



Friday 2nd May 2025

School Newsletter #13

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to school! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break.

It has been a real pleasure to see our school filled with energy, smiles and enthusiasm once again. I'm delighted to say that the children have had a very positive start to the new term. They have returned with great attitudes, showing curiosity in their learning and kindness towards each other.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, filled with new learning opportunities, creativity and shared successes. To find out what is happening in your child's class this half term, and what they will be learning about, please read your child's class newsletter which can be found on the school website.

SATS Week

The Year 6 children have been working incredibly hard in preparation for SATs week. We kindly ask parents to support their children through this important stage by encouraging a calm environment at home, with plenty of early nights! Together, we will help the Year 6 children approach the week with confidence and resilience.

Sports Day

Mr. Grimwood, our PE Lead, is busy organising Sports Day. Similarly to last year, families are invited to join their child for a picnic lunch and to cheer them on during the afternoon races. Please look out for a letter from Mr. Grimwood detailing the schedule for the day. We're keeping our fingers crossed for warm and dry weather so we can enjoy a day of friendly competition and celebrating achievements!

Mrs. Manning

It is with heartfelt appreciation that we share the news that Mrs. Manning will be leaving at the end of this academic year, after 19 wonderful years at our school. She began as an MDSA and later became a key part of the school office team, always ready to help with a smile. Her organisation, calm presence and kindness have made a lasting impact on staff, pupils, and parents alike. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every happiness in the future. We invite parents to join us in sharing their appreciation and best wishes for Mrs. Manning as she prepares for this new chapter.

Best wishes,
Mrs Reynolds

Diary Dates Summer Term 2025

- **Mon 5th May – Bank Holiday**
- **Thurs 8th May** – Reception 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **Thurs 8th May** – Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo
- **12th to 15th May** – Year 6 SATs week
- **Mon 19th May** – Year 1 Parents Phonics session 3.40-4pm
- **Tues 20th May** – Parent Café Internet Safety Coffee Morning
- **Tues 20th May** – Year 1 Parents Phonics session 8.15-8.40am
- **Fri 23rd May** – Sports Day
- **26th – 30th May – Half term**
- **2nd to 6th June** – Year 4 Multiplication Check
- **2nd to 6th June** – Phonics Screening Check year 1
- **Tues 3rd June** – Year 3 trip to Wandlebury
- **Wed 11th June** – New Intake evening
- **Fri 13th June** – Reserve Sports Day and Wear Yellow Day (Cystic Fibrosis)
- **18th to 20th June** - Yr5&6 residential
- **Thurs 19th June** – Stay and play for New intake (times to TBC)
- **Thurs 26th June** – WCET festival at the APEX for Yr 4,5&6
- **Thurs 26th June** – Stay & play for new intake (times to TBC)
- **14th to 18th July** – Transition week for Yr6 to high school (Dates TBC)
- **Tues 22nd July** – PTA Be Yourself Day
- **Tues 22nd July** – Year 6 Leavers Lunch & assembly & End of term
- **23rd July – Summer Holiday starts**

What have we been up to in school?



Beech Class enjoyed a visit from Lloyds Bank while learning about economic literacy in PSHE.



This week, the children in Oak Class started their new science topic, 'growing' by planting sunflowers.



Children in Willow Class completed their Bike Ability training. It was wonderful to see the children growing in confidence and independence.



Larch Class took a break from SATs revision to design new playgrounds during their Design and Technology lesson.



Introducing our new Team Captains!

Total House Points for the term

Saturn - 170

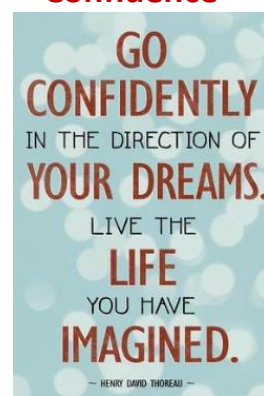
Earth - 163

Mars - 138

Mercury - 178

Our value this term is –

Confidence



Subject Leader Spotlight – French

Bonjour mes amis!

I'm Natalie Riley, the Modern Foreign Languages Lead at Ickworth Park and I couldn't be prouder of all that has been achieved this academic year. My passion for the learning of languages began whilst training to become a teacher where I was lucky enough to spend a short time teaching in a school close to Paris. Having the opportunity to be immersed in the language and live amongst native speakers was invaluable and an experience I won't forget.

This year we have fully embedded the scheme 'Language Angels'. This is a comprehensive, engaging and supportive programme adaptable to each child's individual needs and ability. I am so proud of how every child has engaged with this and the love of learning a foreign language is evident!

In addition to this, I have used assembly time to support awareness of intercultural understanding and celebrate the languages spoken in school, as well as create cross curricular links with the art curriculum. I can't thank you enough for your support with each Dojo post and each competition! It's lovely to see such wonderful engagement!



Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 01/05/2025

EYFS Elm Class – 96.34%
Year 1 Beech Class – 97.39%
Year 2 Oak Class – 97.62%
Year 3 Lime Class – 95.34%
Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.71%
Year 5 Willow Class – 97.96%
Year 6 Larch Class – 96.49%

Whole School 96.9%
National average 94.5%

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