Newsletter 6
Friday 27th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in Key stage 1 and 2 have put a huge effort into their autumn assessments over the last couple of weeks and we are enormously proud of their resilience and determination during this deviation from the normal timetable.

In wider school life, a further group of Year 6 children have successfully completed their Bikeability course (the government's national cycle training programme) and our Year 3 children have enjoyed taking part in a multi skills event at Hardenhuish.

With December just around the corner, there is a hint of festivity in the air, particularly around our Reception and Year 2 classrooms where preparations for Christmas performances are well underway.

With festivities in mind, please do support the FOILS Christmas event on Saturday 5th December. There will be lots going on and fun for all the family. A reminder that children are invited to wear non school uniform on Friday 4th December in return for a contribution to the FOILS Rainbow Hamper appeal. Please do ensure that clothing choices remain safe, suitable and warm enough for a school day spent indoors and outdoors.

We are looking forward to welcoming some of our governors into school on Monday 30th November. They will join children in some of their lessons across the morning and take time to chat with children and staff. These regular visits help governors to maintain an overview of the day-to-day workings of Ivy Lane School and to be recognised as a part of our school community.

Wrap up warm everyone and enjoy a cosy weekend.



Mrs Fahey
Deputy Headteacher

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 few weeks in your child's year group, take a look at the class pages on our website.



CHRISTMAS DINNER BOOKINGS

If your child would like a Christmas Dinner please ensure that this is booked through the **Trips section** on your Arbor account/parent portal. **The deadline to book a Christmas Dinner is Thursday 3rd December** – unfortunately we will be unable to accept any extra bookings after this date as our Catering Team will be given final numbers once the deadline date has passed.

Sunflowers, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Christmas Dinner : Tuesday 15th December

Class Party and Packed Lunch : Wednesday 16th December

Years 3 – 6

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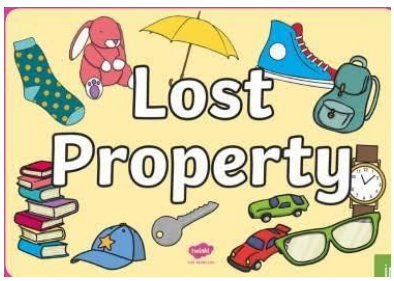
LOST PROPERTY

As you know our lost property has been sorted through this week and displayed outside. Thank you for anyone who claimed lost items. Can we please stress that all items brought into school should be clearly named so it doesn't end up in the lost property boxes. Thank you for your support with this.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*New dates in green

Date	Event
02/12/26	Choir to Voices Festival @ Wiltshire Music Festival
03/12/26	Year 5 Outdoor Learning
03/12/26	Carle visit to St Andrews Church (pm)
04/12/26	Non-uniform day for FOILS (donations – information below)
04/12/26	Rosen visit to St Andrews Church (pm)
05/12/26	FOILS Christmas Event 1pm – 3pm (see information below)
05/12/26	FOILS Wreath Making Event 7pm – 9pm in Ivy Hall (see information below)
09/12/26	Reception Christmas Nativity 9.30am and 2pm
10/12/26	Y5 Sheldon School Christmas Production of Matilda 12pm – 3pm (letter to follow)
10/12/26	Year 2 Christmas Production 9.30am and 2pm
11/12/26	Year 1 Christmas Festival Sport Event at Hardenhuish (letter to follow)
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)
17/12/26	Christmas Jumper Day (donations to Save The Children Charity)
18/12/26	TD Day
04/01/27	Year 3 Starting Swimming Lessons (letter to follow)
14/01/27	Year 5 to Young Voices
12/02/27	TD Day
03/03/27	Year 4 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



Music Mark

We are delighted to share that GSW Swindon and Wiltshire Music Hub has presented our school with the Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition & Quality. This award celebrates the value we place on music and recognises our commitment to providing high-quality musical opportunities for all children.

We are proud of this achievement and will continue to encourage a love of music through singing, performances, lessons and creative experiences across the school. Thank you for your continued support in helping us foster a rich and inspiring musical education for our children.





Emails into School

This is a gentle reminder to parents/carers regarding directing emails to the correct member of the admin team. We would really appreciate it if you could take a look at the boxes below and direct specific emails as listed below:

Email Mrs Nowosielski (Admin Officer)

admin@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

Please use the above email for :

All emails directed to our Senior Leadership Team (Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, SENCO, Assistant Deputy Heads), Pastoral Lead and all Teachers – and for anything that is not listed in the other box below.

These emails will be responded to in a timely fashion and redirected as necessary.

Email: Mrs Cresswell (Admin Assistant)

assistantadmin@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

Please use the above email for :

- Pick up arrangements.
- School absences
- Medical appointments
- School dinner bookings enquiries
- Wraparound care enquiries
- After School Club bookings
- Parking permits
- Dietary / Medical needs

We appreciate that this may be a little confusing, however, if you could please help us out by following the lists above it would greatly help the workload in the office. Currently the majority of emails are being sent to the admin@ email address, but actually need responding to/actioning by Mrs Cresswell, our Admin Assistant. Many thanks for your support.



