



**Icknield**  
Primary School

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Diary Dates	
September	10 <sup>th</sup> – ‘Meet the Teacher’ Sessions 17 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Swimming starts 18 <sup>th</sup> – Y1 Class Café 21 <sup>st</sup> – Individual Pupil Photographs 25 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 Class Café

### Welcome Back

It has been so lovely to see everyone happily return to school this week. The children look so smart in their uniform and we really appreciate your support ensuring the children are wearing the correct uniform and shoes. Please talk to the school office if you need any addition school items as we have a range of second-hand items of uniform to provide if needed. Can we please remind you to name EVERYTHING, including shoes, water bottles, coats, book bags – quite literally everything! It seems such a shame for parents to have spent money purchasing new items only for them to be lost before the end of the first week, just because items are not named. All red Icknield sweatshirts do look the same, as do pairs of grey trousers and skirts. This will help reduce the pile of lost property and will make collection of your child at the end of the day a much smoother process.

The children have settled into their new classrooms and are enjoying getting to know their new teachers. We would like to welcome all the parents and carers of children in Ducklings class. The school newsletter is emailed every Friday to update you on school events. We have been really impressed with how well all the children have settled into school this week. They have taken everything in their stride and coped so well with getting to know the routines. The children will have their first school lunch on Monday which is another new experience for them, but staff will be on hand to help them with how the lunch service works.

Children across the school have quickly got to know the routines and new members of staff. Please remember your child needs a water bottle in school each day. Children in reception,

Year 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of fruit. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to bring fruit to school for their morning snack.



### Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher sessions take place after school on Wednesday next week, 11<sup>th</sup> September. Teachers will deliver a presentation and discuss key areas of learning for their year group. There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions at the end of the session. We would encourage you to attend your child's session as they can prove hugely beneficial. Presentations will be delivered at 4:00pm, 4:20pm and 4:40pm so hopefully parents will be able to visit classrooms for all children.



### Pippins

Pippins Preschool officially joined Anglian Learning on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The preschool has been located on the edge of the KS1 playground for many years now and we have worked alongside their great team of staff to ensure a smooth transition of children from nursery to primary school. It will now be wonderful to welcome them to The Icknield Primary School and the wider Anglian Learning Trust teams.

### Pasta

Please note that we are still unable to provide pasta for school lunch next week. We will continue to update you week by week but hope that this is a short term issue. Can we please remind you to book your school meals for next week by midnight on Saturday.

### Building works

We would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst the building works to the kitchen area continues. We expect the works to complete over the next couple of weeks.

### 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.

### Swimming

Year 6 will start swimming lessons at Sawston Village College. Swimming is part of the Physical Education curriculum, and we aim for all children to leave primary school being able to swim 25 metres. Parents are asked to complete the consent form that was sent home earlier this week and to ensure that children have their swimming kits in school every Wednesday morning. Children wearing earrings will need to remove them before they come into school. Children will not be able to swim if earrings are not removed, staff are not permitted to remove earrings. Please also ensure that children with long hair come to school with it tied up.

### EIFA Newsletter

Samantha Stacey, our Education Inclusion Family Advisor, has asked us to send you her monthly newsletter. This will be sent together with this newsletter. She has also sent us information about online workshops that are being held during September and October which may be helpful to some of you. A schedule of workshops is also attached to this message.

### Premier

Also attached to this newsletter is a Welcome Back letter from Premier. They are able to offer breakfast and after school clubs to children here at Icknield. Information about their offer is outlined on the attached letter.

### Challis House Horticultural Show & Fete

Our friends at Challis House are holding an exciting event in the Challis House gardens this weekend. This sounds like a lovely way to celebrate the end of summer – why not pop along!

