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The Ickniel Primary School and Pippins Preschool

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Friday 8th May 2026

Diary Dates	
May	w/c 11 th – Y6 SATS tests 15 th – FIPS Disco w/c 17 th – Walk to School Week 19 th – Uniform Grab & Go 19 th – Y5 Maths Challenge w/c 24 th – Half-term holiday
June	1 st – Pupils return to school 3 rd – Reception visit to Stansted Mountfitchet 8 th – Y5 Bikeability 9 th – Reception visit to The Botanic Gardens 11 th – Y4 visit to Cadbury's World 12 th – Class Photograph Day 15 th – Non-Uniform day (for pupils who bring in Summer fete contributions) 17 th – Y3/Y4/Y5 visit to Stapleford Granary 18 th – Y6 Class Assembly 19 th – FIPS Summer fete 26 th – School Closed (Staff Training Day) 28 th – Sports Day

SATS week

Owls class have been working really hard towards the annual SATS week of tests. These are a culmination of their primary school years of learning and their results will be passed to their subsequent secondary schools. During this week the class will have the opportunity to come into school for their breakfast club so that they are prepared for the day ahead. They will end the week with a celebratory pizza party on Friday 15th May. We will be reducing the number of visitors to school during the week and kindly ask that if you are in school to collect or drop off your child or perhaps a packed lunch, that you do so quietly so that the children are not disturbed. Thank you.

Good luck year 6!

Year 4 Class Assembly

Year 4 presented a very musical assembly to their parents this week. They performed some samba music from Brazil and obviously enjoyed the wonderful sound that they were producing. They then mimed and freeze framed to some dramatic music – this was to depict their learning in history. Well done Foxes Class!



Sawston Fun Run

The annual Sawston Fun Run takes place this weekend. On Sunday 10th May the streets and avenues around the village will be full of people dressed in an array of costumes running, walking or even hobbling towards the end of the route!

This year Pippins preschool have been named as a beneficiary of the event so all contributions and sponsorship takings will certainly go to a good cause. The race starts from Sawston Village College at 10:30am and medals, certificates and goody bags will be awarded to all competitors. There are 2 routes to choose from, either the original 7.4k/4.6 mile route, or the shorter 3.8k/2.4 mile route for the much younger or much older participants. If you would like to help or support the event you can do so in a variety of ways. These include signing up online to take part in the event at www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk or by making an online donation to support this year's 24 beneficiaries. Those taking part can also support the event and beneficiaries, by collecting sponsorship, and as a beneficiary, we can retain 50% of the money that members of the Icknield/Pippins community raise. Please State Pippins on your sponsor form.

Keep your eyes open on the route for the staff team who have signed up!!



Girls football

A team of girls from years 4 and 5 took part in a football tournament at Marleigh Primary this week. It was a tough competition, but the girls played well and enjoyed taking part. Mrs Zarate was impressed with their resilience and kindness towards each other.

Staffing update

Mrs Hamlett will be leaving at half term as she has decided to pursue a new career path and start her own business. Mrs Hamlett was hoping to continue to work after the half term but sadly she is now unable to commit due to her plans moving forward.

Whilst this is a very exciting opportunity for Mrs Hamlett and her family, she will be greatly missed. Mrs Hamlett's role has been instrumental across the school, she has taught every child whilst covering and teaching all classes.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hamlett for all her focus and support during her time at Icknield and wish her all the best for her exciting new challenge ahead.

Fix It club



Mr Jelliman and his current group of fixers have been busy putting up some shelves in the Year 5 classroom. They have used their mathematical knowledge to ensure that the shelves were fixed to the wall in the correct place and were fascinated with the spirit level!

Next week is the last session for this group and they will be carrying out some jet washing in the playground!

Special Sunshine Lunch

On Thursday 21st May the kitchen team will be preparing a special sunshine lunch. Children will be able to enjoy Beach Barbecue Chicken with Rock Pool rice and seaweed style salad. This will be followed by a Treasure chest cookie bar.

Vegetarian and Halal alternatives will be available. Children with allergies can choose an option from the special allergen menu.

Meals should be ordered in the same way through the Innovate online system. Please remember the normal deadline of midnight on Saturday before for ordering.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week is celebrated worldwide in mid-May each year. Mental Health Awareness Week 2026 will be from 11th to 17th May 2026. Each year, the awareness event aims to raise awareness and bring support to all communities across the globe. To do this, the Mental Health Foundation charity promotes a different theme for the event each year. The 2026 Mental Health Awareness Week theme is 'Action'. This year's Mental Health Awareness Week theme aims to spread awareness of how taking even small actions can make a big difference to our wellbeing.



FIPS Summer Disco

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

A colorful poster for a Summer Disco. The background is a gradient of purple, pink, and yellow, with musical notes, a disco ball, and streamers. The text reads: 'Friends of Icknield Primary School', 'Summer Disco', 'Friday 15th of May', 'KS1 5:00 - 6:00pm', 'KS2 6:15 - 7.30pm'. It also includes ticket information: 'Tickets in advance only www.icknieldpta.org/shop', 'KS1 £3.50 includes squash & biscuit', 'KS2 £4.50 includes drink & snack', and the email 'info@icknieldpta.org'. At the bottom, there is the PTA Icknield Primary logo and a QR code.