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Friday 9th January 2026

Diary Dates	
January	13 th – Y1 & Y2 Scooterbility 14 th – Y5 Swimming starts 14 th – Innovate parent tasting session after school w/c 19 th – After School club's restart 28 th – Y3 trip to The Scott Polar Museum 29 th – Y3 Class Assembly

Welcome back

It was lovely to see all the children back in school this week after what I hope was a lovely Christmas break. Everyone appeared happy and pleased to be back. We were all welcomed back by a new member of the Icknield team:

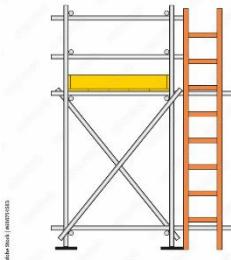


Sadly, they did not stay around for long but made everyone smile on Tuesday morning.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will restart during week commencing 19th January 2026. The deadline for the return of slips was today so please do not bring in anymore next week. Slips will be sent home next week informing you of which club your child/ren has been allocated to.

Scaffolding



I am sure that you are all as pleased as we are to see that the scaffolding around the kitchen area has now been removed. It has been quite a lengthy process to repair the damage and return the kitchen to full working order. We feel that we are now back where we were before the fire which is a lovely place to be. We must say thank you to the huge team of roofers, plumbers, electricians and other engineers who have worked so hard to make this happen.

Update to Lunch ordering system

As parents are aware, school meals must be pre-ordered by mid-night on Saturday for the following week's meals.

Following a review of their meal ordering systems Innovate, our school lunch provider, have asked us to change the way we process meals that have not been pre-ordered. They have advised that if meals have not been pre-ordered then the following procedure will apply;

On Monday, the only lunch that they will provide will be a jacket potato. If children do not like a jacket potato, then parents will need to bring in a packed lunch. If meals are required for the rest of the week, then parents must email the Innovate helpdesk directly, and not us here in the school office. The email for this is support@impactfood.freshdesk.com. Thank you for your support with this.



Wild West Lunch The kitchen will be serving a special Wild West lunch on Thursday of next week. Children can have either pork and beef or vegan campfire bangers served with beans and wedges. Dessert is vanilla ice cream! This meal will need to be ordered in advance in the usual way.

Parent lunch tasting session

Innovate, part of the Impact Food Group, is excited to invite you to a special Tasting Event, taking place after school on Wednesday 14th January 2026 in the school hall. Parents and children will have the opportunity to sample a variety of foods that the children have been eating and will be eating from our menu. There will be a selection of foods for you to sample that have been prepared by the on-site team plus the opportunity to explore new flavours and discuss healthy eating with kitchen staff. We want to encourage children to try new foods and make informed choices about what they eat.



Scooterbility Y1 Y2

Years 1 and 2 are looking forward to the Scooterbility team coming into school on Tuesday of next week. The children will have the opportunity to learn the basics of riding a scooter and a balance bike as well as watch some tricks on the bikes carried out by the tutors. All the equipment including scooters, balance bikes and safety equipment will be provided.

Can parents please ensure that children have their PE kits in school on Tuesday. Thank you.

Welcome

Hopefully, parents of Year 2 and Year 4 children will have met Mrs Norman and Mrs Power this week. Mrs Power will be working in Year 2, and Mrs Norman will be in Year 4. They will be with us until the end of the summer term as part of their teacher training. They will be spending time, mainly in Years 2 and 4, working with teachers before moving onto the next stage of their training. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to Icknield and will support them during their time with us.