



## Ightham Primary School Newsletter

5th September 2025

### Start of the Year

What a wonderful first week it's been! Thank you all for the incredibly warm welcome — it's been a joy getting to know you and your children. The atmosphere has been full of excitement and positivity, and it's clear we're off to a fantastic start.

A special shout-out to Maple, who has been thoroughly enjoying her celebrity status around the school — she's certainly made a few new fans!

We're delighted to introduce Mrs Hargrove, our newest member of the teaching team, who has joined Willow Class. The children have embraced her arrival with warmth and enthusiasm, and we encourage parents to say hello and get to know her over the coming weeks.

It's been heartwarming to see all the children back in school, looking impeccably turned out in their new uniforms — they look absolutely fantastic! They've settled seamlessly into their new classes and have made a fabulous start with their Learning to Learn activities.

Each class has also established a Class Vision, which will guide us throughout the year, reminding the children of the values and expectations we uphold together.

A very special welcome to our new Reception children! It was a joy to unveil the newly renovated outdoor area, featuring bright canopies, a sandpit, stage, water feature, and more. Huge thanks to The Pioneer Academy for funding this exciting transformation.

Thank you once again for your support and kindness — it's truly appreciated. Here's to a brilliant year ahead!

Warm regards,  
Sue Earl





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### School Responsibilities

#### School Ambassadors:

Poppy M and Poppy P

#### House Captains and Vice Captains:

**Chartwell**—Ellis (C) and Coralie (VC)

**Knole**—Flo (C) and Enzo (VC)

**Mote**—Poppy B (C) and Tripp (VC)

**Oldbury**—Poppy W (C) and Story (VC)

#### Sports Ambassadors:

Oliver and Luna

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

### Pioneers

We would like to introduce class pioneers to the schools. The classes will delve into the remarkable lives and achievements of their pioneers, exploring how each pioneer serves as a role model and shows the school values. The pioneers need to be remarkable individuals with notable qualities. We would be grateful for your suggestions by Tuesday 9th September. We are looking for a range of people with different backgrounds, ethnicities, genders and qualities. It would be great to draw on individuals who are or have been in the local area and they do not need to still be alive. We look forward to receiving your suggestions.

### Behaviour Policy

As you are aware, we have introduced a new Behaviour Policy which has been well received by all the children. In order for you to have an understanding of the policy you are invited to a parent workshop on Tuesday 9th September at 9am.



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## PSA

Welcome back!

We will be opening the Second hand Uniform shop after drop off every Friday in the annexe next to skips. Please do visit and donations welcome.

Next Bags2school is October 7th.

One of the school's TA and parent, Mrs Saisi, has been training throughout the summer for her first half marathon in Windsor on Sunday 28th September. She is raising money for our school PSA and would greatly appreciate any support you can manage in her fundraising efforts.

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/lorna-s-windsor-half-marathon>

## Upcoming dates

**8th September** After School Clubs start

**9th September** Parent Behaviour Policy Workshop, 9:00am

**9th September** Meet the teacher sessions, 3:30 and 4:15pm (Years R, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6)

**10th September** Meet the teacher, 3:30 (Year 3 only)

**11th September** Year 4 Swimming Lessons start

**11th September** Kent selection tests

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

**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

**Attendance and Lateness** We are expecting attendance of 96% or above. The attendance for the week commencing 1st September 2025 is:

Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School	National
N/A	99.44%	96.51%	100%	100%	100%	99.17%	99.19%	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/>

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