



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024



Harvest Donations – Thank-you!

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Term Dates for 2024-25

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

Staff Development Days for 2024-25

- Monday 4th November 2024
- Friday 20th December 2024
- Monday 2nd June 2025

Key Dates

Friday 11th October

PSA Film Night

Friday 18th October

PSA Own Clothes Day

Monday 21st October

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 23rd October

Flu vaccinations

Parent Consultations

Friday 25th October

Individual and sibling photos

PSA Cake Sale

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has been all about Harvest! The preparations culminated in 2 fantastic performances from Key Stage 2 on Thursday and our EYFS/Key Stage 1 children on Friday. Thank you to you all for coming along and supporting the children and to the staff for ensuring that the celebration went off without a hitch. Thank you also to everyone that has donated towards our harvest festival.

The children continue to be well focused and showing STAR behaviour. Going into classes to celebrate learning is my favourite time of the day! It has been particularly heart-warming to see the children celebrate each other's achievements. This is especially the case in Year 2 – well done Chestnut Class! Children are enjoying and throwing themselves into school life and this is clear to see around the school when I visit classrooms, the playground and lunchtimes. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you are concerned about anything. If they are aware of a worry – they can do something about it.

The Governors' 200 club draw took place last week. The winners are:

- 1st - Jeff Reading, £9.50
- 2nd - Julia Weller, £5.70
- 3rd - Caron Pullinger, £3.80

Congratulations and don't spend it all at once!

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Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows:

Acorn – 94.17%

Pine – 98.33%

Chestnut – 97.5%

Willow – 97.78%

Elm – 97.22%

Beech – 96.67%

Oak – 93.94%

Lateness

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

Acorn – 4

Pine – 0

Chestnut – 0

Willow – 0

Elm – 0

Beech - 0

Oak - 0



Mrs Black is still looking for helpers for the Ightham Gardening Committee. Please see separate flyer for more information.

General Messages:

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 is now open. Parents must apply by Thursday 31st 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 they won't be attending. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

After school supervision

We have had a couple of incidences where children have become separated from their parent/carer after the class teacher has dismissed them to their adult. I understand the playground can be busy but do keep an extra eye on them! Some balls, scooters and bikes are also creeping in. We ask that children don't play with balls or ride on scooters and bikes on the playground after school. This just keeps everyone safe and injury free!

I wish you all a wonderful weekend, hoping you are able to spend some special time as a family.

Miss K Snow

Interim Head of School

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Gold Cup and Head Teacher Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Fearne in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

- Year 1 – Carina and Felix
- Year 2 – Chloe and Isaac
- Year 3 – Elisa and Marcus
- Year 4 – Rufus and Lily
- Year 5 – Story and Oliver
- Year 6 – Olivia and Josh G

Congratulations to all!

Pupil Achievements

Well done to Fearne in Year 6 who competed in her first junior triathlon at Hever Castle and was the 6th girl in her age class out of 90!



Congratulations too, to Cordelia in Year 3 who took part in a dance festival in Sevenoaks winning several medals.



Finally, the winner of the Plaxtol Duck Race was Nevie in Year 3 who put in great effort in designing her duck.



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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