



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

12th December 2025

This week



Our choir had the wonderful opportunity to sing at the community coffee morning held at St Peter's Church. The children's beautiful singing



brought smiles to the faces of many community members. They then continued to shine with a performance at Ightham Mote. I am incredibly proud of the choir's enthusiasm and how well they represented our school.

The Key Stage 1 nativity, Children of the World, was a great success. The room was filled with Christmas spirit, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house as the children performed with great enthusiasm, beautifully dressed for the occasion. A huge thank you to all the staff involved, especially Mrs Ball and Mrs Johnson.



This week Acorn Class have continued to learn about Christmas and how this is celebrated. Our cheeky elf has been up to mischief which has led us to think about how we can make kind choices and how we can be a good friend. It has been lovely to see how kind and caring the children have been as a result this week!

Year 1 have been learning about a famous Aesop's fable, exploring seasonal poetry, and investigating 2D and 3D shapes. The children have become confident users of the Purple Mash programmes and have been reflecting on what they are grateful for as the festive season approaches. Year 2 have continued their work on shapes, focusing on symmetry in



2D shapes. They have also enjoyed the story The Christmas Pine, which encouraged thoughtful discussions about emotions. Year 3's highlight this week was a memorable trip to Canterbury. Back in class, they have been working on multiplication and division (3, 4, and 8 times tables), writing historical narratives with dialogue about the Great Fire of London, exploring the UK's



longest, highest, and deepest physical features in Geography, and preparing to make seasonal tarts in DT. Year 4 have been mastering their 11 and 12 times tables in Maths. They have thoroughly enjoyed reading The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, which sparked thoughtful discussions about honesty and whether it is ever right to lie. Their forest school sessions have been a hit, with the children successfully lighting a fire and cooking hotdogs.



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Year 5 hosted a lovely community afternoon at St Peter's Church. It was heartwarming to see the children engaging with their guests and creating Christmas cards that were gratefully received. At the end of the afternoon



Year 6 have been busy with their design and technology unit, working on waistcoat designs. In RE, they have been exploring Christian ideas about the Messiah, and in Geography, they investigated the relationship between New York State and New York City. On Friday, they recreated a simulation demonstrating how adaptations over time helped the peppered moth survive.

Best wishes, Ms Earl

School Uniform

I am becoming increasingly aware that some pupils are coming to school wearing leggings, tracksuit bottoms, and brightly coloured trainers on non-PE days. I would like to kindly remind everyone of our school uniform expectations to help maintain a consistent and positive school ethos.

PE Uniform (to be worn only on PE and Forest School days):

Black or burgundy shorts or tracksuit bottoms, burgundy jumper or hoodie, white polo shirt and plain white or black trainers

School Uniform (to be worn on all other days):

Grey trousers, shorts, skirt, or pinafore, burgundy jumper or cardigan, white shirt or polo shirt and black school shoes or plain black trainers

I am incredibly proud of the children's excellent behaviour and engagement with their learning. Part of this pride comes from how they represent our school, and wearing the correct uniform is an important part of that. It reflects our school values and helps foster a sense of belonging and respect. Please refer to the full school uniform policy, which is available on the school website. Thank you for your continued support.



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PSA

Many thanks for all your generous donations towards Elf'ridges today, the children had a lovely time choosing gifts for their loved ones. Thank you to all the helpers too for the fabulous wrapping.

Please grab your raffle tickets at school pick up from one of us if you haven't already.

Our AGM will be held at 2pm in the school hall on 29th January 2026. All are invited. See you at the school Christmas dinner next week. Team PSA

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

The term dates for 2026-2027 are now available on the school website.

Parking

We kindly ask for your consideration when parking near the school to ensure we maintain good relationships with our neighbours and keep everyone safe.

Please remember to:

- Park considerately, avoiding blocking driveways or parking in ways that prevent residents from leaving their homes.
- Leave clear access for emergency vehicles and larger vehicles at all times.
- Use the one-way system when dropping off your child at the top entrance.
- Keep your speed low on the lane to ensure the safety of families and children walking in the area.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe and respectful.

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
12	26	16	16

The winning House this week was Chartwell.

Chartwell are the overall winners for the term so will have own clothes on Friday 9th January. Well done to everyone in Chartwell.



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Awards and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Poppy W in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class— Rosie and Marley

Pine Class—Jake and Ethan

Chestnut Class—Joseph and Grace

Willow Class—Arlo and Emily

Elm Class— Jack and Annabelle

Beech Class—Sofia and Nevie

Oak Class –Poppy M and Kaiden

Maple Ready Award was presented to Elm Class.

Congratulations to all!

Upcoming dates

16th December Family Christmas Dinner, 5-7pm

17th December Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day

17th December Carols in the Square, 7pm

18th December KS2 Christmas Church Service, 2pm

19th December Inset Day

5th January Term starts

6th January Years R, 2 and 4 Space Dome visit

13th January Year 6 Magistrates Talk

15th January Year 2 start swimming

20th January Community afternoon hosted by Year 3

2nd - 6th February National Storytelling Week

10th February Safer Internet Day

13th February Last day of term

23rd February Term starts

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
93.06%	95.83%	97.78%	96.3%	94.44%	95.37%	95.83%	95.52%	95.3%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School
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