



January 2026

School Newsletter

School Updates

We are advertising for an Administration Assistant

We are currently looking to appoint an enthusiastic and organised **Administration Assistant** to join our school team. This is a key role within the school office, supporting the day-to-day running of the school and helping to ensure a welcoming environment for our children, families and visitors. If you would like to find out more about the role, please click [here](#).

We would like to remind families that dogs are not allowed on the school site. We understand that some families may be dropping off or collecting children while on their way to exercise their dog, and this is absolutely fine as long as dogs are kept outside the red gate.

Unfortunately, there have been recent incidents of dog waste being left in bags on the school gate. If this continues, we may have no option but to ban dogs from the school site area entirely - something we really do not want to do.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us keep our school environment clean and safe for everyone.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for their very generous funding of our TV licence for the year. Thanks to their support, we are able to take part in Safer Internet Week live lessons, use a wide range of BBC educational clips to enhance learning across the curriculum, and enjoy high-quality programmes that support topics, assemblies and class discussions. We are extremely grateful for their continued support of our children's learning.

Please not to drive through the site entrance/exit while the school gates are open. This is a key safety issue, as there are large numbers of children entering and exiting the site during this time.

School buses also drop off and collect children while the gates are open and must not be blocked by cars dropping pupils off.

Once the gates close at **9:05am**, this area becomes much quieter and can then be used.

Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

- **Wed 04 February** – Whole school informal sharing afternoon 2.30pm to 3.10pm
- **Mon 09 – Fri 13 February** – Internet Safety Week
- **Mon 09 – Fri 13 February** – Book Fair at school
- **Tues 10 February** – Cyber Security Advisor whole school assembly and KS2 workshops
- **Tues 10 February** – Parents' Evening
- **Thurs 12 February** – Parents' Evening
- **Mon 16 – Fri 20 February** – Half Term
- **Mon 23 February** – Return to school
- **Wed 25 February** – Year 2 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **Thurs 5 March** - World Book Day
- **Mon 09 to Fri 13 March** – STEM week
- **Wed 25 March** – Year 1 'Be Our Guest' Lunch
- **Mon 30 March to Friday 10 April** – Easter Holiday
- **Monday 14 April** – Return to school

What have we been up to in school?

On Wednesday 14th January, the Reception team welcomed families to their second **Phonics Coffee Morning** of the year. It was a great opportunity for families to learn more about how phonics is taught at Ickworth Park and to see the progress children make as they move through the different stages, preparing them for a confident transition into Year 1.

To find out more about how we teach phonics at Ickworth Park, visit our website [here](#).

CLUBS

Craft Club is a nurture group that runs on Mondays from 12.15–12.45. We eat lunch together, chat, and then enjoy making something creative that the children can take home with them.

Homework Club is led by Mrs. Asker and Mrs. Utting every Friday lunchtime. It is open to all children and provides a supportive, structured environment where pupils can focus on their work and access useful resources such as the internet and school equipment. The club is designed to give children a head start on their homework, reduce stress at home, and offer additional support outside of regular class time.

Please keep an eye out for letters coming home soon with details about our upcoming clubs, including **Cooking Club** and **Computing Club**. These letters will include information about how to sign up and when the clubs will be running. We look forward to offering the children some exciting new opportunities!



Subject Leader Spotlight – Reading

Hello everyone! I'm Mrs Reynolds. You may know me as the Year 1 class teacher and Deputy Headteacher but I'm also Ickworth Park's Reading Lead, something I'm particularly passionate about.

My aim as Reading Lead is to ensure that every child is equipped with the skills they need to become confident readers, while also being exposed to a wide range of high-quality texts, genres and authors. We believe that reading opens doors - to imagination, knowledge and an understanding of the world around us.

A love of reading runs through our school. Children enjoy dedicated time in our library, alongside daily story time in every class, where they are encouraged to explore, discuss and enjoy a variety of texts. By fostering both skill and enjoyment, we hope to nurture lifelong readers who read for pleasure as well as purpose.

I look forward to continuing to develop reading across the school and sharing this exciting journey with our children and families.



Introducing our new Year 6 House Captains

Total House Points for the term

Saturn - 322

Earth - 169

Mars - 311

Mercury - 314

Our value this term is – Challenge

Don't limit your
challenges.
Challenge your
limits.

Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 16/01/2026

EYFS Elm Class – 97.0%

Year 1 Beech Class – 96.0%

Year 2 Oak Class – 96.9%

Year 3 Lime Class – 97.1%

Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.0%

Year 5 Willow Class – 97.0%

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.0%

Whole School average 96.7%

National average 94.6%

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