



# Ightham Primary School Newsletter

12th September 2025

## Reading

This week we've immersed ourselves in the joy and power of reading. Across all year groups, children have been diving into exciting new high-quality texts as part of their CUSP reading and writing lessons.

These texts are carefully chosen to spark curiosity, deepen understanding, and build a lifelong love of literature.

Within our classrooms there has been lots of talk about the books, whether it's exploring characters, discussing themes or making predictions, the children have shown incredible enthusiasm and engagement.

In addition to their lessons, children have had regular opportunities to visit our school library—a treasure trove of stories waiting to be discovered.

We're also proud of our amazing book corners, which continue to be a highlight for many pupils. These cosy, inviting spaces are perfect for curling up with a good book, sharing stories with friends, or simply taking a moment to enjoy the magic of reading.

Reading is one of the most powerful tools we can give our children. It supports language development, boosts imagination and lays the foundation for success across the curriculum.

We encourage you to continue this reading journey at home—whether it's a bedtime story, a weekend library visit, or simply chatting about what your child is reading at school.

Your support makes a huge difference. Thank you for being part of our reading adventure!

Warm regards,

Sue Earl





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### Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Tilly in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Pine Class - Talia and Rhys

Chestnut Class—Carina and Harley

Willow Class—Freddie and Jack

Elm Class—Olivia and Elisa

Beech Class—Teddy and Freddie

Oak Class— Arthur and Crystal

Congratulations to all!

### School Calendar

**Term 1:** 1st September – 17th October

**Term 2:** 27th October - 19th December

**Term 3:** 5th January – 13th February

**Term 4:** 23rd February – 2nd April

**Term 5:** 20th April – 22nd May

**Term 6:** 1st June – 21st July

**Inset Days:**

1st September 2025

2nd September 2025

3rd November 2025

19th December 2025

1st June 2026

### Princess Trust

We are incredibly proud of Kiki in Year 1, who made a truly selfless decision this week. After growing her hair long for quite some time, she bravely chose to have it cut and donated her beautiful locks to the Princess Trust. Her donation will help create a real hair wig for a little girl who has lost her hair—what a thoughtful and generous thing to do. Well done, Kiki!

Please click on the link if you wish to donate.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/kikis-hair-donation-to-the-princess-trust>





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## PSA

We are underway with planning the next few fundraising events for the next 2 terms.

7th October - Bags2school

10th October - Cake sale

17th October - Home clothes day 'TT Rockstars' theme or favourite musician

Wine-tasting event - Details TBC

Wreath making - TBC

Elfridges - Details TBC - please start putting new unwanted gifts aside for when we start collecting.

Any offers of help with or donations to events will be greatly appreciated.

Team PSA

## Upcoming dates

**2nd October** Harvest festival (KS2) – St. Peter's Church

**10th October** Individual and sibling photos

**13th October** Flu Immunisations

**13th and 15th October** Parent Consultations 3:45-7:00pm

**17th October** End of term

**27th October** Start of term

**27th October** Year 5 Mini Medics

**28th October** Year 5 Mini Medics

**3rd November** Inset day

**6th November** Year 5 swimming starts

**w/c 10th November** Anti-bullying week

**Attendance and Lateness** We are expecting attendance of 96% or above. The attendance for this week is:

Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School	National
N/A	100%	96.67%	99.44%	97.88%	98.15%	96.67%	98.14%	94.8%

A huge well done to Pine Class for their 100% attendance. It is important that the children attend school every day. If you unsure if your child is well enough to attend school, please look at the NHS guidance. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School
	N/A	2	0	0	1	2	1	6