



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 23rd January 2026

Diary Dates	
January	28 th – Y3 trip to The Scott Polar Museum 29 th – KS1 FIPS Movie Night
February	w/c 9 th – Children’s Mental Health Week 11 th & 12 th – Parent/Teacher Consultations w/c 15 th – Half term holiday 23 rd – Staff Training Day (School is closed to pupils)

The Granary Musical Support

Over the past couple of weeks, Emma Mason and Kate Ramano from Stapleford Granary have been visiting us on Tuesday to share some singing ‘lessons’ with all classes. The children have had such a wonderful time in the hall and have sounded magnificent. I wish I could include a sound note to this newsletter but hope that the photo below shows what a super experience this has been for all the children. We must say a huge Ickniel thank you to Mrs Mason and Mrs Ramano for their time and enthusiasm – it has been tremendous!



Parent/teacher consultations

Parent/teacher consultations take place just before half term on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 13th February. Ten-minute slots for you to meet your child’s class teacher are available from 3:40pm until 6:30pm on either day. Appointments can be booked via your My Child At School (MCAS) account. Please let the school office know if you do not have or are experiencing problems with your MCAS account. Bookings will open this weekend at midnight

on Sunday 25th January and will close at midnight on Sunday 8th February. If you experience any issues making your booking, please contact the school office team.

Please remember to allow sufficient time between appointments if you have more than 1 teacher to see.

FIPS KS1 Movie Night

The FIPS team are hosting a Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2 classes) movie night next week, on Thursday 29th January. The film to be shown is 'My Neighbour Totoro' a Japanese animated fantasy film about 2 sisters who encounter some friendly spirits in the woods near their new home.



Please note this a Key Stage 1 film only – FIPS will be holding a Key Stage 2 movie night after February half-term.

Royal Academy - Young Artist's Summer Show 2026

Now in its eighth year, the Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4–18 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Registration and submission is open until 5pm on 4th March 2026

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Sporting Activities

It has been a very sporty week in school this week.

On Monday we were visited by Mr Trent and a group of students from Sawston Village College. They spent some time in the hall with Years 3 and 4 running a mini-Olympics session. The children had a wonderful time and were very competitive whilst being super supportive of each other.

On Thursday morning Mr Parker, our Anglian Learning PE lead, came into school and ran a 'Pentathlon' event. This event provides competitive sporting activities for some pupils in years 2, 3 and 4. As you can see from the photograph the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these activities and again remembered three of our school values, Caring, Inclusive and Resilient.



Parking

We have received complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking by parents/carers as they either drop off or collect their child from school. We have received reports that parents have parked directly across driveways which has resulted in our neighbours being unable to leave their property.



Can we please ask you, once again, to be thoughtful about where you leave your vehicles at these particularly busy times of day.

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.



Headlice

We have been told by a number of parents that their children have head lice. Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy. Can we kindly ask all families to check your child's hair for nits over the weekend and to treat if

necessary. There is no need to purchase special chemicals or head washes. Head lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. A special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) can be purchased from the local pharmacy or online. Then wash hair with ordinary shampoo and once rinsed, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do). Comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the tips. This usually takes about 10 minutes for short hair, but will take longer for longer, or curly hair. When you have finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time. Do this wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is lice free on day 17. Thank you all for taking the time to resolve this issue over the weekend.

February Half term Activities

Holiday Camps

Premier

The Premier team are not running holiday camps here at Icknield during February half term. Camps are being held at The Bellbird from 8:45 – 4:00pm from Monday 16th – Thursday 19th February.

Cambridge City Holiday Camps

Our friends at Cambridge City have told us of some football camps they are holding during February half-term. Camps take place Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th February and run from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Camps cost £22 per day. Please click on the link below to book your places.

[February Half Term Camp | CCFC](#)

Milton Country Park

Milton Country Park is a park located just North of Cambridge City, and has a 95-acre woodland and wetland area, open 365 days a year, 24hours a day. It is also dog friendly!! There is a large car park, a visitor centre and toilets are open from 8am. Please note there is a charge for parking.

Milton Country Park have partnered up with 'Living Sport' to create a fun, engaging 1 mile route walk around the park for families to enjoy. There are plenty of things to enjoy at the park, all of which are free. There is a small play area, a sensory garden, walks around the lakes where in places you will find a hide so you can do a spot of quiet birdwatching. There is also a lovely café where you can rest with a cuppa and perhaps a cake after your adventures around the park.

Address: Milton Country Park, Cambridge Road, Milton, Cambs, CB24 6AZ Tel: 01223 420060

Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences –
Downing Place Cambridge



Ready to embark on a prehistoric night safari adventure?

On Wednesday 18th February, between 4:30–7:00pm, The Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences will be opening their doors, turning down the lights (so bring a torch) ready for families to explore the museum. This special after-hours session for families will allow families to search the museum for dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals lurking in the shadows, some of whom roamed Cambridgeshire thousands of years ago. Children can drop in to hands-on activity stations: investigate fossils close up and explore beautiful minerals that glow in the dark under UV light.

This event is likely to prove popular, so it is recommended that tickets are booked for a timed entry slot. Entry is guaranteed only during the 15 minutes stated on your ticket. It is recommended that you allow 30-45 minutes to explore the Museum. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All adults and children need a ticket for entry – this event is free of charge!