



Ickniel
Primary School

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Thursday 21st November 2024

Diary Dates	
November	22 nd – Staff Training Day (school closed) 27 th – No Pens Day 29 th – Non uniform day – chocolate/bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre please
December	3 rd – Pre-loved uniform ‘sale’ 5 th – Owls Class Assembly 6 th – FIPS Christmas Fayre 12 th – KS2 trip to The Arts Theatre to see Cinderella 17 th /18 th – KS1 Nativity performances 17 th – KS2 Carol Service @ St Marys Church 19 th – Pupil Christmas Lunch 19 th – Christmas Jumper Day 19 th – Rocksteady Concert 20 th – Last Day of term
January	7 th – Pupils return to school

Reception Open Days

We have really enjoyed meeting new families to Ickniel this week. Applications for our reception class in September 2025 are open until mid-January and we were delighted that so many families are considering our school for their children. The families were shown around our school and were able to ask questions about life here at Ickniel.

Staff Training Day

Just a little reminder that tomorrow is a staff training day meaning that school is closed to pupils. We will re-open on Monday as normal.

Premier Holiday camps

The Premier team will be in school over Christmas running some exciting holiday camps. Camps will be open from 08:45 – 4:00pm on Monday 23rd December 2024 and Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January 2025.

There are various booking options for this venue which can be found online by visiting;

[Holiday Camps - Premier Education](#)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the Premier team on (01223) 631310

Preloved uniform

We will be holding a pre-loved uniform 'sale' on Tuesday afternoon. This will take place in the school hall. Clean, good quality uniform in a range of sizes will be available for families to access. The clothing is free of charge, but we will happily accept any donation, of any size if you wish to donate.

No Pens Day

'No Pens Day' is an exciting event taking place on Wednesday 27th November. It's a chance for children to put their pens down, talk, listen, and take part in lots of pen-free activities, all whilst having fun. There are numerous ways we can communicate with each other that do not involve pens. There will be a range of activities taking place across school including 'Perfect Playdough' workshops, 'Backwards Pictionary' and even some miming!

Year 3 Orchestra

The BBC National Orchestra of Wales performed in a 10 pieces watch party this morning. Year 3 joined the virtual concert and enjoyed a variety of space themed music.

Aris, Zachariah and Owen said;

'It was very impressive, and the orchestra were very talented. It was inspirational. I liked the beginning because it was very exciting before the lights came on and they started playing. I noticed a harp and a cello. I thought the presenter who interacted with the orchestra and audience was funny.'



Owls Class Assembly

Year 6 are busily preparing to show parents their learning from this term so far. Their class assembly will take place at 9:10am, after sensory circuits, on Thursday 5th December.

After School Clubs

We would like to thank you for your contributions towards the cost of running the after-school activities this half term. The suggested contribution was £5 per half term. Could we please ask parents who have not yet contributed for the second half of this term to do so via MCAS, or cash to the school office. Thank you.

KS2 Pantomime Trip

We are all looking forward to the KS2 trip to see Cinderella at The Arts Theatre. Can we please remind parents to return their consent form for this trip as there are still a few outstanding. Children will not be able to attend if this form has not been returned. If you do not wish for your child to go on this trip, kindly email the school office to let us know. Thank you.

FIPS Christmas Fayre

The FIPS team are holding their traditional Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December between 5 – 7pm. Santa will be available to welcome visitors in Reception – Year 4. Older children are welcome to see Father Christmas if they would like to, but given the reduced timings of the Fayre it is felt that there may be insufficient time for him to see all children across the year groups. Entry to the fayre is free, but there will be games to play, refreshments to purchase and carols to listen to. Please come along to the hall and enjoy the festive fun!



There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 29th November for children who have brought in a prize for the whole school tombola. Children in Reception/KS1 are asked to bring in chocolate and KS2 children are asked to donate a bottle (of drink). Thank you in advance for your gifts.

Please note that there will be no Triathlon Club after school on the 6th December because of the FIPS Christmas fayre.

Christmas Tree Lights

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a 'Light up The Christmas Tree' assembly on Wednesday 4th December. FIPS are very generously providing school with a huge tree to go in the school hall and all children and staff are invited to design and make a homemade Christmas decoration which they can then place on the tree. We are very excited about this event and are very much looking forward to seeing school 'beginning to look a lot like Christmas'. Can children please bring their decorations into school on Monday 2nd, or Tuesday 3rd December. We look forward to seeing all their creations.



KS1 Nativity Play

Reception and KS1 are performing 'Shine Star Shine' to parents on 17th and 18th December. Tickets will go on sale next week. Tickets will be limited to two per family.

Christmas Bazaar at Our Lady of Lourdes

Our friends at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Sawston are holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30th November between 2 – 4pm. There will be a bottle stall, a toy stall and a Grand Draw. There are many other festive attractions taking place too! This is a free entry, cash only event.