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The Ickniel Primary School and Pippins Preschool

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Diary Dates	
<b>March</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> – National Science Week 13 <sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day ‘Cuppa and Cakes’ 19 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4 MTC Parent meeting 20 <sup>th</sup> – Whole School Art Exhibition 20 <sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day, wear a funny accessory 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

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

It was an amazing day in school yesterday when we celebrated World Book Day. The children were super excited and looked marvellous in their amazing costumes. It is not often that we see Harry Potter and Elsa on the school register! Thank you for enabling your children to participate in this wonderful day.





On Monday we had visits from scientists talking to the children about DNA, Wednesday was super fun when Welch's came in and brought a huge electric truck into the school car park. Ducklings, and Miss Waddington, had a super time climbing into the cab and beeping the loud horn!



### Careers Week/Science week

This week has been super busy with visitors coming in to talk to the children about their jobs and careers. We had visits from the Cambridge City Football Club team manager, scientists from Illumina, truck drivers (and a truck!) from Welch's, a book publisher and a Beekeeper too! The children have enjoyed these visits, and we hope they have shared what they have heard with you at the end of the day.

Year 4 were visited by Iodia from Illumina on Monday – she was talking to them about DNA. Olivia said, 'I really liked it; the scientist must have worked really hard to get her job.'



Ducklings enjoyed a visit from Sue the beekeeper, they learnt all about different types of bees and the crucial role they play in our ecosystem. They learnt about their habitat and how they make honey and wax. They even tried two different types of honey and compared the flavours!



### National Science Week

Next week is National Science week and we are looking forward to welcoming a wonderful group of scientific parents into school.

### 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.



### Cambridge Half Marathon

This Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, our very own Mr Tombling is running the Cambridge Half Marathon, on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support.

If you would like to donate, you can do so by following the link below or scanning the QR code. This or just some words of encouragement would be very much appreciated.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/jordan-tombling-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=WA](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jordan-tombling-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA)





### Mother's Day cake and Cuppa & Cake

The FIPS team are hosting an afternoon of cuppa and cakes after school on Friday 13th March to celebrate Mothering Sunday which takes place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Mums, Dads and Carers are invited to pop to the school hall to share a cup of tea and a slice of tasty cake. Can we please ask for donations of cakes for this event. There will be no charge for the tea and cakes, but there will be a donation pot where we kindly ask for parents to make a small contribution for any cakes that they or their children may have had. Thank you in advance for your cake donations.

### Belonging By Design Art Exhibition

We are delighted to let you know about an art exhibition that we are holding after school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The exhibition, entitled 'A Sense of Belonging' includes works from all children of Icknield and Pippins. We hope that you will come along and see the wonderful pieces that the children have produced and share their great creative achievements. The exhibition will run from 4:00 – 6:00pm in the school hall and light refreshments will be served in the library.

ANGUAN LEARNING

THE ICKNIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND PIPPINS PRESCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

A SENSE OF BELONGING ART EXHIBITION

FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH | 4:00PM TO 6:00PM | SCHOOL HALL

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend 'A Sense of Belonging' - an art exhibition by the pupils of The Icknield Primary School and Pippins Preschool.

We sincerely hope you all join us in supporting and celebrating the efforts of our children. Your presence will affirm the importance of their work and the strong sense of community we strive to nurture. Light refreshments will be served in the library.

Pippins Preschool

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### Mindfulness

Miss Tarrant has been in school this week to work with the children. She asked me to share this with you;

*'Over the past two days I have loved being back at Icknield, working with children across the school for our mindfulness sessions. We have been focusing on "Wishing Ourselves Well" through a simple loving kindness practice, helping children learn how to speak to themselves with the same kindness they would offer a friend.'*

Children took part in a few short mindfulness activities and made a Kind Wishes Wand to bring home. Each child added a kind wish for themselves or someone else, and the wand can also be used as a visual reminder to pause, check in and wish themselves well.

Reception will have their session soon as it unfortunately clashed with another activity, but I am going to pop in over the next few weeks so they can have their session, and they will be getting their own Kind Wishes Wands!

It would be lovely if you could ask the children about the phrase 'Good Morning, I Love You' and see if they can tell you about the book we read!

It has been a real pleasure working with the children and I am looking forward to the next sessions.

Miss Tarrant/ Mindful Explorers



## Pippins Preschool

It was lovely to meet some new families this week at the Pippins Preschool open morning. We are looking forward to welcoming new children after Easter. The next open event is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. If you would like to attend the open morning, please email [office@pippinspreschool.org](mailto:office@pippinspreschool.org) to book your place.



**Are you looking for a preschool place for 2026?**

We accept children from 2.5 years old. If you are looking for a preschool place for your child, please come along to one of our open sessions which will be taking place on:

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00am
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10:00am
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 10:00am
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 10:00am

If you would like to book to attend one of our open events, please email the preschool office: [office@pippinspreschool.org](mailto:office@pippinspreschool.org) or phone 01223 833248



## NCT Nearly New Sale

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The Cambridge NCT are holding a Nearly New Sale this weekend. The sale is happening on Saturday 7th March from 2 – 4pm at Cambridge Regional College. This is a wonderful opportunity for families with children aged 0 to 12 years old to find quality second hand clothes, shoes, toys, books and equipment at bargain prices.