



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

# School Newsletter #8

## Dear Families,

Welcome back and **Happy New Year!** We are excited to kick off another fantastic term with lots of events and opportunities for both children and parents. Year 5 will begin their swimming lessons. Our EYFS team is hosting a coffee morning to give parents an insight into the teaching of phonics and how children can be supported at home. The School Council has been busy discussing ideas for new wellbeing initiatives, and we look forward to hearing about their plans. There will also be a special Sharing Afternoon where parents can come in and explore their child's work ahead of the upcoming Parent Evenings (booking information will be sent soon). The PTA will be organising a Movie Night and a Spring Disco in the hall, and Year 6 will be holding a Bake Sale to raise funds for new play equipment. We are gearing up for World Book Day, with more exciting details to come! We will also be offering a valuable opportunity for parents and children to meet with an online safety expert to learn how to keep children safe online. It's shaping up to be a wonderful and busy term, and we look forward to seeing you all involved!

**All Saints Schools Trust** We're excited that our school has recently joined an academy, marking a significant milestone in our journey. As we continue to grow and develop, we remain focused on providing the best possible education and support for our children at Ickworth Park. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about what this means for our school, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Ickworth Park Leavers - Where are they now?

We would love to hear from anyone who has previously attended Ickworth Park and would be willing to share their journey after leaving our school. We are planning to create a display showcasing the many different paths our past pupils have taken and how they got to where they are today, in order to inspire and motivate our current pupils. If you would like to be part of this project or you know some one who might be, please get in touch – we would be delighted to feature their story and inspire the next generation!

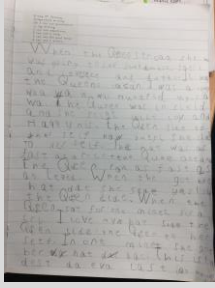
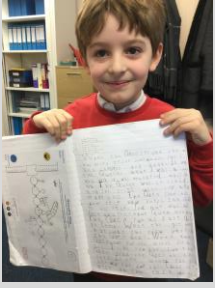
## Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2025

- **3rd –7th Feb** - Wellbeing Week
- **Thurs 6th Feb** – Informal Sharing for Year 1-6
- **Tues 11th Feb** – Parent consultations
- **Tues 11th Feb** – Safer Internet Day
- **Thurs 13th Feb** – Parent consultations
- **Fri 14th Feb** – PTA Movie Night
- **17th – 21st February Half Term**
- **Thurs 27th Feb** – Yr2 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **Fri 28th Feb** – Year 4 Bake Sale
- **Thurs 6th Mar** – World Book Day
- **10th – 14th Mar** - Science & STEM week
- **Fri 14th Mar** – Science Sharing afternoon
- **Fri 4th Apr** – PTA Disco
- **7th – 21st April Easter Holiday**
- **Tues 22nd Apr** – PD Day
- **Thurs 24th April** – Class Photos
- **Thurs 1st May** – Yr1 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **Mon 5th May – Bank Holiday**
- **Thurs 8th May** – Reception 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **12th – 15th May** – Year 6 SATs
- **Fri 23rd May** – Sports Day
- **26th – 30th May – Half term**
- **2nd-6th June** – Year 4 Multiplication Tests

### Vacancy - Cleaner

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner to cover maternity leave. For further information on how to apply please visit our school website or email [admin@ickworthpark.co.uk](mailto:admin@ickworthpark.co.uk)

## What have we been up to in school?



We are incredibly proud of the progress our Year 1 children have made with writing so far this year. They have worked exceptionally hard across the curriculum, and their efforts are now clearly evident. This progress wouldn't have been possible without the strong foundations built in EYFS and the dedication of all our staff in implementing the Little Wandle phonics scheme, the new writing scheme and your support at home. A special mention must go to George, who worked tirelessly today to achieve everything on the success criteria – a fantastic effort!



The children are thoroughly enjoying learning about Chinese New Year celebrations this term, its place in Chinese culture, and the exciting events that surround it.

