



**Ickniel**  
Primary School

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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Diary Dates	
January	23 <sup>rd</sup> – Young Voices performance at O2
February	13 <sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2 Space Workshop w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> – Half-term holiday 25 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Consultations

### Whipsnade Zoo trip



Squirrels class had a fantastic trip to Whipsnade Zoo this week. The class set off excitedly with most of children hoping to see some penguins. Despite the misty conditions the children were able to see many animals and had an interesting and memorable day. Aris said “I loved it because I saw my favourite animal, penguins, and I learnt all about rockhopper penguins! It was great!”



### National Careers week

National Careers week takes place during week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025. We are keen to bring in a range of speakers to spend time in classes sharing interesting aspects of their careers and what makes their jobs interesting. If you think you, or your partner perhaps, could spare an hour or so in school in a couple of classes, please contact Mrs Jelliman in the school office. Thank you in advance for any support you can give.

### Science week

Likewise, Science week takes place during week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025. We would like to invite scientists or anyone who works in a scientific arena to come into school and share their knowledge or skills with the children. Please email Mrs Jelliman and let her know what time and skills you are able to offer. Thanks again for any help you can give.

## Royal Academy of Art Young Artists' Summer Exhibition

### Call For Entries

We would like to inform you of an exciting opportunity for students aged 4-18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork online or on site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

The website is open for submissions from 6th January 2025 until 5th March 2025.

Find out more and enter at <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

### Headlice

We have been told by a number of parents that their children have head lice. Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy. Can we kindly ask all families to check your child's hair for nits over the weekend and to treat if necessary. There is no need to purchase special chemicals or head washes. Head lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. A special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) can be purchased from the local pharmacy or online. Then wash hair with ordinary shampoo and once rinsed, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do). Comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the tips. This usually takes about 10 minutes for short hair, but will take longer for longer, or curly hair. When you have finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time. Do this wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is lice free on day 17. Thank you all for taking the time to resolve this issue over the weekend.



### Behaviour Curriculum

At Icknield, we want to support our pupils to grow into adults who are polite, respectful, grateful and who always consider others. We believe that as pupils practise these behaviours, over time they become automatic routines that positively shape how they feel about themselves and how other people perceive them. We have therefore developed a new behaviour curriculum so that these traits become normalised behaviour. All staff will demonstrate these qualities and will ensure that pupils have time to learn, understand and practise them. There are three behaviour expectations (golden rules) in school. These are to:

- Be respectful, truthful and hardworking
- Keep hands and feet to ourselves
- Look after people and property

Perhaps you can talk to your children about these golden rules at home and how your child might work towards following them every day.

### Vacancies

We are currently looking to recruit 2 mid-day supervisors to the Icknield team. Lunchtime is such an important part of the school day, and we are keen to appoint enthusiastic, efficient and kind new members of staff. The successful candidates will be working from 11:45 – 1:00pm, Monday – Friday (term-time only) Please email the school office if this might be of interest to you, or a friend.

## Scootability

During the Year 1 Scootability session, the children learnt about the importance of safety gear, discussing the functions and proper fitting of helmets, elbow pads, and knee pads—ensuring they are snug but not overly tight. The children then practised scooting forwards and backwards, while also engaging in role-play scenarios to reinforce road safety and crossing techniques. The session concluded with a mini trick, demonstrating the 'push off' technique and crouching low on the scooter.

Year 2 learnt lots of tricks like Mini and taking one hand off while moving. They tried wheelies, obstacle courses and bunny hops too.

