



Friday 7th March 2025

School Newsletter #10

Dear Families,

It is lovely to be able to write this newsletter as the brighter weather finally begins to make an appearance. The sunshine is truly lifting everyone's spirits and creating a really positive atmosphere around the school. It's always wonderful to feel the warmth of the sun and see how it boosts our mood as we move into spring.

Since our last newsletter, there has been a lot of exciting activity at school! The **Year 4** children have held a **bake sale** to raise money for additional playground toys after Elizabeth and Jessica were concerned to learn how much the school spends on playtime equipment that is then sometimes broken. They held an assembly and took the opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of respecting toys and school equipment so we can continue to enjoy them for longer. **The sale raised a staggering £134.** We will keep you posted on what the year 4 children decide to spend it on.

The **School Council** decided to support **Comic Relief** this year. They have held a meeting and chosen to mark this day by asking that everyone donates £1 and either dresses in red, wears something funny or combines the two. How far you take this is up to you! There will also be a joke off in each class at school (more details to follow)

To make a donation in advance of the date please find a link to our just giving page below.

www.justgiving.com/page/ickworth-park-primary-school-13.

Year 6 have completed a practice SATs week, and we couldn't be more proud of how they approached the challenge with determination, positivity and resilience.

As always, it was really lovely to welcome family guests into school for the Year 2 "**Be Our Guest**" lunch last Thursday, and we're excited to see families again on Friday, **14th March, for our STEM Fair.** The event will showcase the science, design technology, computing and maths projects that the children have worked on throughout the week. It will also provide an opportunity for families to view the children's work in their books, offering a second chance for those who missed the last sharing afternoon.

Thank you all for your continued support in making these events so special!

Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

- **Fri 7th Mar** – Story on a Spoon sharing afternoon
- **10th – 14th Mar** - Science & STEM week
- **Fri 14th Mar** – Science Sharing afternoon
- **Fri 21st Mar** – Red Nose Day
- **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 to 15th May** – Year 6 SATs week
- **Tues 20th May** – Parent Café Internet Safety Coffee Morning
- **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
- **Fri 13th June** – Reserve Sports Day and Wear Yellow Day (Cystic Fibrosis)
- **18th to 20th June** - Yr5&6 residential
- **26th June** – WCET festival at the APEX for Yr 4,5&6
- **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**

For **World Book Day**, classrooms and activity areas were transformed into book-themed spaces, and the story spoons have been fantastic—it's been wonderful to hear the children talk so passionately about the characters and books they love.



House Points to 07.03.25

Saturn - 62

Earth - 66

Mars - 76

Mercury - 54

Meet the House Captains for the Spring Term

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. Governors meet approximately five times a year and focus on supporting teaching and learning throughout the school. If you feel you could offer your support in this important role, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the school office on admin@ickworthpark.co.uk or gov-tlockwood@ickworthpark.co.uk

MDSA vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a Midday Supervisor. This position is suitable to all ages and any gender - a keen, adaptable and positive personality is a must, along with a love of fresh air 😊

Please contact the school office for an application, or check our website.

<https://www.ickworthpark.co.uk/staff-vacancies/>

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!

**Our value this term is –
Challenge**



Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 06/03/2025

EYFS Elm Class – 96.32%

Year 1 Beech Class – 97.07%

Year 2 Oak Class – 97.86%

Year 3 Lime Class – 94.89 %

Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.55%

Year 5 Willow Class – 98.06 %

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.33%

Whole School 96.86 %

National average 93.1 %

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