Thanks to the money being raised through the Tuck Shop, we have been able to invest in new hall furniture that is lighter, cleaner, and much more practical. The old furniture was not only heavy and difficult to move, but it was also quite worn and grubby, often causing discomfort for our children and staff. We are so grateful for your support, which has helped us make this much-needed improvement!



### House Points to 17.1.25

Saturn - 409

Earth - 405

Mars - 375

Mercury - 434

Meet the House Captains for the Spring Term

### Value this term is – Challenge

**BEING CHALLENGED  
IN LIFE IS  
INEVITABLE, BEING  
DEFEATED IS  
OPTIONAL.**

ROGER CRAWFORD

### Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 16/01/2025

EYFS Elm Class –95.93 %

Year 1 Beech Class –97.47 %

Year 2 Oak Class – 98.50 %

Year 3 Lime Class – 94.53 %

Year 4 Hazel Class –97.62 %

Year 5 Willow Class –98.11 %

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.63%

Whole School 96.90 %

National average 93.5 %

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This term, the children are beginning to focus on Chinese New Year, with a special emphasis on its rich culture and customs. Mrs. Riley, as the school's Language Lead, introduced the topic through a fascinating assembly, while Mrs. Gooderham, in her role at Early Birds, is bringing the celebrations to life through creative activities.

At the end of the term Mr Grimwood, as PE lead, has arranged for all classes to take part in a Chinese Ribbon Dancing workshop.

## Useful information

### NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment?

Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

| Common Condition               | Eligibility    |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Earache                        | 1 to 17 years  |
| Impetigo                       | 1 year +       |
| Infected insect bites & stings | 1 year +       |
| Sore throats                   | 5 years +      |
| Sinusitis                      | 12 years +     |
| Uncomplicated UTI              | Women 16 to 64 |
| Shingles                       | 18 years+      |

\*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.

We are pleased to share that a Cyber Security Advisor from Norfolk and Suffolk Police will be joining us at our upcoming parents consultation evenings in February. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents, carers and guardians to receive expert guidance on cyber security and online safety.

The advisor will share practical tips and advice to help you protect your children online, covering topics such as safe internet use, social media awareness, and preventing cyber threats. We encourage you all to attend and take advantage of this resource.

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### Saturday morning children's book club at Bury St Edmunds Library.

Their next session will be on **Saturday 1st February 2025** from **10:15am-11am**. The group is run by staff at the library and their next book will be '**Death Sets Sail**' by Robin Stevens.

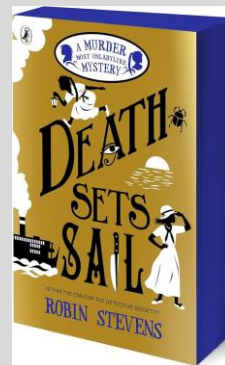
Copies are available to borrow from the display in the junior library:

<https://suffolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/FULL/WPAC/BIBENQ/425971/118473492,1>

Children will be offered free squash and an activity or puzzle to either complete in the library or bring home. There is no pressure for children to have read the monthly book (they can chat about their own favourite books from home if they like), but we hope they will enjoy helping to choose the titles.

The book club is aimed at children aged 9-12 years olds and will be an opportunity to chat about their favourite reads in a relaxed setting, make new friends and discover new authors.

**SUFFOLK  
LIBRARIES**



At Ickworth Park, we are always keen to learn how we can improve your school experience. This term we would love to hear from families about their experience when they first joined the school. We really do value your feedback. Please take 5 minutes to complete this very short questionnaire via this link:

<https://forms.gle/MqWXfZvCT8tzDjBx8>



Brad Young, our local podcaster, invites you listen to the latest copy of the Horringer Podcast.

This week's edition updates you on Suffolk County Council's decision to go for devolution, plus they have the scams, crime stats and a reminder of the life of Anne James. You can listen to the latest episode by opening this link,

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