



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

5th December 2025

This week



Christmas has arrived at Ightham Primary School! We had a lovely Christmas tree assembly on Monday when all the children placed decorations on the tree while singing festive songs and listening to a story about a Christmas Tree. The tree looks absolutely amazing, and we are very grateful to Greenacres for their kind donation of the tree as well as vouchers for all the families.

Acorn Class performed their Christmas Show to parents this week.

The children had lots of fun learning the songs, and it was wonderful to see their confidence shine on stage!

In Pine Class, the children have been learning to use number lines to further develop their subtraction skills within 10. Meanwhile, Chestnut Class have been exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in Maths. In English, they have been thinking about the use of adjectives in poetry, and in Science, they are investigating materials with a focus on elasticity and absorption.



Willow Class have been busy composing a soundtrack for a short animation in Music. In PSHE, they learned about train safety ahead of their upcoming trip. Yesterday they enjoyed cricket training in the classroom, and this afternoon they will be learning to cut, peel, and grate in DT. In Maths, they have been working on the 3x table, and in English, they have been pretending to be notable figures from the Great Fire of London, orally creating dialogue before writing it down with the correct punctuation.

Elm Class have been inspired by their class novel, *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*, to



create beautiful jungle paintings. They have learned about different brush strokes and painted still life using a variety of tropical houseplants. The children also brought in jungle animals to create a jungle scene, which they then photographed.



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Beech Class enjoyed debating the question, “Should primary school children be given homework?” They will now use their skills to write a balanced argument representing both sides equally. This week marked their final swimming lesson, and the children were amazing—it has been wonderful staff to watch their progress over the last five weeks. In Maths, they have been mastering square and cube numbers, ensuring they understand what the notation requires them to do.

In Oak Class, the children have been learning how to maintain a formal tone when writing news reports, continued practising subtraction with mixed numbers, and in Geography, they studied the location and physical and human features of the Rockies in North America.

Just a reminder that tickets are available for the Key Stage 1 Nativity, Children of the World. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes,

Ms Earl

Lockdown

I would like to inform you that at some time next week we will be practising our lockdown procedures. A school lockdown may be activated in response to an intruder, community disturbance or warnings received from the Local Authority. It is essential that all children are familiar with the routine in the unlikely event of an incident leading to a lockdown. I thought I should share this with you as it is an unusual situation and your child may want to talk about the likelihood of a lockdown actually happening. We have explained the lockdown procedure to the children in an assembly today and will of course provide reassurance and answer questions in school. Please contact us should you have any concerns regarding this.



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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

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.

November Draw

The winners of the November draw are;

1st - Ann O'Sullivan, £9.00

2nd - Joanna Crisp, £5.40

3rd - Julia Weller, £3.60

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
10	22	13	15

The winning House this week was Chartwell. Well done !



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Awards and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Reggie in Year 1

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class—Edie and Mats

Pine Class—Adrianna and Elsie

Chestnut Class—Jude and Grayson

Willow Class—Freddie P and Margot

Elm Class— Arlo and Joelle

Beech Class Elizabeth and Kit

Oak Class—Lily and Bella

Maple Ready Award was presented to Elm Class.

Congratulations to all!

Upcoming dates

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

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

Attendance and Lateness We are expecting attendance of 96% or above. The attendance for this week is:

It is important that the children attend school every day. If you are 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/>

Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School	National
96.11%	95.28%	97.78%	98.33%	97.22%	96.6%	97.78%	97.01%	95.4%

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