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Friday 7th November 2025

Diary Dates	
November	10 th to 14 th - Anti-bullying week 10 th - ODD SOCKS DAY 12 th - R2026 Welcome meetings (10am & 5pm) 13 th - Year 3 Class Café 14 th - Children in Need, cake sale after school in the hall 20 th - KS2 Movie visit to Sawston Village College
	21st — Staff Training Day (School closed to children)

<u>Pasta</u>

We are delighted to inform you that from Monday 10th November pasta will be available as a lunch option. Please feel free to place an order for pasta for your child for next week when placing your weekly choices. Please remember the deadline for ordering for next week is mid-night on Saturday!

You will have been sent home the new menu options earlier this week. These are also available on the school website for you to see. Menu-Cycle-Oct-Apr-26.pdf

Remembrance Assembly



The Royal British Legion visited us this week to share our annual remembrance assembly with us. This was a moving event, and the children sang beautifully. The RBL team thanked us for inviting them to join us and as they left saying how much they appreciated the kindness and thoughtfulness of the children during the assembly.



Thank you for providing donations for your children to purchase poppies this week.

Anti-bullying week

Next week (10th-14th November) is Anti-Bullying Week! This year's theme is 'Power for Good.' During the week, our PSHE lessons will focus on empowering children to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins. We will kick off the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th, with everyone being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate the fact we're all unique and different, reminding us to be kind and respect each other's individuality. We are really looking forward to celebrating such an important week at Icknield.

Warm regards, Mrs Clarke PSHE Coordinator

Flu Vaccinations

The School Immunisation Team have completed their visits to school to offer the flu vaccination. If your child did not receive their vaccination and you would like to book a community clinic appointment, please do so via this link:

https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book

Current clinics are available in Cambridge, Huntingdon, Wisbech and Peterborough. Booking is essential to be able to attend the clinics

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 Wednesday 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.

Children in Need

The FIPS team are running a cake stall after school on Friday next week, in aid of Children in Need. The sale will be held in the school hall from 3:30pm on, so could we please ask parents to get their aprons next week and get baking! Cake donations can be brought into school from Thursday morning onwards. If you would like your tin or container returned, please remember to put your name on it. Please remember we are a nut-free school!

Thank you.

Road Safety & Parking

We have received a number of complaints from our neighbours regarding road safety and parking in the local areas around school. Neighbours in Lynton Way have raised concerns regarding the speed in which cars are driven towards school at pick up and drop off times and how worried they are that an accident will take place. Lynton Way is a small, narrow road, surrounded by residential properties. The speed limit here is 20 miles per hour and speed bumps are in place to reduce the speed of cars using the road. At pick up and at drop off time, parents and children walking to school will be crossing the road from Stanley Webb Close and so there is a lot of potential hazards here to consider. Could we please remind parents to bear all of these factors in mind when driving to and from school — perhaps leave home a few minutes earlier rather than risk an accident taking place?

We have been advised that a school warning sign is to be placed along Lynton Way to remind all drivers that there is a school at the end of the road.

We have received further emails from residents complaining about our parents parking inconsiderately. We have been told by residents at both the front of school, in Lynton Way, and also at the rear of school in Plantation Road, that parents are parking randomly, and across driveways. We have apologised to these neighbours and told them that we will remind parents to think carefully about where they park and the inconvenience that their parking may cause. Residents have a right to be able to leave their driveways when they wish to do so, and should not have to wait for a driver to return to their car before they are able to leave to go to work. Parents are reminded that parking across a dropped kerb in the UK is generally illegal and can result in a penalty charge notice (PCN), especially if it obstructs access for residents or pedestrians.

We thank you for your support with this matter.

Bonfire Night Colouring competition

We were delighted when Mrs Keeler, Parish clerk, visited school on Monday morning, armed with a prize for Abigail (Year 3) from the annual Huckeridge Hill bonfire Night colouring competition. Abigail was awarded second place in the 6-8's competition.



Well done Abigail – super colouring!

Ballet in Year 6



This week, our Year 6 pupils had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a live, interactive ballet session with the Royal Ballet and Opera Schools.

During the session, the children travelled through time — exploring the roots of ballet and opera all the way to the modern day. They watched live performances from famous ballets and operas, and discovered how props, scenery, and lighting can transform the stage.

The highlight for many was getting the chance to practise some ballet moves themselves! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and it was a fantastic way to bring the world of performing arts to life.

<u>Yoqa</u>

Mrs Lambell visited school this week to deliver yoga lessons. During the sessions, the children began by taking some deep yoga breaths. Next, they warmed up their bodies by collecting pompoms with our toes and moving along to a yoga song. After that, the practised different yoga poses that represented resilience, such as the Warrior Pose and the Tree Pose. To finish, the children did some calming breathing exercises using beanie babies.







FIPS Christmas Fair

The FIPS team are busily preparing for the annual Christmas Fair which will take place after school on Friday 5th December. They have asked if anyone has any spare Christmas decorations that they could donate to the fair to help make school look festive and bright! No fairy lights please but baubles, tinsel and paper chains would be greatly appreciated!



Thank you