



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 19th December 2025

Diary Dates	
January	5 th – Staff Training Day 6 th – Pupils return to school for Spring Term 13 th – Y1 & Y2 Scooterbility 14 th – Y5 Swimming starts w/c 18 th – After School clubs restart 28 th – Y3 trip to The Scott Polar Museum 29 th – Y3 Class Assembly

Christmas Carol Concert

It was time for Key Stage 2 to sing their Christmas hearts out on Wednesday evening. St Mary's Church was jam packed full of children and their families enjoying our Christmas Carol Concert, 'Children around the World'. I am sure that you will agree with me when I say how proud I was of Key Stage 2 and their acting and singing skills. We must say a huge thank you to Mrs Holt, Miss O'Sullivan, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Zarate, Mrs Barrow and Miss Aboujeb and all the Key Stage 2 teaching assistants for their support and encouragement in preparing the children for this wonderful and memorable occasion. It's a Christmas well done from me!

One of our parent governors attended the concert and sent us the following message this morning;

'I thought it was a brilliant idea to celebrate and learn about different cultures and how they do Christmas and I genuinely learned something new - not many nativities or carol concerts actually teach people new things! It really did reflect the school values, and I was especially proud in how it celebrated how unique we all are and yet how inclusive we are too - exactly how the children said at the end that we are all different and all the same at the same time.'

Thank you for your kind message and we are delighted that you felt it encompassed all that we are at Ickniel.

Thursday 18th December –

Christmas Dinner



There was a wonderfully festive atmosphere in the hall yesterday when the kitchen served Christmas lunch to pupils and staff. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and there were many empty plates and full stomachs.

We must say a huge thank you to the kitchen staff for their hard work and effort in providing us with this wonderful meal and thank you to all the volunteers who came in to support us with this special occasion.



Christmas Jumper Day



Everyone was dressed in their festive wear yesterday too! There were snowmen, stars and glitter galore!

Thank you to parents for providing children with festive jumpers – everyone looked amazing!

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 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December 2025. The Premier team have asked us to remind parents of the 15% discount that is currently available. There are just under 3 weeks left before we break up this is a great opportunity for parents to save, on average, £4 per booking.

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

After School Clubs

After school clubs will restart in the New Year during week commencing 19th January 2026. Parents are reminded to return their children's new after-school club choice letter by **Friday 9th January** please. Children will be informed of their new clubs on our return to school after Christmas.

[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 Football Camps

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

For more information click on the link below

[Christmas Camp | CCFC](#)

Domestic Abuse at Christmas

Christmas can be a dangerous time for families. Financial pressures not helped by the cost of living crisis, makes trying to create the 'perfect' Christmas a worrying time and being cooped up together for long periods of time can be not only stressful but dangerous.

Please use this link <https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/> to find information about domestic abuse including advice leaflets and how to access local services.

Please be aware that any documents you download from this site may save to your computer's history. If this is a risk for you, please remember to delete the document from the computer (this is not the same as deleting internet history).

National Support - National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

Local Contacts - Domestic Abuse Support Service (DASS) provides community based outreach support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse of any gender identity and any sexual orientation living in Cambridgeshire or Peterborough.

You can telephone DASS on freephone 0300 373 1073 or email DASSreferrals@impakt.org.uk

Cambridge Women's Aid continue to provide a women's refuge and other services, please visit their website at www.cambridgewa.org.uk

Refuge continues to provide women's refuges in Cambridgeshire www.refuge.org.uk

[Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#)

Return to school

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Merry Christmas and super New Year. 2025 has been full of joy, new experiences and fantastic growth and progress. I hope you will look back on this past year with pleasure and feel as proud as I do of your children's achievements.

Everyone returns to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026. I look forward to hearing all about the wonderful festive season you have enjoyed together and how you are looking forward to the new term of more fantastic learning.

Merry Christmas from all the staff at The Icknield Primary School and Pippins Preschool and best wished for 2026.