CHRISTMAS RAINBOW RAFFLE
NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

- WEAR COLOURFUL CLOTHING (ANY COLOURS)
- EACH YEAR GROUP HAS A DONATION COLOUR
- DONATE NEW ITEM BASED ON YEAR GROUP COLOUR
- DONATION BASKETS LOCATED IN CLASSROOMS
- ENTER RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN
- 4 TICKETS TO CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA
  + AN ESTIMATED 15 HAMPERS TO BE WON!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/foils-raffle

YR Y1 Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6

CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA

DONATION IDEAS















YEAR 6

FOILS
Friends of Ivy Lane School



CHRISTMAS EVENT

Magic show* (Hedera)

Storytime with Santa* (Library)

Saturday 5th December
1pm - 3pm Ivy Hall

Games inc Teddy Tombola. Candy Cane Lane. Snowman Snap. Guess the Temperature of the Oven. Squishy/Sprout • Rainbow Raffle Draw • Free Elf Trail • Tuck Shop • Crafts for sale • Refreshments • Christmas Jumpers/Clothing

***Prebook Storytime with Santa and Magic Show tickets now** at
www.ticketsource.com/foils
Plus a limited number on the day subject to availability



Well done to these children who have impressed their class teachers over the last 2 weeks.

Carle: Beau B, Frank G
Rosen: Noah L, Jacob S
Donaldson: Betty R, Jonah S
Hargreaves: Ivy W, Heidi V
Dahl: Ivy B, Noah S
Kerr: Izzy H, Arlo G
Cowell: Mikey M, Eliza D-A
Griffiths: Jude S, George S
Morpurgo: Cillian B, Eloise W
Zephaniah: Sara C, Molly C
Pullman: Lucas S, Ayden HC
Riddell: Floyd W, April M
Lewis: Akoska A, Alex M
Tolkien: Henry P, Isobel C



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

Harry G (Zephaniah)
Margot C (Donaldson)
Mrs Kay (Carle)
Zoe C (Zephaniah)
Maya S (Donaldson)
Monty F-M (Hargreaves)
Mrs Orchard



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

Karina H (Sunflowers)
Noah L (Rosen)
Harry R (Rosen)
Nellie N (Rosen)
Ralpie M (Carle)
Lucas L (Carle)
Sam H (Carle)
Robyn RG (Donaldson)
Wulfrid G (Rosen)
Aaron K (Rosen)
Phoebe SL (Rosen)
Ezra V (Carle)
Sebastian B (Carle)
Jasper F (Carle)
Niamh R (Donaldson)
Archie H (Hargreaves)
Reggie W (Hargreaves)
Isabelle T (Hargreaves)
Florence D (Dahl)
Evellyn S (Dahl)
Margot G (Griffiths)
Zachary H (Griffiths)
Ava M (Zephaniah)
Rowan D (Morpurgo)
Navid M (Morpurgo)
Skylar B (Lewis)
Ella-Rose D (Lewis)

Roman B (Carle)
Frank G (Carle)
Isla J (Carle)
Lucas L (Carle)
Oliver N (Carle)
Ned G (Carle)
Beau B (Carle)
Arthur B (Carle)
Daisy-Mae G (Carle)
Sophie C (Carle)
Robyn R-G (Donaldson)
Bree W (Hargreaves)
Freddie LB (Hargreaves)
Luca C (Hargreaves)
Maddison B (Kerr)
Keanu V (Kerr)
Matlida H (Griffiths)
Maya S (Griffiths)
Bailey-Rose (Riddell)
Melie H (Riddell)
Eloide C (Lewis)

Free Online Parent & Carer Webinars

Mental Health Support Team

Join the Mental Health Support Team for 1-hour online webinars for parents/carers of Primary School aged children to understand more about your child's mental health and learn some tips to help.
These webinars are for information sharing and unfortunately we will not be able to give any specific advice relating to individual children.







Understanding Anxiety in Children and Young People

- Understanding anxiety up to ages 12/13.
- Signs of anxiety
- Tips on how to support children who are anxious

For upcoming dates visit out website below

Scan here!

Sleep Hygiene

- Understand more about sleep
- How sleep relates to mental health
- Tips to improve sleep

Scan here!

Recognising and Understanding Barriers to School Attendance

- Anxiety and attendance
- Talking about school worries
- Working together
- Parent wellbeing

Scan here!

Or visit our website: https://oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/wmhst/webinars/

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) provides early mental health and wellbeing support for pupils aged 5-18. We offer individual and group support for mild to moderate anxiety and low mood.

If you feel your child would benefit from support, speak to your school's Mental Health Lead about a referral to the MHST

NHS
Oxford Health
NHS Foundation Trust

From the office...

Contacting the School
01249 652556

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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 Y5/6 entrance near the tunnel gate.



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@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

Ivy Kidz BREAKFAST CLUB
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@ivylane.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'.

LINKS

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School Uniform can be ordered here:
https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/ivylaneSN1

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)



Pickwick Academy Trust