



# Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

## School Newsletter, October

### Dear Families,

Now that we're just over a month into the new school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a positive and settled start it has been. It has been a pleasure to see our children so engaged in their learning across the school.

Classrooms are calm, focused and purposeful, and there's a wonderful sense of mutual respect among the children. It's been particularly heartening to hear this echoed by visitors to the school, who have commented on the welcoming atmosphere and how polite, kind, and respectful our children are. I am incredibly proud of how confidently the children have stepped into the new term, embracing new routines, building relationships, and showing curiosity in their learning.

### Parents' Evening

Bookings for this term's Parents' Evening are now open via Arbor. Please remember to book one slot per child to allow enough time for all families. If you feel you need a longer conversation or an additional appointment, please message your child's class teacher directly on Class Dojo and they'll be happy to arrange a convenient time with you.

### Outdoor Classroom

Our Outdoor Classroom continues to go from strength to strength, thanks to Mrs Murray and our dedicated team of Wellbeing Champions. The space has been transformed into a calm, welcoming hideaway for lunchtimes, offering children a peaceful environment to unwind.

Activities such as Lego Club, Chess Club, and quiet creative spaces have been a big hit, and we're so pleased to see the children making the most of this unique outdoor area.

### Attendance

We know how important good attendance is for children's progress, wellbeing and long-term success. We encourage families to prioritise attendance wherever possible.

If you feel you need support with your child's attendance or are facing challenges that are making it difficult, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs Steele or Mrs Reynolds. We are here to help and can share our Early Help Offer with you.

You can read more about expectations around attendance in the [All Saints Schools Trust Attendance Policy](#).

### 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](mailto:t.lockwood@ickworthparkprimary.org.uk)) or Mrs Fiona Berry ([f.berry@ickworthparkprimary.org.uk](mailto:f.berry@ickworthparkprimary.org.uk)) for a chat.

### Diary Dates Autumn Term 2025

- **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Sept** – PTA fun run
- **Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Year 6 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Oct** – EYFS Phonics Coffee Morning
- **Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct** – Census
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School Individual Photos
- **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Year 5 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Whole school informal sharing 2.30-3.10pm
- **Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Parents evening
- **Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – Parents evening
- **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – PTA 'Be Yourself Day'
- **27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Half term
- **Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Year 4 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Flu vaccinations
- **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Early Years open evening
- **Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Early Years daytime open session 'Stay and Play'
- **Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Reception to see Panto at Theatre Royal
- **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – PD DAY
- **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan** – PD DAY

## What have we been up to in school?



We are proud to announce that for the second year in a row, our school has received the National Online Safety Award! This achievement recognises our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe online through education, awareness, and a whole-school approach to digital safety.

A huge thank you to Mrs Asker for her dedication and hard work in leading us to this success once again. We couldn't have done it without you!



Hazel Class enjoyed taking apart computers and finding out about their internal components.



A huge thank you to Mrs. Livall and Yardistry who helped bring our vision of an outdoor learning space to life! We are looking forward to the year ahead where we hope to grow the space even further.



Year 6 House Captains

### Total House Points for the term

Saturn - 234

Earth - 203

Mars - 215

Mercury - 194

### Our value this term is: **Respect**



### Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 03/10/2025

EYFS Elm Class – 98.6%

Year 1 Beech Class – 94.7%

Year 2 Oak Class – 98%

Year 3 Lime Class – 97%

Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.5%

Year 5 Willow Class – 97.4%

Year 6 Larch Class – 95.6%

Whole School 95.7%

National average 95.5%

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