



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 3rd October 2025

Diary Dates	
October	9 th – Badgers Class Café 13 th – 15 th – Y6/Owls residential stay at Burwell House 15 th – 22 nd – Travelling Book Fair 22 nd and 23 rd – Parents evening w/c 27 th – Half-term
November	3 rd – Pupils return to school 7 th – FIPS pupil disco 21 st – Staff Training Day (School closed to children)



YES PROJECT

You may remember that last year, our Year 6 class took part in a fantastic project creating some artwork to be used as part of some redevelopment works at Dales Manor Business Park. In 2022, Year 6 children were involved in creating a design for two benches which would be displayed in the New Cambridge Science Centre in Sawston. Designs from Ailish and Abbie, who are now in Year 9 at Sawston Village College, were selected. Today Ailish and Abbie visited school to attend a ceremony organised by Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership and the Yes Team. It was very exciting to unveil the benches and see their designs transform to a product! We have also been fortunate to receive the winning design benches which will be placed in the Key Stage 1 and 2 playgrounds. The Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership and Yes Team have provided children with in a mug showing the bench designs. These will be distributed next week.

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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.

If you have pre-ordered for this term, can you please revisit the Innovate site and amend any pasta orders for another meal choice. Any orders for pasta over the next few weeks will be substituted with a cheese roll. The school office will no longer call you to ask for your alternative meal choice.

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

Musician of the Month



Our musician of the month for October will be Bob Marley. Robert Nesta Marley was born on 6 February 1945 in Jamaica. He was considered one of the pioneers of reggae and was renowned for his distinctive vocal and songwriting style. He formed the group The Wailers in 1965, and Bob Marley and The Wailers went on to release 11 albums. Amongst their greatest hits were 'Jamming', 'One Love' and 'No Woman, No Cry.'

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent/teacher consultations take place just before half term on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October.

Ten-minute slots for you to meet your child's class teacher are available from 3:40pm until 6:30pm. Appointments can be booked via your My Child At School (MCAS) account. Please remember to allow sufficient time between appointments if you have more than 1 teacher to see. Mrs Holt will be in school to see families of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. If you would like to meet with her, please email the school office to make an appointment.

Bookings become available from 9:00am on Wednesday 1st October and close at midnight on Sunday 19th October.

If you do not have a My Child At School (MCAS) account for your child, please contact the school office so that this can be resolved.

Harvest Festival food donations

Rev Waite will be visiting us next Wednesday to deliver our traditional Harvest Festival assembly. Harvest Festival is a celebration of the food that the land has provided and dates back to pagan times. We kindly ask that all children bring in a small donation of food/household goods. These items will be donated to our friends at John Huntingdon's Charity for them to share with the local community as part of their food bank scheme. Please note they will not accept items that have passed their sell by or use before dates. Suggested items include;

- Soups,
- Baked beans,
- Tinned fruit,
- Part-baked bread items,
- Biscuits (both sweet and savoury)
- Jams & chutneys

Please do not donate any pasta as they already have plenty of this in stock.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

FIPS

There was a lovely turn out to the FIPS AGM which took place in the hall on Monday of last week. FIPS shared information about all the events and activities that they have participated with or organised this year. Mr McGregor stepped down from his role as chair of the FIPS and we would like to thank him for his many years of support and hard work. He has contributed towards raising significant funds which have enabled school to purchase resources to enrich school life.

Mrs Shoesmith and Mrs Cullip will be taking over the roles of vice-Chair of FIPS for the forthcoming year.

The next FIPS meeting will take place at 7:30pm at The Greyhound on Wednesday 15th October – everyone is welcome to attend!

Volunteers

Do you have some time to spare? Could you commit to spending time in school supporting children with maths learning, or perhaps with listening to children who are struggling with reading? The impact of parental support in class cannot be overstated. If you feel you could join our small, but dedicated band of classroom volunteers, then please speak to the school office team. They will explain how we can 'recruit' you to our team.



Huckeridge Hill Firework Display



The traditional Huckeridge Hill Firework Display will take place on Saturday 1st November. Gates open at 6:00pm and entrance is free for all Sawston residents.

Children will have brought home posters this week for them to take part in the colouring competition. There are 3 age groups: up to 5 years/6-8 years/9-11 years and prizes will be given to the best 3 in each age group.

Can we please remind everyone to put your child's name, age and our school name at the bottom of their entry, before returning to the school office.

The deadline for handing these in is 9:00am on Wednesday 22nd October. All entries must be delivered to the parish council office before judging takes place .

There is also a competition for the best dressed Guy for the Bonfire. Prizes will be awarded to the winners at 6:45pm at the Firework Display on 1st November immediately before the fireworks.