



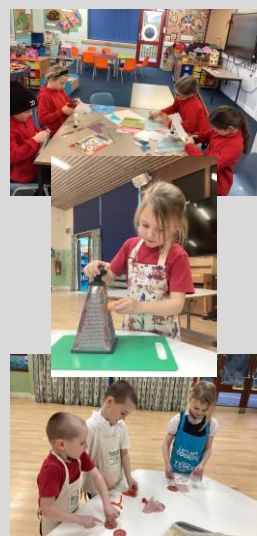
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

# School Newsletter #9

## Dear Families,

As we settle into another busy and exciting term, it's wonderful to reflect on all the learning, growth, and creativity happening across the school. It was lovely to welcome so many families to our informal Sharing Afternoon on Thursday. If you weren't able to attend, don't worry – there will be another opportunity at the end of STEM Week to join us.

In this edition, we're excited to share some of the highlights from the past few weeks, including special workshops, lunchtime clubs, and more. As always, we are incredibly grateful for your continued support!



We are pleased to be able to share some of the lunchtime clubs that are being run by our wonderful team this term. Our KS1 & EYFS pupils are enjoying the Cooking Club, where they explore new skills in the kitchen. KS2 children have the opportunity to get creative in the Crafty Reflections Club, and Homework Club provides a supportive space for children to focus and complete their home learning. A huge thank you to Mrs. Asker and Mrs. Utting for always giving their time to make these enriching activities possible!

## Ickworth Park Leavers – Where Are They Now?

We would love to hear from former pupils of Ickworth Park who are willing to share their journey after leaving our school. We are hoping to create a display to showcase the diverse paths our alumni have taken, highlighting the opportunities available as they grow. This will inspire our current pupils and help them see what's possible for their future. If you or someone you know would like to be part of this project, please get in touch – we'd be thrilled to feature their story!

## Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2025

- **Tues 11th Feb** – Parent consultations
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- **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 - MDSA

We are currently advertising for someone to join our wonderful lunchtime team. If you enjoy being outdoors, engaging with and supporting children then this role would suit you. 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?



This week it has been **Children's Mental Health Week**. Mrs Murray our PSHE & Wellbeing lead organised a variety of events for all children to engage with. The children learned what mindfulness is, how it can support good mental health and some ways to practise it. They then got to chat to Rob Holmes and ask him questions about mindfulness and his work as an author.



To support our learning about different cultures and celebrations around the world, the children participated in a **Chinese New Year Ribbon Dancing** workshop last week. We would like to thank Mr. Grimwood for organising this wonderful opportunity to combine cultural learning with physical fitness.



This term our Year 6 children have enjoyed engaging in their "Exploring Identity" collage unit. It has given them a wonderful opportunity to creatively express themselves and tell their individual stories and experiences through art. The results are looking amazing.



### House Points to 07.02.25

**Saturn - 119**

**Earth - 197**

**Mars - 190**

**Mercury - 230**

Meet the House Captains for the Spring Term

## Value this term is – Challenge



### Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 07/02/2025

EYFS Elm Class – 95.98%

Year 1 Beech Class – 97.53%

Year 2 Oak Class – 98.13%

Year 3 Lime Class – 94.62 %

Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.40%

Year 5 Willow Class – 97.90 %

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.47%

Whole School 96.20 %

National average 93.4 %

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