



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 31st January 2025

Diary Dates	
February	4 th – Reception & Year 6 Weighing and Measuring Programme 13 th – Key Stage 2 Space Workshop 13 th – FIPS Movie night w/c 17 th – Half-term holiday 25 th & 27 th – Parent/Teacher Consultations
March	w/c 3 rd – National Careers Week w/c 10 th – Science Week 6 th – World Book Day 14 th – Reception Vision Screening

Weighing and Measuring Programme



Children from Reception and Year 6 will be taking part in the annual weighing and measuring programme on Tuesday of next week. Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status, where appropriate. This helps the local authority and NHS to plan the provision of services to support healthy lifestyles for children and families in the area. If parents do not want their child's height and weight to be checked, they should email eh.ncmp.healthyyou@nhs.net with your child's official name, date of birth, school and year group confirming you would like to opt out.

Children's Mental Health Week



This year, Children's Mental Health Week is taking place from 3rd – 9th February 2025. The year the focus is '**Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**', with the aim to encourage children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

Being self-aware means getting to know and understand what we are good at, what we find difficult, our likes and dislikes, what makes us feel JOY and what may cause us SADNESS. It is also about understanding what makes us unique and our fears, hopes and dreams. As we build a sense of self, we grow in our ability to connect with others, as well as develop our skills and talents. It is with this basis we can form strong and healthy relationships, from early childhood right through to adulthood and are equipped to cope with the challenges that life brings our way.

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During Children's Mental health week, we will be working with the children on 'Active Listening' where we will ask everyone to really focus on what people are saying so that everyone is really heard. We will also be talking about our emotions and how important it is to feel comfortable sharing how they are feeling.

Term Dates 2025-26

Anglian Learning have agreed that all schools in the trust are to be allocated an additional staff training day. This will mean that there will be 6 staff training days during the next academic year. Dates are now available on the school website.

<https://icknielprimary.org/term-dates/>

FIPS Movie night – Thursday 13th February

Friends of Ickniel Primary School will be organising a movie night on Thursday 13th February from 3:30pm to 5:15pm. The cost per child will be £3 which will include popcorn and a drink. Details to book your child's ticket will be provided soon.

EIFA – Sam Stacey

Sam Stacey, our Education Inclusion Family Advisor is trialling some evening drop-in sessions to accommodate the needs of working families. They will take place, virtually, every Wednesday evening between 6:00 -8:00pm. Slots must be booked in advance. To book, please click on the link below or scan the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Uzuq9sVQha>



Sam has also asked us to send you her newsletter for February. A copy of this is attached to this email.

Parking

We have received a number of complaints from local neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking by our parents at pick up and drop off times of the day. This happens in both Lynton Way to the front of school, and in Plantation Road to the rear of school. As we are sure you can appreciate residents find it very frustrating to be unable to leave their driveways because vehicles are parked across them and are blocking them in. We understand that parents are in a rush at the beginning of the day, but please understand that our local neighbours also need to leave home to get to work themselves, and thoughtless parking is making them late. Could we please ask that you consider where you park your car at the beginning and end of the school day and do not park where you could become an obstacle to local residents. Thank you.

Premier

We are sad to inform you that Lucy from Premier will be leaving us next week. She has been an asset to the Premier/Icknield team over recent months, and we wish her the best of luck moving forward.

Josh Starling will join us at the beginning of March to run the Premier wrap around care. We look forward to welcoming Josh to the Icknield community and helping him to settle in. In the meantime, clubs will be run by Luke and George who are familiar faces to the children.

Holiday Camps

Premier

The Premier team will be running their usual holiday camps during February half term. Camps will be open from 8:45 – 4:00pm from Monday 17th – Friday 21st February. If you would like to book a place, please click on the link below;

[Holiday Camps - Premier Education](#)

Cambridge City Football club

Our friends at Cambridge City Football Club are also running some half term football camps. Children will receive coaching from First Team Manager and former **Premier League** footballer, **Jamie Cureton**. Jamie will be supported by our 1st team coach, **Jim Duggan**, who boasts over 22 years of experience from leading academies. This presents a unique opportunity for young footballers to learn from two esteemed professionals, and the sessions will be the first to take place at the new stadium in Sawston. Clubs will run from 10:00 – 2:00pm from Monday 17th – Friday 21st February. More information is available on the link below;

<https://www.cambridgecityfc.com/event-details/february-half-term-camp>