



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 24th October 2025

Diary Dates

November	3 rd – Pupils return to school 7 th – FIPS pupil disco 21 st – Staff Training Day (School closed to children)
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Pasta

Just a reminder, that we are still unable to offer pasta for a lunch option. If you have pre-ordered a pasta meal for your child, they will be served a cheese or egg roll dependent upon the vegetarian roll option of the day. We will let you know when pasta becomes available.

Parent Teacher Consultations

It was so lovely to see so many of you at this week's Parent/teacher consultations. A high percentage of parents attended which is a super reflection on your positive attitude towards your child's learning. We would like to thank you all for coming and for contributing to some honest and positive conversations.

Thank you as well goes to staff for their input into these meetings.

Staff News

Congratulations to Year 3 Teacher Miss O'Sullivan, who gets married in Dublin on 31st October. She will still be known as Miss O'Sullivan after half-term.

Welcome to Amanda Derouich, who has joined Sarah Jelliman in the office, on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Ickniel International Day

On Tuesday this week we held our Ickniel International Day. Each class chose a country to learn about.

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Ducklings class learnt about Kenya. They read Handa's surprise and practised balancing the baskets of fruit on their heads just like her. It was harder than it looked! The children discussed the African animals from the story, played with them and coloured in the pictures. They read 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' then went on a safari around the classroom and wrote the names of the animals they discovered.

In Year 1, the children learned all about the beauty of the Philippines, it's geographical features and did some artwork based on its flag.

In Year 2, the children learned a song from Kenya, in Swahili, which they performed amazingly in assembly, learned some facts about Kenya's geography and about the animals that live there. They went on to do some beautiful artwork about those animals.

In Year 3, the children learned all about Greece, including Greek myths, and tried Greek yoghurt. They also learned a dance, which they performed in the assembly.

In Year 4, the class shared facts they had researched about a variety of countries and cultures and tried tasty food from Spain, the Middle East, Wales, Afghanistan and Brazil. They focused in on Brazil, learning lots of facts about Brazil's geography, learning how to play Samba music with percussion and how to do some Samba dancing. They also made beautiful carnival masks.

In Year 5, the children carried out research to find out about the geography of Mexico and learned about, 'El dia de los muertos', an important festival for Mexican people. They then did some artwork - drawing and painting linked to this. In the afternoon, they tried lots of different Mexican food and were very brave about trying some tabasco sauce. Oscar said, "I loved trying that hot sauce!"



In Year 6, the children learned lots of information about Syria, did artwork based upon what they had learned and then tried some very salty cheese and dates from Syria. They also learned how variable the climate zones are within Syria.

On Wednesday afternoon we had a whole school assembly when we celebrated everyone's learning. It was great fun and wonderful to see how the children enjoy learning about other countries and their cultures.

Premier Holiday Camps

Please note that Premier are not running their usual holiday camps at Icknield over the imminent October half term. Camps are being held at Bellbird Primary School.

Cauliflower Cards design project

We have decided to participate in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity whilst also raising funds for our school.

Your child has created their Christmas design which can be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper and/or Mugs.

Orders and payment must be made online - by 4th November - using the unique code located at the top of the pupil's order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

If you do not wish to order anything, you do not need to return the artwork.

All artwork (where orders have been placed) must be returned to school by: Tuesday 4th November 2025.

Reception 2026

It always seems so strange to be planning for our September 2026 intake when we have only just welcomed this year's Ducklings class to life at Icknield, but it's that time already!

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 now is the time to apply for your child's place in Reception. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2026 with parents being informed of their allocated school on 16 April 2026.

We are holding welcome sessions for potential new families on Tuesday 12th November and on Tuesday 2nd December. Sessions will take place at 10am and 5pm on both days. If you are interested or know of any family or friends who are interested, please contact the school office to book onto the appropriate session.

Remembrance Assembly

The Royal British Legion will be in school on Wednesday 5th November to share our annual remembrance assembly with us. This is always such a memorable event. Could we ask that all children wear a red poppy on this day.

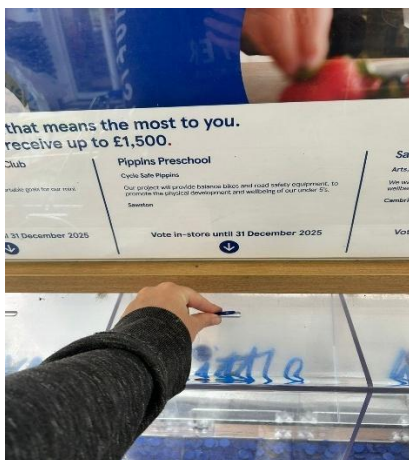


Poppies will be on sale around school when we return from the half-term holiday.

We have an increasing number of children who do not have a PE kit in school with them on their allocated PE days. Could we ask parents to check the class timetables and to ensure that their children have with them what they need to learn on the appropriate days. Please note that ALL classes have gymnastics on Tuesdays so PE kits will be needed then. PE kits do not need to be taken home each week. We would suggest that they remain in school each week and are only taken home at the end of each half term to be washed. We hope that this will reduce the number of times children are without a kit.

-  White t-shirt
-  Trainers
-  Black shorts or joggers
-  No jewellery (including earrings)
-  Black jumper or tracksuit top

Pippins Fundraiser



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Clocks changing 26.10.25

Just a reminder that the clocks go back one hour at 2:00am on Sunday 26th October.

Challis Gardens – Spooky Saturday

Our friends at Challis House have told us that they are holding a Spooky Saturday event on 25th October between 10am – 12 noon. There will be spooky mystery trails, face painting, and pumpkin carving as well as other exciting activities. Refreshments such as spooky soup will be on sale too!

Everyone is invited to attend in spooky costume!

