



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 11th September 2026

Diary Dates	
September	10 th – ‘Meet the Teacher’ Sessions 17 th – Year 1 Class Café 17 th Year 6 Burwell House meeting, 6pm 22 nd – Flu Vaccinations 24 th – Year 6 Class café 30 th – FIPs AGM
October	1 st – Year 4 Class Café 6 th – Individual Pupil Photographs 8 th – Year 2 Class café 14 th – 16 th – Year 6 residential at Burwell House 22 nd – Year 6 Class Café w/c 26 th – Half-term holiday
November	2 nd – Staff Training Day 3 rd – Pupils return to school

Welcome Back

It has been so lovely to see everyone happily return to school this week. The children look so smart in their uniform, and we really appreciate your support ensuring the children are wearing the correct uniform and shoes. Please talk to the school office if you need any addition school items as we have a range of second-hand items of uniform to provide if needed. Can we please remind you to name EVERYTHING, including shoes, water bottles, coats, book bags – quite literally everything! It seems such a shame for parents to have spent money purchasing new items only for them to be lost before the end of the first week, just because items are not named. All red Ickniel sweatshirts do look the same, as do pairs of grey trousers and skirts. This will help reduce the pile of lost property and will make collection of your child at the end of the day a much smoother process.

The children have settled into their new classrooms and are enjoying getting to know their new teachers. We would like to welcome all the parents and carers of children in Ducklings class. The school newsletter is emailed every Friday to update you on school events. We have been really impressed with how well all the children have settled into school this week.

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They have taken everything in their stride and coped so well with getting to know the routines. The children enjoyed their first school lunch on Wednesday which was another new experience for them, but staff reported that they coped really well with the hall and the additional noise.

Children across the school have quickly got to know the routines and new members of staff. Please remember your child needs a water bottle in school each day. Children in reception, Year 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of fruit. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to bring fruit to school for their morning snack.

Meet the Teacher



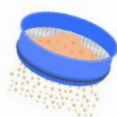
It was wonderful that so many of you were able to attend the Meet the Teacher sessions which took place on Thursday of this week. We hope that you found both the information from Mrs Mitchell and also the presentations delivered by your class teachers to be useful and beneficial. If you have any further questions or queries, please email the school office team (office@icknielprimary.org)

Year 1 Class Café

Mrs Black is looking forward to welcoming Year 1 parents to a Class Café on Thursday of next week, 17th September. The assembly will start at approximately 9:15am once Sensory Ciuits has finished. Mrs Black is going to be sharing how we are teaching phonics and early reading.

Sandpit

A new sandpit has been installed in the KS1 playground over the summer holidays. The children are unable to use this at the moment as we are waiting for a lid to be added to keep the sand clean for use each day.



Could we ask if any families have some sand-toys that they could donate to school for the children to play with? Perhaps some buckets and spades, or sieves. Thank you for any contributions you can make to this – we are sure that the children will really enjoy this new area.

Headlice

We have been told by a number of parents that their children have head lice. Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy. Can we kindly ask all families to check your child's hair for nits over the weekend and to treat if necessary.



There is no need to purchase special chemicals or head washes. Head lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. A special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) can be purchased from the local pharmacy or online. Then wash hair with ordinary shampoo and once rinsed, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do). Comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the tips. This usually takes about 10 minutes for short hair, but will take longer for longer, or curly hair. When you have finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time. Do this wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is lice free on day 17. Thank you all for taking the time to resolve this issue over the weekend.

Musician of the Month



This month we are studying Kate Bush in our music lessons. Kate Bush is an English singer, songwriter, musician, dancer and record producer. She is noted for her eclectic style, unconventional lyrics and innovative dance performances. Her sound and choreography have influenced a range of artists. She began writing songs and is most known for songs such as "Wuthering Heights" and "Running Up That Hill"

Vaping on site

Could we please remind all parents and visitors to school that vaping is not permitted on site. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Can we also please ask anyone walking to school with their dogs that they be aware that some children may be frightened of their pet. Could we please ask that if you have your dog with you, that you just step back from the gates so that children can walk past without getting too close. Again, thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Newsletters this term

We would like to inform you that this newsletter will be issued on a fortnightly basis from this point onwards.