



Icknield
Primary School

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Friday 10th October 2025

Diary Dates	
October	13 th – 15 th – Y6/Owls residential stay at Burwell House 15 th – 22 nd – Travelling Book Fair 16 th – Year 2 Class Café 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)



Stapleford Granary

Key Stage 2 had a wonderful experience at Stapleford Granary this week. Primary schools in the Anglian Learning trust came together for a 90-minute immersive musical experience, involving movement, listening, sound and singing. From mechanical birds and human sound machines to body percussion and song, the children 'became' the story, guided by the creative team, as images were projected onto the walls, enhanced by bespoke lighting and a soundscape. This project provided a unique, inspiring opportunity for the children to find their voices and identities within a specialist cultural environment, embrace new ideas, be creatively curious and share an unforgettable musical experience. Toby and Henry, Year 4, said that they loved the singing and lighting. They really enjoyed watching the bird puppet and would really have liked to have brought the bird back to school with them. The children were given a Tin Forest activity booklet which they can complete at home.

YES Mugs

Children will have brought home with them this week a mug which was given to them by the Youth Engagement Scheme (YES) Project team following their presentation of benches to school last week. We hope that they will cherish them and keep them as a memento of this event. We must thank the YES team for their generosity of a mug for every pupil.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Can we please remind all parents to make their bookings for Parent/teacher consultations 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 will close at midnight on Sunday 19th October.

Spy Dogs

We have been made aware of a potential issue with a website link found in some copies of the **Spy Dog** children's books by Andrew Cope. The web address has been taken over by a third party and now leads to an adult pornographic site. Consequently, the publisher Puffin and author Andrew Cope have halted sales and distribution of these books and are working to have the site removed through legal channels.

The publishers are aware and have recommended withdrawing all copies of the book. As a school we will remove the books from the library and we ask that you check if you have the books at home.

We will continue to remind children about safer internet use and telling a trusted adult if they have accidentally visited an inappropriate site.

[Spy Dog: Children's books pulled over explicit weblink - BBC News](#)

If you have any further concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Harvest Festival food donations



Thank you all so much for your generosity with donations for Harvest Festival. Mr Jelliman took your many tins of soup, jars of jam and boxes of cereal down to JHC for them to add to their Food Bank stocks.

They were delighted with the array of goods and asked us to pass on their thanks to you all. They said that there are many families still needing to access their food banks and

that these resources will be welcomed by them all.

World Mental Health Day

Today is World Mental Health Day. In classes we have been thinking about how mental health affects us all differently, but it is an important part of our everyday lives. Mental health is how we think, feel and act. We all have mental health, and we need to take care of it. We said that if we were ever worried about our mental health, or something that was affecting how we are feeling, then we should talk to our trusted adults about this.



FIPS

Don't forget the next FIPS meeting is taking place next week on Wednesday 15th October in The Greyhound at 7:30pm – everyone is welcome to attend!

Icknield International Day

The children will be celebrating Icknield International Day on Tuesday 21st October. They will learn all about their class's chosen country. They could be doing this through art, music, stories, poems and tasting food particular to that country. In the afternoon, we will come together to share what we have learned and created during the day. This is something that the children requested themselves as they are very interested in other countries.

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.



Travelling Book Fair



The Scholastic Travelling Book fair returns to school next week. From Thursday 16th until Tuesday 21st October you will have the chance to peruse the lovely selection of books and resources to perhaps take home with you. Everything that you purchase goes towards free books for us to buy! Your support is greatly appreciated. Please note that this is a cashless event so please bring your mobiles along with you! Thank you.

Rain Gardens from SuDS

You may have seen around school some new planters and rain gardens. These have been installed as part of a 'Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)' project, funded through the Department of Education. The aim of this project is to reduce surface flooding and improve drainage across site.

Yair and Clara, from SuDS, have been on site over the past few weeks creating these gardens and have worked with children explaining how the systems work and the benefits to site to the environment. If you would like to see all that they have achieved, please click on the link below;

[Water Sensitive Schools – First school done! - Water Sensitive Cambridge](#)

We are very grateful for not only the skills and knowledge that Yair and Clara have brought to school but also for their energy and kindness towards the children and this project.

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.

Quiz Night

The Royal British Legion, as part of this year's poppy appeal, are holding a Quiz Night on Friday 24th October at The Greyhound. The quiz starts at 7:00pm and is open to teams of 6. The cost is £5 per person.

For more information, please contact The Greyhound.