



This Week

What a fabulous end to another busy week of learning!

Firstly, I am very proud of our Year 6 children who completed their SATs this week. They approached the tests with maturity, determination and resilience, and they should be very proud of themselves.

Our highlight of the week was Break the Rules Day — the children loved it! There were lots of smiles as they swapped seats, enjoyed snacks in class, came in non-uniform, wore nail varnish and colourful hair accessories, and had juice in their bottles. It was a joyful day that everyone enjoyed despite have a disruptive 'new student' in their classes who moved down the Behaviour Triangle a lot! The staff all got glittered 'Florence'd' as well! I am sure the children will tell you all about it.

Congratulations to our pupils with weekend successes:

Emily (Year 3) — 1st place at The Weald Gymnastics Club competition. Brilliant achievement!

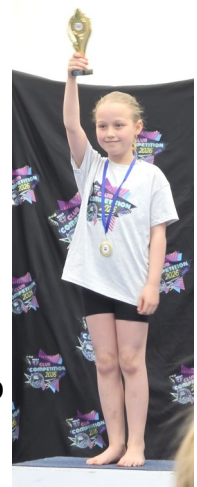
Milo and Gabe (Year 5) — completed the muddy 3 km "Nuclear Races". Milo is particularly pleased having doubled his distance from last year.

Well done to all three — you are fantastic ambassadors for Ightham.

Looking ahead, we are excited for Science Week next week. All children will become young scientists, explorers, gardeners and wildlife experts as we take learning outdoors.

Activities will include allotment projects, planting and growing investigations, exploring animal habitats, and learning about the importance of trees, plants and wildlife. Expect a week full of hands-on learning and memorable experiences.

Best wishes, Ms Earl





15th May 2026

IGHTHAM WIG WALK to celebrate Caron Pullinger Saturday 23rd May • Starts 2-3pm



TO RAISE
MONEY FOR

BREAST
CANCER
NOW

5k or 10k Walk around Ightham
(optional) whilst wearing a wig!

A fun afternoon of wig-wearing,
local walking, pizza partying
and fundraising all in honour of
raising a drink to Caron

Bring your own drinks and picnic
food to celebrate afterwards
Pizzas will be available to
purchase from the Red Pizza Van
from 4 till 5:30pm

Start in Ightham Park to sign in
and make a recommended
donation to the charity of £5pp



SCAN TO MAKE
A DONATION TO OUR
JUST GIVING PAGE FOR
BREAST CANCER NOW

We hope you can join us for the Wig Walk to raise money for Breast Cancer or scan the QR code to donate to the Just Giving Page. Thank you.

Acorn Class

We have had a very imaginative week this week which has been inspired by our book, 'Where the Wild Things Are'. The children have use illustrations from the book to design their own 'Wild Things' and we then used new vocabulary to describe our creatures. The children 'wowed' us by using words such as fierce, gnashed, jagged and knobbly after talking about our designs as a class. In maths we have learnt about to use 2D shapes for a purpose. We explored the properties of 2D shapes and then decided which would be best to use when making certain pictures, for example, a triangle is a good shape for the roof of a house. Our class caterpillars are all a chrysalis now and we are checking carefully everyday to see if they have emerged as a butterfly!



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Pine Class

This week, Pine Class have continued their work on multiplication and division, focusing on arrays and understanding how many groups there are and how many are in each group. In English, we revisited setting descriptions and explored a range of exciting vocabulary to help bring our settings to life. In History, we continued our studies of Christopher Columbus and worked on ordering key events from his life on a timeline. In Science, we have been learning about the structure of plants and have taken a close look at the important role of roots. In Music, we learnt about pitch, while in Computing the children enjoyed getting stuck into some challenging coding activities and reading different pieces of computing code. We cannot wait to go pond dipping next week.

Chestnut Class

The children have been getting to grips with fractions this week and learning about halves, quarters and thirds. This has involved a lot of discussion about pizza and cake and the importance of equal parts! The children have been learning about Fantastically Great Women and explored texts all about Mary Anning, Rosa Parks and Mary Seacole. In DT we carried out a survey to help decide on the final design for their fairground wheels, before adding colour to the wheels next week. The children have been really lucky to have experienced cricket this term with the very talented Mr. Marshall and it always a popular part of the week. We have been discussing sources of income in PSHE and the children thought that the tooth fairy could be a good source of income!

