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Primary School

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Diary Dates	
December	1 <sup>st</sup> – ‘Light up the Christmas Tree’ assembly 5 <sup>th</sup> – FIPS Christmas Fayre 9 <sup>th</sup> – Year 5 visit to Kings College for Carol Service (morning) 9 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity Performance 2:00pm 9 <sup>th</sup> – Second hand Uniform Grab & Go 10 <sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity Performance 2:00pm 12 <sup>th</sup> – Rocksteady Concert 2:00pm 16 <sup>th</sup> – Ducklings Fun Festive Afternoon 2:00pm 17 <sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carol Concert @ St Mary’s Church 6:00pm 18 <sup>th</sup> – Pupil Christmas lunch 18 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day 19 <sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Term
January	5 <sup>th</sup> – Staff Training Day 6 <sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school for Spring Term

**Christmas Tree Lights – Don’t forget to create your decoration this weekend**



We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a ‘Light up The Christmas Tree’ assembly on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. FIPS are very generously providing the school with a huge tree to go in the school hall and all children and staff are invited to design and make a homemade Christmas decoration which they can then place on the tree. We are very excited about this event and looking forward to seeing school ‘beginning to look a lot like Christmas’. Can children please bring their decorations into school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We look forward to seeing all their creations.

#### FIPS Christmas Fair

The FIPS team are busily preparing for the annual Christmas Fair which will take place after school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

The Fair runs from 5 – 7pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. There will be many events and games for the children to enjoy, as well as stalls selling Christmassy items – potential Christmas shopping opportunity!



Santa will obviously be ready to have a chat with children so that they can pass on what is on their Christmas list. There is no charge to see the big man – but there may be a queue as he is the man of the moment!

### KS1 Nativity Play

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are busily rehearsing for their grand performance of 'Simply The Nativity'. Performances take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm on both days. Tickets for these performances are now on sale, and we will be offering tickets for those on the waiting list by the end of the week. We are kindly asking for a donation of £1 per ticket to help towards the cost of putting these performances on.

Payment for the tickets can be made via your MCAS account, or by cash to the school office. If you are able to donate more than this to support this then please do so – your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

### Term dates

Term dates for 2026 – 27 are now available on the school website [Term Dates – Icknield Primary School](#)

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner



The kitchen will be serving a delicious Christmas lunch to pupils and staff on Thursday 18th December. Lunch will be a traditional Roast turkey lunch with all the trimmings or a sage and Onion pastry roll is available as a vegetarian option. Dessert is a festive chocolate log or cookie. Sounds wonderful!

**Please remember that this will need to be pre-ordered as normal, by mid-night on Saturday 13th December so that the kitchen has enough for everyone! Please don't forget to pre-order, as there may not be enough to go round.**

### Christmas Jumper Day



So that we can make the 18<sup>th</sup> an extra special day we are inviting pupils and staff to wear a Christmas Jumper to school. The rest of uniform remains the same, just a different festive jumper! We look forward to seeing school full of Christmas colour and festive cheer!

### Ducklings Fun Festive Afternoon



Miss Waddington has invited Ducklings parents into school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2:00-2:30pm for a fun festive afternoon! There will be time to complete some Christmas themed activities with the children and to learn some jobs in the classroom! There is space for only one adult per child to attend please. If you are unable to attend, then there will be another similar for parents to attend at Easter.

### Salvation Army visit to Year 4

On Wednesday, Year 4 were lucky enough to be visited by Mrs Beale, Zachariah's mum! Mrs Beale works for the Salvation Army, a wonderful charity Year 4 recently learnt about in their RE lessons. During her visit, she spoke about the Salvation Army's work in countries that have much less than we do. The children were also given the opportunity to play a couple of games to show how unfair the world can be. Thank you for such an enlightening visit, Mrs Beale!

### Miss Tarrant – Mindfulness

Miss Tarrant has been in school this week, working with every class from Reception to Year 6. She would like to thank all the teachers and children for being so welcoming. We have enjoyed some lovely mindful moments together. We read stories, created thoughtful crafts and played mindful games that helped us explore how we can be kind friends to our feelings.

Miss Tarrant will be sending some information home on Class Dojo to help parents and carers support what we have been learning. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will also be bringing home a small Heart House. We will share more about this next week!

### Premier Holiday camps

The Premier team will be in school over Christmas running some exciting holiday camps. Camps will be open from 08:00 – 4:00pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025.

There are various booking options for this venue which can be found online by visiting;

[Holiday Camps - Premier Education](#)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the Premier team on (01223) 631310

### Cambridge City camps

Our friends at Cambridge City Football club are also running some holiday camps over the Christmas period. The camps take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and run from 10:00am until 2pm.

For more information click on the link below

[Christmas Camp | CCFC](#)

### Arthur Rank Hospice Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme

The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme is a community initiative that allows residents to have their Christmas trees collected from their front doors for a small donation. This scheme aims to support hospice care across Cambridgeshire and has been a significant contributor to the charity's funding efforts. Collections will take place over three days, starting on 8<sup>th</sup> January until 10<sup>th</sup>, with a large team of volunteers and the support of several local businesses. The initiative not only helps in disposing of surplus Christmas trees but also raises vital funds for hospice care.

Registration has already opened and closes on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026. To register please click on the QR code below.



### Family Yoga - Sunday 14th December in Sawston



Did your child enjoy the yoga session they had with Mrs Lambell a couple of week ago? If so, you may be interested in the details below about a monthly Family Yoga event that happens in Sawston.

- 9.30-10.30am Children age 3-6 years with a parent/carer - SPACES
- 10.45-11.45am Children age 6-11 years with a parent/carer - SOLD OUT

These sessions are being held at St Mary's Community Hall, Church Lane, Sawston, CB22 3JR on Sunday 14th December. Sessions cost £8 per child and £8 per adult. Yoga mats are available for both children and adults but feel free to bring along your own if you would prefer to.

For more information contact Mrs Lambell at [dlambell@rewildingyoga.co.uk](mailto:dlambell@rewildingyoga.co.uk) or to book your spaces, use the booking link here:

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