

Ightham Primary School Newsletter 19th September 2025

This week

All of the children have been working incredibly hard to reach the top of our behaviour triangles, aiming for the Headteacher sticker and postcard home. It's been great to meet several pupils already and hear them talk so proudly about their learning. Their enthusiasm and effort are truly inspiring.

A special mention goes to Year 6, who enjoyed an inspiring day of musical fun at Ightham Mote, hosted by the team from Music @Malling Festival. Pupils created original music based on the theme "The Enchanted Garden", incorporating a medieval plainsong chant—learned in just one day! The Year 6 staff received positive feedback from visitors and festival staff, who were impressed by the children's welcoming spirit and friendly attitude throughout the day. Well done, Year 6!

We're also pleased to announce the dates for our Open Days for new entrants. If you or someone you know has a child due to start school in September 2025, please contact the school office to book a place on one of our school tours. We look forward to welcoming prospective families on the following dates:

Wednesday 8th October at 2:00pm

Tuesday 11th November at 9:30am

Monday 17th November at 2:00pm

Wednesday 26th November at 2:00pm

Friday 28th November at 9:30am

Wednesday 7th January at 9:30am

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting and productive term ahead.

Warm regards,

Sue Earl





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Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Heidi in Year 2

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Pine Class—Kiki and Bee

Chestnut Class—Elijah and Felix

Willow Class—Thea and Theo

Elm Class—Robin and Raphael

Beech Class—Oliver and Miles

Oak Class—Story and Edie

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

Parking

I understand that school drop off and pick up can be busy however I would like to remind you to be considerate to our neighbours ensuring that you do not restrict access to driveways.

I would also like to remind you that only parents with a parking permit can park in the driveway at drop off and pick up times.

Thank you for your understanding.

Instagram

I am pleased to announce that Ightham Primary School now has an Instagram account. Please click on this link to follow us.





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PSA

Dates for your diary

7th October - Bags2school

10th October - Cake sale

16th October - Wine tasting event @ Ightham Village Hall

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

12th December - Elfridges - 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

22nd September Rugby Festival (invitation only)

25th September Cross Country event (Invitation only)2nd October Harvest festival (KS2) – St. Peter's Church,9:15

3rd October Harvest Festival (KS1) School hall, 9:15

6th October Year 1 trip to Penshurst Place

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

17th October End of term

17th October TTRS Day

27th October Start of term

27th October Year 5 Mini Medics

28th October Year 5 Mini Medics

3rd November Inset day

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
100%	96.67%	97.22%	98.79%	95.83%	97.84%	94.17%	97.22%	94.8%

A huge well done to Willow, Elm and Beech classes for starting the term with 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/

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