



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 10th January 2025

Diary Dates

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| January | 15 th – Y5 Swimming lessons begin 15 th – Y3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo 16 th – Special 'American Diner' lunch 17 th – Scooterbility 23 rd – Young Voices performance at O2 |
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It was so lovely to see everyone back in school on Tuesday after what we hope was a lovely and relaxing family festive season. The children were full of stories about what their Christmas was like and how much fun they had had. We are about to start the busy Spring term with all sorts of events and activities taking place. Children will be bringing home the Spring termly calendar next week for you to pop on the fridge door, so you know what is planned.

During our training day on Monday

Scooterbility Y1 Y2

Years 1 and 2 are looking forward to the Scooterbility team coming into school on Friday of next week. The children will have the opportunity to learn the basics of riding a scooter and a balance bike as well as watch some tricks on the bikes carried out by the tutors. All the equipment including scooters, balance bikes and safety equipment will be provided. Can parents please ensure that children have their PE kits in school on Friday.

Census Special lunch

Next week is Spring term census day and to encourage more children to have a school lunch, the Innovate team are planning a special 'American Diner' menu for Thursday 16th January. Choices are;

- Smoky BBQ Beef burger
or
- Smoky BBQ Quorn Burger
All served with chips, coleslaw & Boston Beans.
with
- Triple Chocolate Chip Cookie bar

If your child would like this meal, please order on the Innovate system in the usual way by midnight on Saturday 11th January.

After School Clubs

After School clubs re-start next week. Children will have brought slips home earlier this week confirming which clubs they have been allocated to. Can we please remind parents that all children must be collected by an adult at the end of the club this term. No children will be permitted to walk home alone as it is too dark at 4:30pm.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; just pop into the local Boots pharmacy with your child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

| <u>Common condition</u> | <u>Patient eligibility</u> |
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| Earache | 1 to 17 years |
| Impetigo | 1 year and over |
| Infected insect bites and stings | 1 year and over |
| Sore throats | 5 years and over |
| Sinusitis | 12 years and over |
| Uncomplicated urinary tract | Women 16 to 64 years |
| Shingles | 18 years and over |

Welcome

Parents of Year 2 children will have met Mr Jones this week. Mr Jones is with us until the end of the summer term as part of his teacher training. He will be spending time, mainly in Year 2, working with Miss Walker before moving onto the next stage of his training. I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to Icknield and will support him during his time with us.

Young Voices 2025

The Young Voices Concerts take place each year in January and February. Our choir are joining the concert on Thursday 23rd January at the O2 in London. During the day, the choir will rehearse together with choirs from other schools, before coming together in the evening for a breathtaking concert (featuring a few special guest artists) to parents and friends. This is such an exciting opportunity for the children and will be an unforgettable experience for everyone. The coach will leave school late morning and will return after the concert late into the evening.

EIFA Newsletter

We are attaching this month's Education Inclusion Family Advisor newsletter. Sam Stacey is our EIFA advisor, and she can offer practical and emotional support to parents of primary age children. Also attached is a document where you can find information about workshops on offer around supporting your child with sleep, managing sibling rivalry and digital safety.

Planning Application for Redevelopment of Sawston Village College

The planning application deadline closes next week for the DfE expansion project, we are encouraging parents to comment on the planning application. Please see the information below to find out more details.

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*Please register your comments
on the planning application for
the redevelopment of
Sawston Village College*

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