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Primary School  
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The Ickniel Primary School and Pippins Preschool

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Diary Dates	
<b>May</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> – May Bank Holiday (school closed)</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Class Assembly w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATS tests w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> – Walk to School Week 19 <sup>th</sup> – Uniform Grab & Go 19 <sup>th</sup> – Y5 Maths Challenge w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> – Half-term holiday
<b>June</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – Pupils return to school

### Spring Bank Holiday

Just a little reminder that school is closed on Monday for the traditional Spring Bank Holiday. We hope you have an enjoyable long weekend together and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday morning.

### Year 4 visit to Botanic Gardens



Year 4 had a super visit to The Botanic Gardens in Cambridge this week.

They explored the gardens using all of their senses, and even saw some ducklings being hatched. They will continue this learning back in the classroom as they continue their work on tropical rainforests.



I am sure that they will tell us more about their trip at their class assembly next week.

### Year 3 Class Assembly



Year 3 welcomed parents to school this week as they presented their learning in their class assembly.

*"We've travelled through ice, fire history and science. We've learnt about forces, fractions, and survival. About the past, and how to protect the future."*



And they still had time to finish their homework. A parent who had attended the assembly said;  
"It was wonderful to see how much the children have learnt this term and how much they are enjoying Year 3"

### FIPS Summer Disco

The FIPS team are holding a Summer Term disco on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Please see details below;

A colorful poster for a Summer Disco event. The background is a gradient of purple, blue, and yellow, with a disco ball at the top left, musical notes, and streamers. The text is centered and reads:

**Friends of Icknield Primary School**  
**Summer Disco**  
Friday 15th of May  
KS1 5:00 - 6:00pm  
KS2 6:15 - 7.30pm

Tickets in advance only [www.icknieldpta.org/shop](http://www.icknieldpta.org/shop)  
KS1 £3.50 includes squash & biscuit  
KS2 £4.50 includes drink & snack

info@icknieldpta.org



## Chicken-pox



Please be advised that we are aware of a couple of cases of chicken-pox in school at the moment. Chickenpox is a common infection that spreads easily and mostly affects children. It usually gets better on its own after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP, but can be serious in some people. The main symptom of chickenpox is an itchy, spotty rash. It can be anywhere on the body.

Before or after the rash appears, you might also have:

- a high temperature
- aches and pains, and generally feel unwell
- loss of appetite

Chickenpox happens in 3 stages, but new spots can appear while others are becoming blisters or forming a scab.

If your child develops chickenpox, they will need to stay off school until all the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots first appeared.

There are things you can do to treat chickenpox yourself at home without needing to see a GP.

### **DO:**

- drink plenty of fluids (try ice lollies if your child is not drinking)
- take paracetamol to help with any pain and discomfort
- cut your child's fingernails and put socks on their hands at night to stop them scratching
- use cooling creams or gels from a pharmacy
- speak to a pharmacist about using antihistamine medicine to help itching
- bathe in cool water and pat the skin dry (do not rub)
- dress in loose clothes

### **DON'T**

- do not use ibuprofen unless you're told to by a doctor, as it may cause serious skin infections
- do not give aspirin to children under 16 years
- do not scratch the spots, as scratching can cause scarring

It is important that those with chickenpox do not go near newborn babies or anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, as chickenpox can be dangerous for them.

If you are at all worried that your child has chickenpox, the best advice is to call NHS 111.

## Project 11 – Girls Rugby

Girls in Year 6 may be interested in a new project to introduce them to rugby. Sessions, which are free of charge, take place at Shelford Rugby Club every Wednesday evening (6-7pm) throughout the Summer term.

For more information contact Charlie Whalley on [project11shelfordrugbyclub@gmail.com](mailto:project11shelfordrugbyclub@gmail.com)



**PROJECT 11 – GIRLS RUGBY**  
*Mission: Get as many girls involved in rugby as possible*

**What is it?** A training programme, delivered by Shelford coaches and players, helping introduce girls aged 10, 11 and 12 to rugby. With free food offered after every session.



**When is it?** Every Wednesday evening at Shelford Rugby Club (6-7pm) from 6<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Plus, its completely **FREE!**

For more information contact:  
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SCAN ME

## World Laughter Day – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May



This Sunday is World Laughter Day, a celebration that raises awareness about all the benefits of laughing and promotes world peace through laughter. Laughing can instantly help reduce stress and brings us closer to other people, as we share our happiness with them. Those who take part in World Laughter Day help spread positivity and cheerfulness in a way that could help change the world. This day is all about happiness, peace, laughing, and sharing in laughter with each other. Why not enjoy some fun and laughter with your family on Sunday - perhaps invite some friends over to watch a funny movie, or share some fun and games in the garden enjoying the sunshine.

Here's a joke you might enjoy;

*What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping? A dino-snore.*