



The Icknield Primary School and Pippins Preschool

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Diary Dates	
May	w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> – Half-term holiday
June	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) 18 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 Class Assembly 19 <sup>th</sup> – FIPS Summer fete 24 <sup>th</sup> – Y3/Y4/Y5 visit to Stapleford Granary 26 <sup>th</sup> – School Closed (Staff Training Day) 29 <sup>th</sup> – Sports Day



SchoolGrid – new lunch system

You will have received an email this week from our school catering team, Innovate, about a new school lunch system they will be introducing in June. It is hoped that this new system, SchoolGrid, will make the processing and ordering of school lunches more straightforward and will help to reduce the cost of waste food. More information about parental registration and how to place orders will follow after the half-term break.

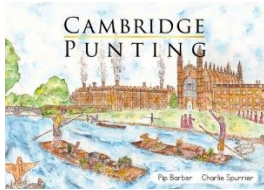
Year 5 Maths Challenge

A small team of children visited Harston & Newton Primary School this week to take part in Maths Challenge against other local primary schools. Mrs Zarate said that the children showed excellent teamwork and resilience and were a wonderful representation of Icknield and our values.

Well done Team Icknield!

### Book Amnesty

We have been having a tidy of our much-loved library area and are growing a little concerned about the number of new books that have not been returned. We were recently very fortunate to receive some books from the FIPS team as well as other local companies who clearly want to encourage our readers, but if the books are not returned to school then children cannot read the new titles. Could we therefore kindly ask that you check under beds, in the boots of your cars, in the bottom of book bags – anywhere where you might find schoolbooks that you didn't know you had. Could we please ask that you return any books that you locate so that the library can be restocked. Thank you.



### Year 5 Punting

Year 5 had a wonderful day on Thursday when they visited Cambridge and went punting along the backs. They learnt all about the colleges and the bridges that they sailed beneath. They then visited Trinity College before returning to school. Freddie and Leela really enjoyed themselves and were delighted that they could have an ice-cream at the end of a long hot day!

### Half term Activities

- Colleagues at Anglian Leisure at SVC have many exciting events taking place over the half-term break. Football Fun Factory is on Tuesday and Wednesday and the swimming pool is open every afternoon from 2:00 – 3:00pm. For more information, call (01223) 712555 or email [sawston@anglianleisure.co.uk](mailto:sawston@anglianleisure.co.uk)
- Our friends at Cambridge City Football Club are holding their football camps next week. Camps are on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May and run from 9:00am – 2:00pm. For more information click here [May Half Term Camp | CCFC](#)
- Don't forget to investigate all that Wandlebury Country Park has to offer. Entry is free and there are 8 miles of waymarked trails to explore. Children can build dens, fly kites, play ball games and perhaps relax after all of that with a well-deserved picnic. On a sunny day you can sometimes see Ely Cathedral – that's a huge 17 miles away!

And finally.....

We hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday - hopefully we will be able to enjoy some dry, sunny weather. This has been a short half-term, but we are looking forward to much longer and busier second half of the summer term. The end of this academic year is rapidly approaching, and we cannot believe where the time has gone! Please enjoy this break to rest and recharge ready for an exciting second part of the summer term.