



Tuesday 11th November 2025

School Newsletter, November

Dear Families,

Welcome back, everyone! I can hardly believe we're already in the second week of November. Time is flying by and school life is as busy as ever. Our choir is hard at work rehearsing for their upcoming Christmas performances, including the exciting switching on of the lights in Bury, while our KS1 pupils are excited to share their Christmas Nativity with families. It's shaping up to be a wonderful term so keep an eye on Dojo for updates - there are lots of events and activities planned in the coming weeks!

Anti-Bullying Week

This week, we launched Anti-Bullying Week with an assembly led by Mrs. Murray and our Wellbeing Ambassadors. The theme, 'Power for Good', reminds us all that we have the ability to make a positive difference. To celebrate our individuality, children kicked off the week by wearing odd socks which celebrated the sharing of differences!

Throughout the week, children will take part in a range of activities focused on kindness, respect, and standing up for what is right. A key message of the week is the importance of being a voice for good - encouraging everyone to use their voices and actions to help others and to create an inclusive school community.

PINS Project

This year, Ickworth Park is taking part in the Partnership for Inclusion for Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

The PINS Project hopes to bring together children, families, health and education to create a more inclusive community for people with neurodivergent conditions.

We're excited to host our first Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday 19th November, led by Jerry from the PINS Project. This will be a relaxed and welcoming opportunity for parents to connect, share experiences, and discuss the realities of SEND in schools.

Early Years Events

Was your child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 and is due to start school in September 2026?

Come along to one of our EYFS Open Events!

Open Evening – **Wednesday 19th November, 5:00pm – 6:30pm.**

Stay and Play – **Thursday 4th December, 9:30am – 10:30am**

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are always looking for curious and committed individuals to join our Local Governing Board. Becoming a Parent Governor is a great opportunity to contribute to the school community, gain insight into school leadership and help shape the future of Ickworth Park.

No prior experience is necessary, just a willingness to support the school and a desire to make a difference. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Mr Tom Lockwood (t.lockwood@ickworthparkprimary.org.uk) or Mrs Fiona Berry (f.berry@ickworthparkprimary.org.uk) for a chat.

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2025

- **Mon 17th to Fri 21st Nov - Anti-Bullying Week**
- **Wed 19th Nov – PINS Coffee Afternoon (2:00pm – 3:00pm)**
- **Wed 19th Nov – Early Years Open Evening**
- **Thurs 20th Nov – Children In Need**
- **Thurs 4th Dec – Early Years daytime open session 'Stay and Play'**
- **Thurs 11th Dec – Reception to see Panto at Theatre Royal**
- **Mon 15th Dec – PTA Elf Room**
- **Mon 15th Dec – EYFS Christmas Crafternoon**
- **Tues 16th Dec - KS1 Christmas performance 09.30am**
- **Weds 17th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day**
- **Weds 17th Dec – KS1 Christmas performance 5.20pm**
- **Fri 19th Dec – PD DAY**
- **Mon 5th Jan – PD DAY**
- **Wed 14th Jan – Lime Class 'Be Our Guest' Lunch**
- **Thurs 15th Jan – Spring Census**
- **Thurs 15th Jan – EYFS Application deadline**
- **Weds 4th Feb – Whole school informal sharing afternoon 2.30-3.10pm**
- **Tues 10th and Thurs 12th Feb – Parents Evenings**

What have we been up to in school and the community?



After half term, Evie returned to school sporting a brand-new, shorter hairstyle, all for a wonderful cause! She generously cut and donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real-hair wigs free of charge to children and young people up to age 24 who have lost their hair.

We're so proud of Evie for her thoughtful act of kindness and for helping to make a difference.

If our families would like to support Evie in this amazing cause, donations can be made here:

<https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/evies-big-haircut>



Our new Year 6 House Captains

Total House Points for the term

Saturn - 189

Earth - 165

Mars - 214

Mercury - 192

Whole school Diwali Experience Day



Children at Ickworth Park enjoyed a whole-school experience day celebrating Diwali. Throughout the day, they created beautiful diya lamps, took part in a lively dance workshop retelling the story of Rama and Sita, and immersed themselves in a variety of other exciting activities that brought the festival of lights to life.

Our value this term is: **Respect**



Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 10/11/2025

EYFS Elm Class – 97.4%

Year 1 Beech Class – 96.4%

Year 2 Oak Class – 98%

Year 3 Lime Class – 97.3%

Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.2%

Year 5 Willow Class – 97.4%

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.1%

Whole School 96.7%

National average 95.2%

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