



**Icknield**  
Primary School

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

#### Diary Dates

September	16 <sup>th</sup> – Preloved uniform Grab & Go 3:30pm 17 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Swimming starts 18 <sup>th</sup> – Y1 Class Café 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Individual Pupil Photographs 25 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 Class Café
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#### Meet the Teacher

It was super to see so many of you in school on Wednesday for the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We hope that you were able to spend time in class to hear how the children are settling in and to understand the expectations of their new class teacher and new year group. All presentations have been added to your child's class dojo page. Please contact the school office if you are unable to access Class dojo.

#### 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.

**Please do not select pasta when placing your order on the Innovate lunch system.**

**Can we please remind you to book your school meals for next week by midnight on Saturday.**

#### Swimming

Year 6 will start swimming lessons at Sawston Village College next week. 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.

### Parking

Could we kindly remind parents to be thoughtful about where you park when bringing your children to school and when collecting them at the end of the school day. Even if you believe you will only be very quick, please do not park across our neighbours' driveways, or in a way that may cause them problems. This relates to our neighbours in the roads behind our school such as Plantation Road, as well as roads beside our school, such as The Green Road as well as Lynton Way. Thank you.

### Preloved Uniform 'Grab & Go'

We are holding our first preloved uniform giveaway after school on Tuesday of next week, 16<sup>th</sup> September. Tables will be set up in the Key stage 2 playground for parents to come and see if there are any items there that would be helpful to them to take away. Items are free to take with no charge, but there will be a donation pot available if you would like to make a contribution. We aim to hold these 'Grab & Go' sessions at least once each half term, so keep an eye on the newsletter for dates.

### After School Clubs

Your child will have brought home a letter about the after school club offer this term. We hope that there will be at least one club that your child would like to join. **Please return your completed forms by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September.** Clubs will start during week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> September and will continue until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Can we please remind you that if your child asks to join a club then they are expected to attend each week.

### Termly Calendar

Children will have brought home the Autumn term calendar today. We hope that you use this to add things to your diary, or perhaps you can pop it under a fridge magnet on your fridge so you can easily check back in to it to see what is going on.

### New School Applications

Applications for primary school for Reception 2026 are now open. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online through the website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions) but paper applications can also be made. The closing date for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and parents will the National Offer Date is 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

We are holding open sessions for new families to come to look around our school. These are being held on 12<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Sessions will be held at 10:00am and 5:00pm. If you would like to attend, please email the school office.

### Secondary School Transitions 2026/27

Applications are now open for all Year 6 pupils moving to secondary school in September 2026. Deadline to submit applications is 31 October 2025.

All applications received on time will be allocated a school place on National Offer Day which is **2 March 2026**. We are also sending you, together with this newsletter, a document on which you will find a QR code – this will take you straight to the Secondary Admissions webpage.

Dates for secondary school open evenings across Cambridgeshire are now available on the website. Each school should also have more details on their own website.

You can also research their preferred school (s) over subscription criteria via the Secondary directory on the website too.

### Charity Swim

Francesca, mother of Cesare in Year 1 is taking on to raise funds for FIPS. She is taking part in an event is called 'Swim Serpentine', <https://www.londonmarathonevents.co.uk/swim-serpentine> This is a huge open-water swimming event held in London's Hyde Park, in the famous Serpentine lake on Saturday 20th September. Thousands of swimmers take part each year, choosing distances from half a mile up to six miles. Francesca will be swimming the 1-mile challenge and has set herself a fundraising target of £400.

This is an amazing challenge and we are super grateful to Francesca for thinking of FIPS and school and hope that some of you feel able to contribute to her fundraising.

Francesca's fundraising link:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/making-a-splash-for-the-kids/cl/o?utm\\_campaign=fp\\_sharesheet&utm\\_content=amp13\\_c&utm\\_medium=customer&utm\\_source=copy\\_link&lang=en\\_GB&attribution\\_id=sl%3A04299d19-8643-4ffb-954d-e16700750525&ts=1757279251](https://www.gofundme.com/f/making-a-splash-for-the-kids/cl/o?utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_content=amp13_c&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy_link&lang=en_GB&attribution_id=sl%3A04299d19-8643-4ffb-954d-e16700750525&ts=1757279251)

Thank you Francesca!