



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025



# School Newsletter #12

## Dear Families,

As we come to the end of this term, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to provide a few updates about the upcoming summer term.

As you know, next term, there will be some changes to our senior leadership structure. I will be stepping into the role of Acting Executive Head, and Mrs Elly Reynolds will be stepping up as Acting Head of School. While these changes may sound significant, we want to reassure you that they will not cause much disruption to your child's daily experience at school. The day-to-day routines will remain very much the same, and we are confident that this transition will be smooth for all our children.

We would also like to express our thanks to Mrs. Jolley for teaching an additional half day in Year 1. Her support has been greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please continue to contact your class teacher in the first instance. For general school queries or administrative matters, our admin team is always happy to assist you.

We are also eagerly awaiting the installation of our new outdoor classroom, which has been part-funded by our wonderful PTA. This exciting addition to our school will provide an additional learning space for the children. There will be a lot of work taking place over the Easter holidays to prepare the site and erect the building itself, and we would like to thank all the staff who will be in school during this time to ensure everything is ready for the start of the summer term.

As we look ahead to the summer term, we want to remind our Year 6 families that the SATs tests will take place in May. It's important that the children are well-rested and prepared for this important time.

Finally, as I write this, the children are enjoying a wonderful disco, organised by our fantastic PTA. A big thank you to Mrs. Cole for leading the event so brilliantly and making it such a fun occasion for the children!

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back next term for another exciting term of learning.

Best wishes, Mrs Steele

## Diary Dates Summer Term 2025

- **7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Holiday**
- **Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr** – PD Day
- **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Class Photos
- **Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Yr1 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday**
- **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Reception 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo
- **12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATs week
- **Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Parent Café Internet Safety Coffee Morning
- **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Sports Day
- **26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half term**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 4 Multiplication Check
- **2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonics Screening Check year 1
- **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Year 3 trip to Wandlebury
- **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June** – New Intake evening
- **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Reserve Sports Day and Wear Yellow Day (Cystic Fibrosis)
- **18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Yr5&6 residential
- **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Stay and play for New intake (times to TBC)
- **Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June** – WCET festival at the APEX for Yr 4,5&6
- **Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Stay & play for new intake (times to TBC)
- **14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition week for Yr6 to high school (Dates TBC)
- **Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – PTA Be Yourself Day
- **Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers Lunch & assembly & End of term
- **23<sup>rd</sup> July – Summer Holiday starts**

## What have we been up to in school?



This week, the children in Elm Class have been very busy with lots of exciting activities! They had a wonderful trip to the local park, which supported their learning in Knowledge and Understanding of the World. They also enjoyed exploring their facial features by creating models with clay, which tied into their development of Expressive Arts and Design.



This week, Oak Class has thoroughly enjoyed their Design and Technology unit, where they've been working hard to create their very own moving monsters! The children have explored how to design and build mechanisms that make their creations come to life, developing both their Design and Technology skills and their Understanding of Materials and Mechanisms. We are so impressed with their creativity and problem-solving abilities!



The children in Lime Class looked fantastic during Roman Day! They had a wonderful time taking part in various activities, including building castles, designing their own mosaics, and making clay pots, just like the Romans did! These hands-on experiences allowed the children to dive into History, Art and Design, and Creative Thinking, bringing their learning about Ancient Rome to life. We are so proud of their enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork throughout the day!



### Total House Points for the term

Saturn - 1770

Earth - 1664

Mars - 1768

Mercury - 1408

Well done Saturn, for achieving the most house points this term. You can look forward to a reward in the Summer Term!

### Our value this term is –

**Challenge**



### Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 03/04/2025

EYFS Elm Class – 96.24%

Year 1 Beech Class – 97.37%

Year 2 Oak Class – 97.74%

Year 3 Lime Class – 95.31%

Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.66%

Year 5 Willow Class – 98.03%

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.41%

Whole School 96.8%

National average 94.9%

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# Ickworth Park School Breakfast Club



Open from 7.30 - 8.50 am

Welcome to **Early Birds Breakfast Club**, where every day is an adventure! Our children will be able to dive into our ever-changing collection of toys, games, and puzzles that keep the fun, fresh and exciting. Our construction toys, like LEGO and KNEK, get a weekly makeover to spark creativity and imagination.



Our library is packed with books for all ages, and the children can unleash their inner artist with our drawing and colouring materials. Plus, our iPads are always ready for some tech-savvy fun!

For the little ones, our cozy home 'kitchen' corner is perfect for imaginative play, and our dressing-up clothes will transform them into their favourite characters. We have a world of endless possibilities!



This term at Early Birds, our art and craft theme is '**Our Indoor Wildlife Garden**'. The children will be able to immerse themselves into a world of creativity, using various materials to craft vibrant fish, bouncy frogs, lily pads, flowers, buzzing bees, fluttering butterflies, dazzling dragonflies, and any other nature inspired creatures they can imagine, especially those that thrive in or around ponds.



Together, they'll collaborate to create a stunning pond display on our theme wall, bringing our indoor garden to life with colour and imagination. Stay tuned for a picture on Dojo once it's completed - you won't want to miss it



A shared breakfast is a great way to start to the day! **From 8am to 8.20am**, children and staff will gather around to enjoy this meal together, creating a warm and social atmosphere. It is the perfect time to share stories, develop social skills, and strengthen friendships.



**Fridays** are going to be extra special! From the summer term, we are treating everyone to a scrumptious **breakfast of waffles and fresh fruit**. Book your child's place at the office, for a morning filled with delicious food and wonderful company!



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