



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Y2 hunting for microhabitats!

## Issue 6 2024-2025

### Term Dates for 2024-25

Term 1 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
 Term 2 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
 Term 3 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
 Term 4 – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
 Term 5 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
 Term 6 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### Staff Development Days for 2024-25

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

## Key Dates

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

PSA Film Night

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

PSA Own Clothes Day

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Flu vaccinations

Parent Consultations

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Individual and sibling photos

PSA Cake Sale

Last day of term

Dear Parent/Carer,

The hard work has continued across the school this week!

Our children in Reception have been learning all about Autumn. They have learnt about the four seasons and the changes that we see around us during Autumn time. They had great fun collecting Autumn treasures on their autumn walk on Tuesday and especially enjoyed the conker conga! I would be surprised if there were any more conkers left in our school grounds as they all appear to be in Acorn Class!

In Chestnut Class, they have been exploring microhabitats around the school. I think they found plenty of creepy-crawlies too!

Willow Class have been looking at formal and informal language in their writing lessons and in maths, they have been exchanging across the tens column. Our Year 3 students are getting really good at challenging themselves and asking questions about their learning in order to deepen their understanding.



Oak Class continue with their swimming lessons at Sevenoaks Leisure Centre. The teachers are extremely impressed with those that have developed in confidence and we are also pretty sure that we have some Olympic swimmers of the future! Beech Class are looking forward to their turn after the October break.



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### Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 96.94%

Pine – 97.22%

Chestnut – 94.17%

Willow – 98.89%

Elm – 98.05%

Beech – 95.28%

Oak – 96.67%

### Lateness

The number of “lates” recorded this week were as follows:

Acorn – 3

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech – 0

Oak – 2



In next week's episode we will feature what Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 have been up to!

Mrs Godbold and I ran our first New Entrants' meeting of the year on Wednesday afternoon for parents of children starting school in September 2025. Parents were very complimentary about our learning environments, extra curricular activities and our articulate and friendly children. May I remind parents that, should you have a sibling starting school next September, you must still apply for a place at the school via KCC. Applications open on 6<sup>th</sup> November and close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. We shall be running additional meetings during the Autumn term.

### Is my child too ill for school?

Parents are sometimes unsure whether or not their child should attend school due to illness. The NHS has provided this extremely useful document to help parents:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications

The online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2025 **are now open. Parents must apply by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at the latest.**

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places> Do let us know if you require any assistance with this and we will do our best to help you with the application process.

### Ofsted – Parent View

So many of you have taken the time to speak to me on the school gate to tell me how well your child is doing in school and how pleased you are. At some point, Ofsted will visit us and will want to hear the views of parents. Please take the time to record these here:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### Clubs

Please let the office know if your child(ren) won't be attending an after school activity as planned. The office staff can then amend the registers so that the club leader knows you won't be attending. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Coats

The Autumn weather is now upon us with darker mornings and evenings! Please could we ask that all children bring their coats to school and ensure that they are named. You'd be surprised how many are left in the dining hall each day and we'd love to return them to their owner – much quicker!

We hope the children enjoy the PSA film night, if they are going. Thank you to our PSA for giving up their time to organise this event for the children. See below for other exciting events that are planned.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss K Snow

Interim Head of School

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## PSA Update:

Thank you so much to the class reps that came to our meeting this week, it's great to see new faces and hear new ideas. Thank you also to the volunteers for 'Elf'ridges on 22nd November. Joye will be fully Elf'd up on the day and welcomes any supporting dressed up helpers!

## Dates for the diary

18th October Home Clothes day

25th October Spooky Cake sale

22nd November 'Elf'ridges

6th December Santas Grotto and fair

We will be collecting donations to 'Elf'ridges every Monday and Friday drop off and pickup.

Please look out for the PSA white buckets or hand to your rep or the PSA

Joanna Crisp – PTA Chair



## Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

**The Gold Cup was awarded to:** Max in Year 3

**Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:**

Year R – Isabella and Rufus

Year 1 - Jessica and Jude

Year 2 – Harry and Skye

Year 3 – Albert and Brooke

Year 4 – Oliver and Miles

Year 5 – Crystal and Edie

Year 6 – Molly and Annabel

Congratulations to all!

## Ightham Values

Caring

Respect

Responsibility

Tolerance

Aspiration

Honesty

## Ightham Vision

Pupils should leave Ightham School with their understanding deepened, their minds enriched, and their hearts inspired, so that they love learning and embrace the challenges of the future.



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