



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

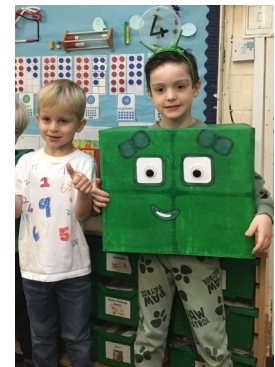
6th February 2026

This week

What a busy and exciting Week at Ightham Primary! This week, the whole school has thoroughly enjoyed celebrating National Storytelling Week. Our special assembly featuring Ferdinand the Bull, accompanied by beautiful music from Mrs Roff, was truly inspiring. It sparked creativity and enthusiasm among the children, who took part in a range of storytelling activities across all classes. A heartfelt thank you to the parents who generously gave their time to come into school and share their own tales—your involvement made the week even more memorable!

Our football team also had an exciting league match this week. The players demonstrated great skill, determination, and excellent teamwork. Although they didn't secure a win this time, their effort and sportsmanship were outstanding. Well done, team—we are proud of you!

We also had a fantastic time celebrating Number Day, with children and staff dressing up in some amazing costumes. Thank you to all the families for your creativity and enthusiasm in embracing the day. The children enjoyed a variety of fun, maths-themed activities, and together we raised an impressive amount for the NSPCC—thank you for your generous support!



Acorn Class

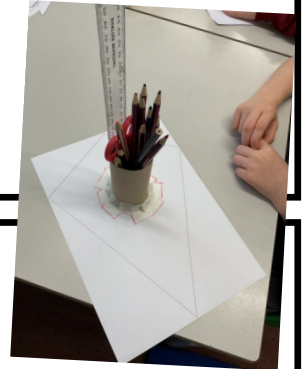
We have had a very imaginative week this week! We all became story tellers and told our own versions of the story 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. The children imagine Daddy Bear becoming 'Astro Ted' who explored space looking for the perfect planet to sleep on. We also had a very fun 'Number Day'! We made our own Numberblocks and went for a number hunt around the school.

6th February 2026



Pine Class

The story telling assembly inspired us to write beautiful recounts of the story we heard. We joined many schools for a webinar session with the author Annemarie Anang inspired by picture book I am Neferftiti . We loved adding various sounds to soundtrack her story. We have also thoroughly enjoyed having parents coming into share stories with us throughout the week. We finished the week with a bang by having a visit from JawsNClaws to see the children. He had various mammals, reptiles and amphibians to show us which supported our animals including human's topic.



Chestnut Class

In Year 2 we were lucky to have some parent 'story tellers' visit us in our class. The children were completely engaged and it was so lovely as teachers and TAs to be able to watch this. We learned a lot too! There was great excitement as we made our pencil pots in design and technology and enthusiasm when we discussed why Scott was first to the South Pole. The children equally enjoyed make up pretend parties to write invitations for.



Willow Class

In history this week year 3 have been learning about the Gods and myths of Ancient Greece, using them to inspire our own short myths, whilst in RE we looked at the features and often stunning features of different mosques around the world, learning what they are all used for. In maths we have been continued our learning in measurements and we have been preparing to write a non-chronological report on Sevenoaks in English. Meanwhile in art we have been using the work of Max Ernst as inspiration for some



6th February 2026

Elm Class

We have been enjoying National Storytelling Week with several parents coming into the classroom to read their favourite tales. During our live web event, we learnt that 'rap' stands for 'rhythm and poetry' and we were inspired to write and perform our own raps.

In Science we have been exploring the water cycle and have been using some tricky new vocabulary. We have been practising our cross stitch and running stitch to embellish fabrics with applique.

Beech Class

The children have been busy creating raps, inspired by Tuesday's online workshop by Alim Kamara.

Year 5 started a new topic in Science - Earth and Space. We learnt the names of the planets, some interesting facts about them by interviewing each other with the help of fact files. The children were also full of inquisitive questions like "Are all eight planets ever all in line in their orbits?"

In RE, we continued our study of Judaism by looking at the dietary rules Jewish people follow and why, leading us to create our own kosher menu.

Today, the children have fully embraced Number Day, and we have had a lot of fun partaking in mental challenges and strategic games.

Oak Class

This week, Year 6 have begun learning how to write adventure stories with greater complexity, focusing on building tension and developing rich settings. In Maths, we have been exploring the equivalence between fractions and decimals, strengthening pupils' confidence in switching between the two. Our PSHE lessons have centred on healthy lifestyles and the impact social media can have on both physical and mental health. We also enjoyed Forest School and were delighted to welcome a guest storyteller—thank you to Mrs Martyn—for a wonderful session on Monday as part of National Storytelling Week.



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

6th February 2026

PSA

Dates for the diary

11th Feb - PSA Meeting (George & Dragon Ightham 7.30pm)

13th Feb - Wear Red for Valentines & Cake sale

25th Feb - Bags2school

We are urgently looking for parents/carers from KS1 to join the PSA committee to ensure each year group has a voice and vote on PSA matters and spending.

Could you give up a couple of hours, once a month to come to PSA meetings? We meet roughly 8 times a year.

If you would like to come to a meeting and see if it floats your boat then please email chair@ighthampsa.com

ATB

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

Parish Council

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Ightham Parish Council.

It would be great to have a parent representative?

If you are interested and would like further details contact: ighthamclerk@gmail.com

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
12	16	17	8

The winning Houses this week were Chartwell and Knole.

Well done!



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

6th February 2026

Awards and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to: Bee in Year 1

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class—Maya and Katya

Pine Class—Ophelia B and Primrose

Chestnut Class—Harry and Jessica

Willow Class—Eliza and Skye

Elm Class—Penelope and Florence

Beech Class—Zac and Alex

Oak Class –Poppy W and Crystal

Maple Ready Award was presented to Acorn Class .

Congratulations to all!

Upcoming dates

10th February Safer Internet Day

11th February Year 3 Class trip

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

3rd March Year 5 Viking Day

6th March Ightham Book Day

10th March Community afternoon hosted by Year 1

20th March Year 1 class trip

23rd and 24th March Parent Consultations

24th March Year 5 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
97.22%	91.67%	96.55%	97.5%	94.55%	96.3%	99.44%	96.18%	95.3%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School
	5	4	0	2	1	0	1	13

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