



**Ickniel**  
Primary School

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Diary Dates	
July	11 <sup>th</sup> – Mrs Tarrant Mindfulness sessions 8 <sup>th</sup> – Y1 class trip to Hunstanton 8 <sup>th</sup> – Pinpoint Parent/Carer coffee Morning 10 <sup>th</sup> – Y3 class trip to Cambridge 10 <sup>th</sup> – Ducklings 'Under the Sea' afternoon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Reports home 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> – Y5/Y6 Summer Production 12 <sup>th</sup> – R2024 Teddy Bear Picnic 17 <sup>th</sup> – Ducklings trip to Shepreth
September	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Staff training day (School closed) 4 <sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school for Autumn term

### FIPS Summer Fete

The school field was full of parents and children enjoying the fantastic FIPS summer fete on Friday evening. The BBQ was very busy, and the sausages and burgers smelt delicious. The bouncy castle was full of lively children springing up and down and laughing with enjoyment of it all. Thank you to all of you who came and joined in with the fun and huge thanks to the staff for their support.



Biggest thanks of all must go to FIPS for organising this event which not only raised funds for school, but also brought us together as a community.

### Message from the FIPS team: .

“FIPS would like to thank everyone who came to the Summer Fete and especially those who helped out on the BBQ/Bar/Face painting/Teddy Tombola and Games etc. The main aim of this event was to have fun and celebrate a busy year as a school community so we hope you all had a good time. With your support we raised just over £800 for PTA funds which is a great result.

If you would like to be involved in the team that puts these events on and supports activities at school please consider joining the committee - AGM will be on in September... but for now we will have a break.”

## Y6 Summer Production

Year 6 are busily rehearsing for their summer performance of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'. Performances are on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 6:00pm. Please note that there are no tickets left for the Thursday performance. There are a few tickets remaining for Friday's performance. These are available for families of Year 5 and Year 6 children only, from the school office.

## End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report, attendance certificate and assessment results will be emailed to you on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Teachers have worked hard to create individual reports so that you can celebrate your child's achievements with them. We hope that you can enjoy sharing these with your children.

## After School Clubs

Please note that next week will be the last week for after school clubs. There will be no after school activities during the last week of term.

## Teaching Staff 2024/25

As is customary at this time of year, staff often move on to new adventures in new schools. This year Miss Winter will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to start a new role in a school closer to home. We have two new members of teaching staff joining Team Icknield. Classes are as follows:

- Reception/Ducklings Class – Miss Waddington
- Year 1/Ladybirds Class – Miss Graves
- Year 2/Hedgehogs Class – Miss Walker
- Year 3/Squirrels Class - Mrs Zarate and Miss Flight
- Year 4/Foxes Class – Mrs Liber and Mrs Hodson
- Year 5/Badger Class – Miss Aboujieb
- Year 6/Owls Class – Miss O'Sullivan

## Pinpoint Coffee Morning

Is your child showing any signs of neurodiversity, or do you think they might be? We are collaborating with the Local Authority, health and Pinpoint (the parent carer forum for Cambridgeshire) to enhance inclusivity. Pinpoint are visiting us from 9:00 – 10:30am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July to provide further information. Why not pop along to find out more

## Michael Rosen event at The Hope & Compassion Concert

On Sunday our choir sang and performed at a wonderful event at Cambridge Corn Exchange. The Hope & Compassion concert which had been organised by Michael Rosen in partnership with 'HistoryWorks' was in support of refugees and children from Icknield as well as other local schools sang songs and performed together on stage.



## Scooterbility

Years 1 and 2 had great fun with the Scooterbility team this week. The children were taught the importance of wearing helmets, elbow and knee pads and how to safely scoot and how to cross the road safely with a scooter. Finally, they had to scoot around obstacles.



Children said: *"It was really really fun, and it challenged our balance."*



## Lost Property/personal Belongings

As we near the end of term, can we ask that you check that your children bring home all their own personal belongings. Whilst packing up their bags at the end of the day, it can be quite easy for children to accidentally pick up an item that doesn't belong to them. Please return any items that do not belong to you. It is very helpful for all items to be named so please remember to do so. This makes the identification of the correct owner much easier for staff. If your child has a treasured possession or item, please do not agree to them bringing this into school. Items can so easily get mislaid and special items are safer kept at home. Thank you.

## School Lunches

If your child is out of school on a class trip, can we please remind you to cancel any lunches that you have pre-ordered on the booking system for that day. Thank you.

Please note that we have been advised by colleagues at Innovate that from September 2024 the price of school meals will increase to £2.75 per day.

## Free School Meals – Year 2

Children in Year 2 have been receiving Universal Infant Free school meals during Key Stage One. As they move into Year 3/Key Stage 2, the daily rate will apply. In order for your child to continue to receive free school meals for Year 3 and beyond, you will need to meet the qualifying economic criteria (as shown below) and submit an application at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

## What is the criteria for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?

The economic criteria are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

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Even if you do not think you would qualify at this point, once you have completed the form, the EWB team will be able to continue to check eligibility throughout your child's school years using the ECS checking system. You will be notified if you become eligible in the future.

If you are unable to access the online form, a paper application will be available from the school office or you can email [ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

If you have any queries regarding this information, please call the Education Welfare Benefits team on 01223 703200 or email [ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or look at the website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)