



## Ightham Primary School Newsletter

19th December 2025

### This week



What a wonderful and busy week we have had at Ightham Primary School! It was a joy to welcome so many families to our Christmas dinner and festive evening. The delicious meal, Christmas quiz, and the special visit from Santa, who kindly handed out gifts to every child, made the event magical. Everyone had a fabulous time celebrating together.

The excitement continued with our whole-school Christmas lunch. The hall was filled with the cheerful sounds of crackers popping and festive music, creating a perfect atmosphere for the children to enjoy their meal.

Throughout the week, the children have also been busy with creative Christmas activities and crafts, adding to the festive spirit across the school.



I can hardly believe how quickly the autumn term has flown by! Since starting in September, I have thoroughly enjoyed becoming part of the Ightham community, getting to know the children and families, and witnessing the many amazing achievements and events that have taken place. It has certainly been a busy and rewarding term.

I wish you all a joyful and restful Christmas break with your families, and I look forward to welcoming the children back in the new year, ready for more exciting learning.

Best wishes

Ms Earl





**PSA**

What a fantastic last week of term.

With all your generous donations, we have raised just over £1,600 at Elf'ridges and just over £750 in the Christmas. You have all been amazing

Prize winners for Christmas Raffle:

- \*Gift vouchers for images unlimited photoshoot - Natalie Parker, Stephanie Gunson, Chantelle Dodge
- \*£50 gift voucher for the Bell pub in Kemsing. - Josie Andrade
- \*Facial at Body&Soul £35 - Jessica Kennedy
- \*BioGel nails from Beauty by Ann - Anna Williams
- \*Gift voucher from The body fixer by Wendy - Russ Williams
- \*Box of sweets donated by Mrs Standen - Elli Bournat
- \*lego hamper donated by bricks for kids - Kirsty Harrower
- \*Beginner ride at Inspire me - Vicki Black
- \*£20 gift voucher for Polehill garden centre - Chloé (Lucy's sister)
- \*Hutch Deli hamper - Katie Cox
- \*Set of WiFi plugs donated by Jeff Reading - Kinga Abbeker
- \* Bat&Ball Sports voucher- Natalie Adams
- \* Bat&Ball Sports festive rugby ball - Rachel Black
- \*Chloetherepys reflexology voucher for - Jaimie Booker

Date for the diary - PSA AGM will be held at 2pm in the school hall on 29th January 2026. All are invited.

Have an amazing Christmas and see you in the new year. Team PSA

**Awards and Certificates**

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Evren in Year 5

The Courtesy Cup was awarded to: Story in Year 6

The Endeavour Award was awarded to: Poppy P in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

- Acorn Class— Grace and Maya
- Pine Class—Indie and Sonny
- Chestnut Class—Rory and Jessica
- Willow Class—Eliza and Ezra
- Elm Class—Gracie and Amelie
- Beech Class—Theo and Ophelia
- Oak Class—Willow and Luna

Maple Ready Award was presented to Acorn Class.

**House Points**

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
13	30	19	18

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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## 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

## Upcoming dates

**5th January** Term starts

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

**7th January** New Entrants open event

**13th January** Year 6 Magistrates Talk

**15th January** Year 2 swimming starts

**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

**25th February** Year 4 Roman Day

**26th February** Year 3 swimming starts

**26th February** Year 4 Ightham Mote Partnership gardening afternoon

**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
95.88%	90.56%	97.5%	92.78%	94.44%	94.14%	96.39%	94.53%	95.3%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole
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