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Primary School  
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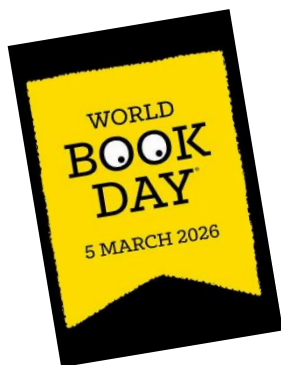
The Ickniel Primary School and Pippins Preschool

[www.icknielprimary.org](http://www.icknielprimary.org)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Diary Dates	
<b>March</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> – National Careers Week 4 <sup>th</sup> - Pippins Preschool opening morning, 10:00am 5 <sup>th</sup> – World Book Day 9 <sup>th</sup> – National Science Week 19 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4 MTC Parent meeting 20 <sup>th</sup> – Whole School Art Exhibition 25 <sup>th</sup> – Y1/Y2/Y3 visit to Stapleford Granary 27 <sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Spring Term
<b>April</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> – Pupils return to school for Summer term

### Thursday 5th March - World Book Day



It is a one of our favourite days in the school calendar next week when we all celebrate World Book Day. Staff and children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character, so on Thursday you might see Willy Wonka, Sleeping Beauty or even perhaps The Cat in the Hat walking across the playground – who knows! Get your thinking caps on over the weekend and maybe get creative! Please don't feel you need to go out and purchase an expensive costume – perhaps let your creativity go wild!!

As it is Careers Week too – we even have a librarian coming in to share this event with us.

There will be small reading groups around school where children can decide which story they want to hear staff read to them. **Please can children bring a book to school to donate to the giant Ickniel book swap. This will form part of our hugely popular book swap where children can swap a book they have read for one that they haven't.**

Children will also have brought home World Book Day tokens which can be used for one free World Book Day 2026 book, or £1 off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more from participating bookshops.



### Careers Week/Science week

We have a wide variety of visitors coming in to school next week to meet children for National Careers Week. As well as the librarian on World Book Day, we also have a scientist, an osteopath and a publisher to name but a few. We hope that the children enjoy these visits and will share more with you in next week's newsletter.

We are also looking forward to National Science week during the following week and have a number of visitors coming in to school again to share their scientific expertise.

We are very grateful to these visitors for giving up their time and energy to support us.

### Attendance & Sense of Belonging

At The Icknield Primary School we seek to ensure that all pupils receive an education which enables them to reach their full potential. Attendance in school has a widely evidenced and far-reaching impact on attainment, however the significance goes beyond academic achievement. Being present in school is crucial, not just for educational results but also for fostering vital social skills and a sense of belonging in children and adolescents. Regular attendance cultivates friendships and social interactions that are fundamental to school life and development into emotionally resilient adults.

There is a strong link between good attendance and increased attainment. Pupils who regularly attend school make much better progress socially and academically. Regular attendance enables pupils to adapt better to routines, schoolwork, and friendship groups. We aim to work in partnership with parents and families, listening to and understanding any barriers to attendance and will work with them and other agencies to ensure that every child can get the best out of the educational opportunities provided.

We are committed to a whole school and community approach to attendance and a partnership relationship with parents and carers. Our aim is to ensure that all pupils experience a deep sense of belonging to their school community.

### Volunteer request for help



You will have been sent a letter home this week, asking for your help with certain areas of school. If you think you are able to support us with a couple of hours or so each week, please drop an email to the office team so that we can discuss how you can help us. Thank you in advance for any time you can give – it is very much appreciated

## Primary Platform Exhibition 26

We are delighted to let you know that Anglia Learning are holding a fantastic art exhibition of children's work at Sawston Village College next week. The event takes place at The Marven Centre on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

We are very proud to share with you that this exhibition will include work from 10 of our children so please pop along to see their wonderful creations.



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## Primary Platform Exhibition 26

an exhibition of artwork from Anglian Learning  
Primary Schools

**7 & 8 March 2026  
10 am to 3 pm**

The Marven Centre, New  
Road, Sawston Village College

**All welcome**



## Premier After-School Club – Disney Party

Don't forget the Disney themed event taking place during the Premier after school session.

Date: Wednesday 4th March 2026

Time: 3:20pm - 6pm (within Wraparound Care provision)

Activities Included: Dance competition, Themed arts and crafts, prize-based competitions, 'Disney' themed food/snacks (all dietary requirements will be met with alternatives)

Book to secure your child/ren's place by visiting our website, or by scanning the QR code

## EIFA Newsletter March 2026

Samantha Stacey our Education Inclusion Family Advisor has asked us to share her March newsletter with you. This is being sent to you alongside this week's newsletter.

She has also sent information about some evening virtual drop-in sessions that she is running. Information on how to book onto these can be found on the flyer also being sent alongside this week's newsletter.

## Charity Children's Rave



An exciting event is taking place in Duxford in March which you may all be interested in.

This takes place in Duxford Community Centre and is a charity event in aid of World Down Syndrome Day which is on 21<sup>st</sup> March with the theme "Together Against Loneliness" to promote inclusion and combat social isolation for people with Down syndrome.

There is no need to book tickets in advance – just pay on the door!

## Dr Bike

What is Dr Bike?



Dr Bike is a team of qualified mechanics who visit local communities to perform free bike health checks. This includes gear and brake adjustments, a safety check, lubrication of parts with recommendations for repairs where necessary. They are visiting Sawston Mill Lane recreation ground on

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March,
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Secure your slot by scanning the QR code below or visiting the booking page. Alternatively, visit [tinyurl.com/drbike2026](https://tinyurl.com/drbike2026).



There will be limited walk-in availability.

For any queries relating to the sessions and requests for further information, please email [activetravel@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:activetravel@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)



**Pippins Preschool - opening morning: Wednesday 4 March 2026 at 10am.**

Please come to the front entrance of The Icknield Primary School, at the end of Lynton

Way: <https://icknieldprimary.org/contact/>

Following a welcome meeting, we will arrange a tour of our reception and preschool areas. Your child can then explore activities and toys, while you chat to staff about how things at Pippins Preschool.

If your child will be claiming funding from April, please bring: your child's birth certificate or passport, and parent's National Insurance number(s) so you can complete a funding form during your visit.

If you are unable to make Wednesday 4 March, please contact the pippins office to arrange another visit. [office@pippinspreschool.org](mailto:office@pippinspreschool.org)