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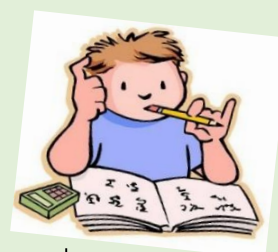
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Friday 16th May 2025

Diary Dates	
May	w/c 19 th – Reception/Ducklings Balanceability week 19 th – Y5 Maths Challenge 22 nd – Y2 Class Assembly w/c 26 th – Half-term holiday
June	2 nd – Pupils return to school 2 nd – Class Photographs 3 rd – Year 1 visit to Hunstanton 9 th – Reception visit to Mountfitchet Castle 11 th – Year 4 visit to Cadbury's World w/c 16 th – Year 5 Bikeability 17 th – R2025 new parents evening 27 th – Sports Day 27 th – FIPS Summer Fete

SATS week

It has been a quiet week in school this week as Owls have been carrying out their annual SATS tests. These are a culmination of their primary school years of learning and their results will be passed to their subsequent secondary schools. The SATS breakfast club proved to be very popular with many croissants being consumed before they took their tests. Thank you to all our visitors who acknowledged the polite 'Sssh please keep quiet' posters around the building. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Thank you to all the members of staff, particularly the magnificent Year 6 team, for your hard work and effort in enabling the children to sit these tests. The children have managed this week in a calm and purposeful way and the 'can do' attitude of the entire Ickniel staff team is testament to this.

Ducklings Balanceability



Balanceability is a programme aimed at teaching Reception and Year 1 children the skills to ride a pedal bike without stabilisers. It promotes the fundamental skill of cycling which is balance. Next week Ducklings class will learn how to manoeuvre the bikes by themselves, how to pick it up and put it down again safely, how to mount and dismount the bike and most

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importantly, how to stop using their feet and the brakes. Helmets and bikes will be provided by the Outspoken team.

Water bottles and sun hats

This is a quick reminder that your child should have a named water bottle in school each day. Please fill this with water, not squash. In this current spell of warm weather, the children will be encouraged to take regular water breaks and to refill their water bottle regularly. Please also provide a named sun hat which your child will be expected to wear when they are outside.



Year 5 Maths Challenge

A small team of children are taking part in a maths challenge on Monday of next week. This event takes place at Harston & Newton Primary School. The children, accompanied by Mrs Arnold and Miss Aboujieb, will be competing against a number of local primary schools in number challenges. The children have been practising hard towards this challenge, and we will let you know how they get on next week. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them the best of luck – Do your best Team Icknield!

Year 2 Class Assembly

Miss Walker and Mr Jones are busily preparing Ladybirds class for their class assembly next week. The children are excited to share this term's learning with you – in particular all about their recent trip to London!

EIFA Newsletter

Sam Stacey, our Education Inclusion Family Advisor, has sent us her monthly newsletter, which we are forwarding to you alongside this newsletter. Sam can support you with general parenting issues that you may be experiencing at home. If you would like to make contact with her, please email samantha.stacey@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Holiday Camps

The Premier team will be in school during the May half-term break, running their fun holiday camps. These will run from Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th May from 8:45am – 4:00pm. To book your place, please click on the link below.

[The Icknield Primary School – Premier Education](#)

Cambridge City Football Club are also running their football camps for boys and girls during the holidays. The sessions take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00am – 2:00pm. The sessions are aimed at children from 7 – 12 years of age and can be booked on the link below;

[May Half Term Holiday Camp | CCFC](#)

Half term Activities

- Colleagues at Anglian Leisure at SVC have many exciting events taking place over the half-term break. Try Laser-tag, or trampolining or Krazy Kids Soft Play. To book, call (01223) 712555 or email sawston@anglianleisure.co.uk

- Cambridge Botanic Gardens have many free events taking place as well. On Wednesday 28th May there is a 'Painting with veggies' session taking place from 1:00 – 4:00pm. Or maybe follow the free summer Bee trail. This trail takes you around The Garden to learn all that you need to all that you need to know to be a bee! This trail runs from 28th May until 16th July from 10:00am until 6:00pm
- Don't forget to investigate all that Wandlebury Country Park has to offer. Entry is free and there are 8 miles of waymarked trails to explore. Children can build dens, fly kites, play ball games and perhaps relax after all of that with a well-deserved picnic. On a sunny day you can sometimes see Ely Cathedral – that's a huge 17 miles away!