



## Ightham Primary School Newsletter

28th November 2025

### This week

Christmas is certainly underway at Ightham! Our children have been rehearsing enthusiastically for the upcoming Nativity, Carol Concert, and Church Service. We look forward to sharing these special moments with you soon.

This week, Acorn Class have been exploring the change in weather as we move towards winter. They have enjoyed learning about animals that hibernate and have had great fun building their own homes and shelters for these animals in their outdoor area.

Pine Class have been doing some fantastic writing inspired by The Storm Whale, focusing on story sequencing and the use of connectives to improve their storytelling.

In English, Chestnut Class have been writing formal invitations, developing their use of persuasive language. In Science, they have been investigating materials and how they change through different processes.

Willow Class have been taste-testing seasonal vegetables in preparation for making a delicious seasonal tart in Design and Technology. In English, they have been writing dialogue within a historical narrative.

Elm Class have been learning about the seasons in French and continuing their geography work with a focus on Ordnance Survey map symbols. In English, they are writing third-person adventure stories involving journeys to solve the problem in the story.

Beech Class have been writing balanced arguments on endangered species, paying particular attention to the use of modal verbs.

Oak Class have started an exciting textiles unit in Design and Technology where they are planning to make waistcoats. In English, they have been writing newspapers, and in Maths, they have been working hard to master subtraction of fractions.

A big congratulations to our football team who won their match against Shoreham this week—well done to all involved!

We look forward to sharing more exciting learning and events with you in the coming weeks.

Best wishes, Ms Earl





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## PSA

Reminder that we will be collecting donations for Elf'ridges every morning, please look out for the PSA buckets in the carpark /drop into the school office or use the link for the Elf'ridges Amazon wish list.

The PSA are running a raffle along side the schools Christmas Dinner. Please look out for Christmas hats at pickup and purchase some tickets! Prizes include;

- \*Gift vouchers for a photoshoot by 'Images Unlimited' worth £170
- \*£50 gift voucher for the Bell pub in Kemsing.
- \*Facial at Body&Soul
- \*BioGel nails from Beauty by Ann
- \*Indian Head Massage or Reflexology by Chloetherapies
- \*Beginner ride at Inspire me - worth £30.
- \*£25 gift voucher for Bat&Ball Sports and a festive rugby ball.
- \*Hamper from the Hutch
- \*£20 gift voucher for Polehill garden centre.

Many thanks to all the donators of raffle prizes and Elf'ridges gifts .

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.

## House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
9	18	10	13

The winning House this week was Chartwell. Well done !



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## Awards and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Milo in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class—Phoebe and Riley

Pine Class—Jasper and Alexei

Chestnut Class—Joseph and Reuben

Willow Class—Alba and Bertie

Elm Class— Albert and Alba

Beech Class—Joshua and Rufus

Oak Class—Philip and Coralie

Maple Ready Award was presented to Willow Class.

Congratulations to all!

## Upcoming dates

**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

**10th December** Choir to St Peter's & Ightham Mote

**11th December** KS1 Nativity, 9:15am

**11th December** Community Afternoon hosted by Beech Class

**12th December** Elfridges

**16th December** Family Christmas Dinner, 5-7pm

**17th December** Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day

**17th December** Carols in the Square, 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
96.67%	93.33%	95.56%	99.44%	98.89%	97.53%	96.67%	96.87%	95.4%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole
	4	2	0	3	0	0	0	9

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