



The Icknield Primary School and Pippins Preschool

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Diary Dates	
<b>May</b>	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 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Reception visit to Stansted Mountfitchet 8 <sup>th</sup> – Y5 Bikeability 9 <sup>th</sup> – Reception visit to The Botanic Gardens 11 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 visit to Cadbury's World 12 <sup>th</sup> – Class Photograph Day 15 <sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform day (for pupils who bring in Summer fete contributions) 17 <sup>th</sup> – Y3/Y4/Y5 visit to Stapleford Granary 18 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 Class Assembly 19 <sup>th</sup> – FIPS Summer fete 26 <sup>th</sup> – School Closed (Staff Training Day) 29 <sup>th</sup> – Sports Day

### **SATS week**

It has been a quiet week in school this week as Owls have been carrying out their annual SATS tests. These are a culmination of their primary school years of learning, and their results will be passed to their subsequent secondary schools. The SATS breakfast club proved to be very popular with many croissants being consumed before they took their tests. Thank you to all our visitors who acknowledged the polite 'Sssh please keep quiet' posters around the building. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Thank you to all the members of staff, particularly the magnificent Year 6 team, for your hard work and effort in enabling the children to sit these tests. The children have managed this week in a calm and purposeful way and the 'can do' attitude of the entire Icknield staff team is testament to this.

### Pippins News

We were very excited to use the new bikes and helmets that we have purchased with the Tesco community grant money. The children have been whizzing around the playground with growing confidence. They are learning how to be safe and respectful of other cyclists and pedestrians, whilst also developing their own balance, co-ordination and spatial awareness.



### Walk to School Week



Walk to School Week 2026 takes place from Monday 18 May to Friday, 22 May, encouraging children to walk, wheel, cycle, or scoot to school while promoting health, safety, and environmental awareness. Walk to School Week is an annual UK initiative organized by the charity Living Streets to promote active travel for primary school pupils and their families.

The 2026 event runs from 18–22 May, aligning with National Walking Month, and encourages children to engage in daily physical activity on their journey to school. Participating in Walk to School Week offers multiple benefits:

**Physical health:** Encourages at least 60 minutes of daily exercise, strengthens muscles, and improves cardiovascular fitness

**Mental wellbeing:** Walking before school helps children feel calmer, more focused, and ready to learn

**Road safety and independence:** Children learn safe routes, navigation skills, and gain confidence in traveling independently

**Environmental impact:** Reduces car traffic, lowers carbon emissions, and contributes to cleaner air around schools

**Community engagement:** Promotes social interaction, family bonding, and school-wide participation

### International Day of Families

International Day of Families takes place every year on May 15. The date was chosen to coincide with the UN's growing focus on family issues during the early 1990s. In many countries, events are held throughout the week or month, including school activities, community events, public talks, and media campaigns.

Families are at the centre of human development. They raise children, care for elders, provide emotional grounding, and shape how people experience education, health, and opportunity. When families thrive, communities are safer, economies are stronger, and societies become more just and inclusive. Families come in all shapes and sizes – single-parent households, extended families, blended families, multi-generational homes, and communities of care. Whatever the size or shape of your family, perhaps mark this special day with a nice meal together or a get together in the park. We hope you all are able to just enjoy being with each other and taking some time to love and appreciate your time together.



### Year 5 Maths Challenge

A small team of children are taking part in a maths challenge on Tuesday of next week. This event takes place at Harston & Newton Primary School. The children, accompanied by Mrs Zarate will be competing against a number of local primary schools in number challenges. The children have been practising hard towards this challenge, and we will let you know how they get on next week. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them the best of luck – Do your best Team Icknield!

### Fix it Club

It was the last week for this group of fixers, and the team were given the task of jet washing the area outside of the Year 3, 4 and 5 classrooms. Looks like they had a super time jet washing Mr Jelliman.

### Uniform Grab & Go



We are holding a preloved uniform giveaway after school on Tuesday of next week, 19th May. Tables will be set up in the Hall for parents to come and see if there are any items there that would be helpful to them to take away. Items are free to take with no charge, but there will be a donation pot available if you would like to make a contribution. We aim to hold these 'Grab & Go' sessions at least once each half term, so keep an eye on the newsletter for dates.

### Special Sunshine Lunch

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



### Half term activities

Our friends at The Cambridge Museum of Technology have told us about some of the exciting activities they have taking place over the May half term holiday.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May there is a Dragon Trail where a local artist, Jill Fordham, is creating, with the help of the visiting children an interactive dragon-themed art installation inspired by the book Dragon Machine by Helen Ward. Children will need to get creative and use their pedal power to create their own installation.

From Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May children can go dragon hunting amongst the machines in the museum! They can design their own machine-made dragon and enter their designs into a competition.

Booking is essential for these activities; <https://www.museumoftechnology.com>



The Cambridge Botanic Gardens are also holding some free family events during the half-term break.

### **Bee Craft Family Activity**

Perhaps you would like to create craft inspired by bees?

Using paper, card, wool and string you can create a bee to take out into the Garden.



This is drop-in session - all ages are welcome with no need to pre-book. Activity is taking place in the Garden Room at the Schools' Garden. This event takes place on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am – 1:30pm.

Whilst you are visiting and you have created your bees; you might like to go on a bee trail around the garden. You can pick up this free summer trail from the Garden Ticket Offices, and you'll instantly become the newest pupil in bee school. The trail will take you on a trip around the Botanic Garden to learn everything you need to know to be a bee. Complete all the lessons, collect the teacher stamps and be awarded with a graduation prize at the end. The trail is open from 22 May – 1 June between 10:00am – 6:00pm.

Normal Garden admission applies for accompanying adults.