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Friday 11th July 2025

Diary Dates	
July	17 th – Rocksteady Concert 15 th & 17 th – Year 5 and Year 6 Summer Production 22 nd – Leavers Assembly (Y6 Parents only) 22 nd – Last Day of term



Year 6

Year 6 are rapidly approaching the end of their journey at Ickniel. There are many exciting and fun events taking place over the next couple of weeks for the class to enjoy celebrating their time with us.

End of Year Reports

The long wait was over earlier this week for Year 6 families when the end of academic year reports were emailed home. These reports reflect a culmination of 7 years at Ickniel Primary School, and we hope that parents and pupils were pleased with their outcomes.

Summer Performance

Year 5 and 6 are busily preparing and rehearsing for their summer production of Peter Pan. These performances will take place on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th July at 6:00pm. Parents can purchase tickets for these performances but are asked to initially request 2 tickets across both performances. It is anticipated that further tickets will become available, but we want to ensure that all families have the opportunity to see this amazing show. Tickets can be purchased on MCAS, or via cash to the school office. If you order your tickets via MCAS, please remember to let the office know on which dates you would like to attend. Tickets for those on the waiting list will be released on Monday, so please request your tickets soon so that you are not disappointed.





Leavers Assembly

The year 6 leavers assembly will be held on the morning of Tuesday 22nd July at 9:30am. Year 6 parents are invited to share their final assembly with us on Friday morning at 9:30am. This will be a wonderful opportunity to look back over their time here at Icknield and to share some special memories. Bring a tissue or two!

School Library Books

Please could we please ask that any books that your child/ren have taken home be returned to school by the end of term? We have recently purchased a new range of books, and many of them are out on loan. We are keen to have all books back in school so that we can restock the library over the summer ready for the new school year. In particular Year 6 families can you please check under beds, in the boot of the car – anywhere where a book or two may have been lost/misplaced and return to Miss O’Sullivan before the children leave us. Thank-you.

Staff Changes

As you will be aware, we are losing a few members of staff at the end of the summer term.

Mrs Liber leaves us to take up a teaching position nearer to her home.

After 25 years of hard work and dedication, Mrs Seymour will be retiring at the end of the year.

Mrs Mullins has a new full time role as an administrator in a local company and Miss Flight has a new SEND teaching role in a new school.

I am sure you will join me in wishing them all every success and happiness in their new roles, or in Mrs Seymour’s case, in her garden! We hope that they will keep us informed of how things are going for them.

Mrs Barrow returns to teach Year 5 with Mrs Zarate following her maternity leave. We look forward to welcoming her back to Team Icknield.

Dance Festival

A couple of weeks ago a few members of dance club attended a Dance Festival at Bottisham Village College. As you can see from the picture, they performed wonderfully and represented The Icknield Primary School ‘brilliantly’ in their ‘brilliantly’ bright coloured t-shirts and ribbons.



Year 5 YES Project

Year 5 recently took part in a Greater Cambridge Shared Planning youth engagement workshop helping to design a proposed public art feature at Accelerator Park, which is part of Dales Manor Business Park, off Babraham Road. The children attended a workshop to learn about the basics of placemaking and contributed their ideas for the proposed art. These design ideas will be incorporated in the artwork to ensure that they have had a genuine input. Prizes were awarded to those who came up with the most creative designs. As well as developing planning and design skills through walkabout site tours and fun workshops, the class also learned about the different career options within the built environment such as urban design, town planning, land and property development, construction and art.



Mindful Explorers

Hello, it is Kelly here from the Mindful Explorers.

This week, I had the opportunity to work with students across Reception to Year 6, helping them explore mindfulness as a tool for navigating transitions. As the school year ends and children prepare for new classrooms and teachers in September (and Year 6 a new school), it's completely normal for them to feel both excited and a little nervous.

