



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

21st November 2025

This week

Last week, our newsletter was taken over by the fantastic fundraising efforts for Children in Need, raising an impressive total of £671. Well done to everyone involved!



This week, we would like to take a moment to recognise Remembrance Day. Our school Ambassadors, Arthur and Poppy, represented Ightham Primary at the remembrance service at the war memorial, where they respectfully laid a wreath on behalf of our school community.

We also have lots of class news. Oak Class began their new Design and Technology unit on textiles. In Geography, they explored the United States of America, learning about the 50 states. On Thursday, the children developed their batting and bowling skills in PE before enjoying a competitive game. They also deepened their understanding of Evolution and Inheritance by studying how plants adapt to survive in their habitats. Lots of great learning.

In Willow Class, in their music lesson where the children created sound effects to accompany scenes from a short animated film. This creative work supports their listening and performance skills.

In Chestnut Class, the children have been busy sequencing their own stories inspired by Paddington Bear's mishaps. In spelling, they have been exploring homophones, helping to build their understanding of word meanings and sounds.

Continuing with our Geography theme from last week, the children in Pine Class, used an aerial map of the school to identify different locations around the grounds. During their walk, they left pictures of animals for others to find, combining map skills with a fun scavenger hunt.

In Acorn Class, the children wrote special invitations for their parents to come and watch their Christmas show. They then enjoyed a walk into the village to post these invitations, practising their writing and community skills.



We look forward to sharing more exciting learning experiences with you next week.

Best wished, Ms Earl



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Awards and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Hannah in Year 3

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class—Freddie

Pine Class—Primrose and Auburn

Chestnut Class— Arthur H and Romey

Willow Class— Yasmine and Luke

Elm Class—Millie and Amelia

Beech Class—Gabriel and Olly

Oak Class—Jeannie and Tripp

Maple Ready Award was presented to Oak Class.

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

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

Carols in the Square

The Parish Council warmly invite friends and families of all ages to come together for a festive evening of carol singing on Wednesday 17th December at 7pm in the village square.

Wrap up warmly, bring your festive spirit, and perhaps enjoy a cosy drink at the George & Dragon beforehand. It's a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of the season and sing your favourite carols with the community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
7	14	9	10

The winning House this week was Oldbury. Well done !



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PSA

Reminder that we will be collecting donations for Elf'ridges every Friday morning, please look out for the PSA buckets in the carpark. We need new and unopened gifts for all ages, in date boxes of chocolates and biscuits, no alcohol please.

We are also looking for volunteers to help for an hour or 2 on 12th December during the day. If you can help please let your class rep know.

Also if you sign up to the Governors' 200 Club before the end of term you will be in with a chance of winning DOUBLE MONEY in their December draw! Reps will send out the forms.

Many thanks

Team PSA

Upcoming dates

25th November Community Afternoon hosted by Oak Class

26th November New Entrants Open Event, 2:00pm

28th November New Entrants Open Event, 9:30am

2nd December Year R and 6 Height and weight Measurements

3rd December Year R Christmas Performance , 2:30pm

8th December Year 3 trip to Canterbury Cathedral

10th December KS1 Nativity, 2:00pm

11th December KS1 Nativity, 9:15am

11th December Community Afternoon hosted by Beech Class

12th December Elfridges

16th December Family Christmas Dinner, 5-7pm

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
98.9%	95.6%	97.8%	99.4%	97.5%	94.4%	96.4%	97.1%	95.4%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole
	6	2	0	3	1	1	4	17

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