



**Ickniel**  
Primary School

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Diary Dates	
May	5 <sup>th</sup> – Spring Bank Holiday (School closed) 8 <sup>th</sup> – Parents RSE meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> – Sawston Fun Run w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 SATS week w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> – Reception/Ducklings Balanceability week w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> – Half-term holiday
June	2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Pupils return to school

### After School Clubs

After school clubs have restarted this week. Clubs will run each week throughout the summer term. The last sessions of clubs will take place during week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> July. Parents of children in reception and year 1 who are members of the football fun factory club should note that the final session of this club will be Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### Help required

I hope that many of you have noticed the improvements that have been made to the outside areas around school. Over the Easter holidays, Mr Jelliman and a team of volunteers worked hard painting, clearing debris and generally giving areas some much needed upgrading. Repairs have been made to the external play equipment, and it has been wonderful to see the children playing on this in the lovely sunshine this week.

Part of these works include the improvements to the small pond area on the school field beside the Pippins play area. This is now a small, beautiful area where children and adults can spend some quiet time. Classes may have the opportunity to explore and possibly do some pond dipping and mini-beast discoveries. Before the area can be used, we need to make the area around the pond itself safe. The area is currently uneven and muddy. We have some paving slabs that we would like to install and wondered if any parents may be able to come into school to lay them for us. If you feel you can support us with this, please call or email the school office. Thank you in advance for any help you are able to provide.

## Parents RSE Meeting

We would like to invite you to attend an informal drop-in session for parents and carers. The purpose of this meeting will be to give you the opportunity to ask any questions related to an area of the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Education) curriculum. Part of this curriculum focuses on Health and Relationships which covers Relationships and Sex education (RSE). This has been a statutory part of the curriculum since September 2020. The meeting will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 5:00pm. Due to the nature of possible questions discussed, we request that children do not attend.



## Sawston Fun Run

We hope you are all in training for the traditional Sawston Fun Run which takes place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May. As you know, we have been named as a beneficiary of the event this year. The race starts from Sawston Village College at 10:30am and medals, certificates and goody bags will be awarded to all competitors. There are 2 routes to choose from, either the original 7.4k/4.6 mile route, or the shorter 3.8k/2.4 mile route for the much younger or much older participants. If you would like to help or support the event you can do so in a variety of ways. These include signing up online to take part in the event at [www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk) or by making an online donation to support this year's 24 beneficiaries. Those taking part can also support the event and beneficiaries, by collecting sponsorship, and as a beneficiary, we can retain 50% of the money that members of the Icknield community raise. **Please State Icknield on your sponsor form.**

Keep your eyes open on the route for the staff team who have signed up!!



## Bikeability

The Outspoken Team were in school this week working in the playground with Year 3. This level 1 Bikeability training gives the children the opportunity to build their confidence and learn how to control their bikes before in preparation for Level 2, when they will go out on the roads.

## Special Lunch

The kitchen are serving a special 'Wild West' lunch on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Options are;

- Main – Pork Bonfire Banger
- Vegetarian – Vegan Bonfire Banger



Both served with camp fire beans or peas and western wedges. Desert is Cowboy Chillin' Vanilla Ice Cream, or a Vegan brownie.

Please order this meal in the usual way, by midnight on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## Year 2 trip to London



Year 2 had a wonderful trip to London on Tuesday of this week. The class set off early and saw Big Ben and The Houses of Parliament before travelling along The River Thames on a boat to Tower Bridge. They then explored the bridge, including a walk across the glass floors of the two walkways across the bridge and admiring the fantastic views from the top. Poppy said "The best part was seeing Shakespeare's Globe theatre as we sailed past. I would love to have gone inside, but it was such a busy day and we had so much to do!"

## Premier Wrap around Care

Premier have asked us to let you know that Nicola Bond will be joining us as the new Wraparound Care Venue Lead this term. Nicola has been working at The Bellbird Primary, where she served as the assistant manager of their premier wraparound care provision. With over a decade of experience in this field, we are confident that Nicola will continue to uphold the high standards of care we are committed to providing. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Nicola to Icknield.

Yazmin Fitzpatrick from Premier, will continue to lead the Breakfast Club provision each day.

## Parent Webinar

The Ivison Trust (formerly known as Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE)) are holding webinars for parents and carers in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with a focus on County Lines and Criminal Exploitation. These seminars will be delivered with a parent whose child has been a victim of exploitation, sharing their experiences and advice on responding to risks.

The sessions will share what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines and explore how to spot signs that it may be happening to your child or a child you know. They will also cover trends in the local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.

For more information and to register a place visit [Parent webinars - county lines and criminal exploitation - Ivison Trust](#)

What parents will learn

- Learn what county lines is
- Understand what is happening in your local area
- Learn how exploiters groom children
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk

- Know where to access support and advice if you have concerns

#### Upcoming webinars

- Cambridgeshire 17th June 2025 7:00pm – 8:30pm – [Book your place](#)  
(see flyer attached to this newsletter)

#### VE (Victory in Europe) Anniversary

We are delighted to inform you that Year 5 have been invited to the 80<sup>th</sup> VE (Victory in Europe) Anniversary Act of Remembrance taking place at the War Memorial in Sawston on the morning of 8 May 2025. The service will begin at 11.00am and will last about 30 minutes.

A celebration event is taking place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May in The Challis Gardens from 1:00pm. This event is free of charge. Guests are asked to bring along their own seating.

#### Premier Holiday Camps

The Premier team will be in school during May half-term running their holiday clubs. These will run from Tuesday – Friday, 8:45 – 4:00pm. To book your place, please click on the link below.

[Premier Holiday Camps](#)