In our sessions, we focused on building emotional resilience and self-awareness through fun and engaging activities. Year 1 to Year 6 students created their own Emotions Wheel, a helpful visual tool for identifying and understanding their feelings. We also read a story about bravery and did a calming meditation focused on the theme of transition. Reception we focused on the story, meditation and some short mindfulness games to help them develop their awareness of the body and the importance of mindful breathing.

We also explored a Mindfulness Toolkit that children can use when big feelings arise. The toolkit includes:

- Support Team: Identifying people they can turn to when they need help or reassurance. This reminds children that they are not alone and that support is always available.
- 3 Mindful Breaths: Taking a moment to breathe deeply and calm the body. This simple practice helps children manage feelings of anxiety and bring them back to the present moment.
- Drawing or Writing About Their Feelings: A way for children to express their emotions, helping them process their thoughts and feel heard.
- Using an Affirmation: Positive phrases such as "I am brave" or "I can handle this," which encourage self-confidence and resilience during moments of change.

These mindfulness practices help children feel more grounded and confident, giving them tools to navigate the changes ahead with calm and courage.

If your child ever needs extra help or support, please don't hesitate to get in touch. I'm here to support every step of their mindfulness journey!

Mrs Tarrant

School Lunches

We have been informed by our school lunch provider that the cost of a pupil lunch will increase to £2.90 from September. Can we please remind parents of pupils in Year 2 that once your child moves into Year 3 they will no longer be eligible for a universal infant free school meal and so this daily charge will apply. If you feel you may be eligible for free school meals, please click on this link below. www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Carrier Bags



Can we please ask all children to bring in a named bag to school on **Monday 21st July**. A strong carrier bag will be perfect for them to use to collect their belongings and exercise books to bring home. As you can appreciate these bags may become quite heavy so your child may need some help additional getting home on Monday afternoon. They may be unable to carry these bags on their bicycles so perhaps a walk home will be in order.

Premier Holiday Camps

Premier Education will be running their Super Camp holiday clubs during the Summer Holidays. They are offering an exciting array of activities to keep your children engaged and active during the break. This summer, Premier Education are offering sports specific camps in addition to our Multi Activity camp where we have a fantastic mix of other sports and activities, as well as Arts and Crafts experiences.

The Super Camp holiday clubs are designed to provide a unique blend of fun, learning, and varied physical activities that cater to diverse interests and abilities. From sports, games and arts, the Super Camp offer a holistic approach to holiday enrichment. Camps will run daily, with the sports and activity specific offerings taking place on set days across the week.

There are various booking options for this venue which can be found online by following the below link [Holiday Camps - Premier Education](#)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us at smead@premier-education.com or call (01223) 631310

What's on this summer?

Freebie Fridays at Milton Country Park

There are a couple of free events taking place at Milton Country Park during the school holidays. There is a mini athletics taster session on Friday 1 August, a chess and go session on Friday 8th August. There are also many other free activities that you can try whilst you are there including orienteering, table tennis and bird watching – or perhaps go for a lovely walk around the lake before trying a tasty ice-cream from the café? <https://www.miltoncountrypark.org/free-activities>

Active Family Fun

There are also a series of free 'active family' events taking place across Cambridge during the summer holidays! These exciting sessions offer a fantastic chance for families to enjoy sports and activities together. Bring your family and friends along for a fun-filled day of games, fitness, and discovery. There's something for everyone, regardless of age or ability!

There will be a fantastic range of structured activities led by local clubs. These will include archery, bouldering, crazy golf, dance sessions, football, orienteering, short tennis and much more. And in the family fun zone you can grab equipment such as a skipping rope, space hopper or hula hoop. There will also be an on-the-day activity challenge with prizes to win, and helpful info about local ways to stay active year-round.

All events run from 10am to 2pm on the following Tuesdays:

- Tuesday 29 July on Coldham's Common
- Tuesday 5 August on Trumpington recreation ground
- Tuesday 12 August on St Albans recreation ground
- Tuesday 19 August on Coleridge recreation ground

Bring comfortable clothing and shoes, plenty of drinks and snacks, and a picnic blanket to relax on in the sun!