	TD Day
03/03/27	Y4 Lion King theatre trip (details to follow)
04/03/27	World Book Day (details to follow)
28/06/27	TD Day
23/07/27	TD Day



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

Carle: Lucas, Ralphie M

Rosen: Harry R, Chulachak W

Donaldson: Elliot U, Othillie P

Hargreaves: Davaswi M, Freddie L-B

Dahl: Edward L, Daniel P

Kerr: Maisie E, Arabella R

Cowell: Milo B, Rose M

Griffiths: Theo C, Nova C

Morpurgo: Nadim I, Cooper C

Zephaniah: Harry C-S, Carter M-S

Pullman: Alfred H, Florence B

Riddell: Seb W, Roman K

Lewis: Emily M, Sophie H

Tolkien: Fergus O'M, Nina 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!

Sophie C (Carle)

Theo C (Carle)

Ned G (Carle)

Ralphie M (Carle)

Gwynora E (Rosen)

Frank K (Rosen)

Chulachak W (Rosen)

Aaron K (Rosen)

Rosie H (Rosen)

Edward G (Dahl)

Jonah D (Dahl)

Oliver M (Pullman)

Evelyn T (Lewis)



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

Eloise W

Ava U

Isla J

Othillie P

Thomas E

Dinah M-D

Clemmie C

AUTUMN SILENT DISCO

 Thursday 15th October

 Y1-Y3 4.15-5.15pm
Y4-Y6 5.30-6.30pm

 Ivy Hall

 Tickets are £5
and need to be prebooked

Tickets
include a

 **SWEET BAG!**



Book here at
www.ticketsource.com/foils



Later disco (Y4-Y6) includes
a TUCK SHOP!

£1
per item



From the
office...

Contacting the School

01249 652556

Email:

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 changed throughout the year.



Medicines

If your child needs to have any 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

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