



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

# School Newsletter #14

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe how quickly this half term has flown by! The children have been incredibly busy with a wide range of learning opportunities, and we're so proud of all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm.

The warmer weather has meant we've been able to enjoy more time outside, making the most of our outdoor spaces. The children have been practising enthusiastically for Sports Day, showing great teamwork, friendly competitiveness and determination.

## Outdoor Learning

Our children are loving their new outdoor learning environment! It has been a joy to see their curiosity and creativity blossom.

We're excited to grow this space even more and would love help from any families with green fingers. If you're interested in volunteering your time or resources to help cultivate the garden, we'd be thrilled to have you.

We're also welcoming donations of plants to help enrich the area. For more details or to get involved, please contact

[admin@ickworthpark.co.uk](mailto:admin@ickworthpark.co.uk)

Thank you for helping us nurture this wonderful space.



Beech enjoying delicious hot chocolate in our outdoor classroom

## Year 6 SATs

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 children for completing their SATs this week. They approached each test with resilience and confidence, and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work and determination.

We have our fingers crossed for the results in July but no matter the outcome, they've already achieved something truly special. Well done, Year 6 - you've made us all proud!

Best wishes,

Mrs Reynolds

## Diary Dates Summer Term 2025

- **Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 1 Parents Phonics session 3.40-4pm
- **Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Parent Café Internet Safety Coffee Morning
- **Tues 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 1 Parents Phonics session 8.15-8.40am
- **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
- **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Year 3 trip to Wandlebury
- **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June** – New Intake evening
- **9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- **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)
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Meet the teacher (transition) 3:30pm
- **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
  - **Mon & Tues 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** PD Day
  - **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept** school starts

## What have we been up to in school?



Beech Class enjoyed a visit to Colchester Zoo where they explored different artefacts and learnt about the features of mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and fish.

Swadipa and Carumani visited from the Ipswich Buddhist Centre to support learning in Year 5 and 6 and to lead a whole school assembly about their beliefs.



Year 6 received their leavers' hoodies and look fabulous! We're not ready for them to leave us yet though, we still have Lego Land and the residential trip to look forward to!

### Subject Leader Spotlight – Science

Lets talk science!

I'm Emily Weller, the Science Lead at Ickworth Park. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support with our STEM Week earlier this year. In particular, the sheer number of you who attended the Informal Sharing and STEM Fair was amazing. We hope you enjoyed the event, and the whole week, as much as we did.

When I took on the role as Science Lead, introducing a STEM Week was one of my first focuses. I was keen to highlight science as a fantastic subject, as well as raise the profile of other curriculum areas and show how they are so cleverly linked. A lot of what we do at Ickworth Park is cross-curricular, giving the children opportunities to draw on their learning from other lessons. Our STEM Week enables the children to meet members of the school community working in the world of STEM and introduce them to different career paths.

Across the school we follow the Snap Science scheme which is designed to give the children a hands-on approach to learning. Often the lessons involve experiments, testing ideas and taking the learning outside. Our beautiful setting, in particular the field and our new outdoor classroom, has and will, play a crucial role in how we deliver science at Ickworth Park.

The children speak enthusiastically about their science lessons and will often recall things they have learnt about in previous year groups.

Watch this space...the next Maria Curie, Albert Einstein or George Carver might be amongst us!



Year 6 House Captains

### Total House Points for the term

Saturn - 186

Earth - 146

Mars - 156

Mercury - 165

### Our value this term is –

**Confidence**

**BELIEVE**  
that  
**YOU CAN**  
and you're already  
**HALFWAY**  
towards  
**YOUR GOAL!**

### Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 15/05/2025

EYFS Elm Class –96.39%

Year 1 Beech Class – 97.44%

Year 2 Oak Class – 97.61%

Year 3 Lime Class – 95.48%

Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.71%

Year 5 Willow Class –97.93%

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.68%

Whole School 96.9%

National average 94.9%

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