Willow Class

Year 3 have enjoyed another busy week of learning. In Maths, the children have moved on to learning about time, starting with learning the roman numerals we may find on a clock and then working on telling the time to five minutes. We published our exciting stories about predators and prey, in English, before beginning our unit on poetry based on the theme of emotion. In RE, the class explored the Christian duty of stewardship and discussed how everyone can help care for the world around us. During History, we compared education in Tudor times with school life today. In Music, pupils revisited the recorder notes they have learned and developed their confidence performing with their voices. Year 3 have started doing Mastering Number and our first two sessions have been very interesting, the first was led by Mrs Johnson and the second ... well, ask your child about the second!



Elm Class

It has been a busy week in Year 4! The children are loving our class text, 'The boy at the back of the Class' and we have had some very interesting conversations about the plight of refugees and the reasons why some people have to flee their homes. The story is getting very exciting and we are looking forward to reading more next week. In English, we have been continuing to practise the skills needed for our third person adventure story. We have punctuated dialogue, thought about reporting clauses and used adverbials in a rescue narrative. In Science, we have been exploring our teeth and we had a delicious Science lesson, trying to work out the jobs of our canines, incisors, pre-molars and molars as we worked our way through some crusty bread, an apple and banana! In History, we have been thinking about key historical times in Ightham and put them in chronological order.

Beech Class

This week, Beech class has completed the maths unit on Shape, becoming proficient in classifying and estimating angles and using this knowledge to correctly use a protractor, whilst measuring and drawing angles accurately. 'Secrets of a Sun King' is proving to be a real 'cliff hanger' of a book, which the children are thoroughly enjoying. They have all made fantastic progress in using effective intonation when they read aloud. Our history unit on Vikings has finally come to an end today – the children have embraced this topic with enthusiasm and a thirst for knowledge, which has been wonderful to see. Everyone in the class has worked so hard this week, learning and practising our new handwriting font. We enjoyed planting our sunflower seeds and are eagerly observing them as they germinate – thank you to Mrs Pearson for helping us.

Oak Class

This week, Oak Class showed fantastic determination as they completed their SATs. They worked incredibly hard throughout, demonstrating resilience and a positive attitude. Despite a busy testing schedule, the children also enjoyed some variety in their week, fitting in Geography, swimming and Athletics. We are very proud of their efforts and commitment—well done, Oak Class!



PSA

Thank you for all the donations for rules broken today. The collection pot is still open if you haven't yet donated and want to. I'm sure your children will tell you all about Ms Earl in class today!

A reminder - every Friday at drop off, we will collect donations towards the summer fair. We will be collecting clean and good conditioned soft toys, In date bottles of alcohol, Unopened and unused gifts. If you have Access to any larger prizes that we could use on our raffle, those would be greatly appreciated too.

Upcoming events

19th May - PSA meeting - George & Dragon 7.30pm

3rd June - Bags2school

12th June - Home clothes day for bottle donations.

26th June - Home clothes day for bottle donations.

3rd July or 17th July - Cake sale at sports day - donations welcome.

11th July - Ightham Summer Fair - please email the chair if you can help run a stall on the day.

We are urgently looking for a new PSA Chair in order to provide good continuity for the PSA.

If you would like to come to a meeting and see if it floats your boat then please email chair@ighthampta.com or just turn up!

Team PSA

Awards and Certificates

The **Gold Cup** was awarded to:

Teddy in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class— Maya and Navy

Pine Class— Teddy and Cleo

Chestnut Class— Joseph and Nia

Willow Class— Aiden and Emily

Elm Class— Joelle and Oliver

Beech Class— Freddie and Nevie

Oak Class— The whole class!

Maple Ready Award was presented to Year 4

Congratulations to all!

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
13	6	14	7

The winners this week were Knole.

Well done!



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

15th May 2026

School Calendar

2025-2026

Term 5: 20th April – 22nd May

Term 6: 1st June – 21st July

Inset Day:

1st June 2026

2026-2027

Term 1: 1st September-19th October

Term 2: 2nd November—18th December

Term 3: 4th January— 12th February

Term 4: 22nd February—25th March

Term 5: 12th April—28th May

Term 6: 7th June—23rd July

Upcoming dates

18th—22nd May Science Week

19th May Year 6 trip to The Science Museum

20th May Year R trip to The Rare Breeds Centre

22nd May Year 5 trip to Herstmonceux

22nd May Evening Bat Walk

22nd May Last day of term

1st June Inset Day

2nd June Year 6 Ightham Mote Partnership gardening afternoon

3rd June Year 6 Safety in Action

4th June Year 2 class trip

5th June Class photos

9th June Year 2 Community Afternoon

10th June Year 6 Police Workshop

11th June Year 1 swimming starts

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%	93.4%	98.3%	96.9%	96.1%	98.8%	99.7%	97.3%	94.9%

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