



# February 2026

## School Newsletter

### School Updates

For everyone's safety, please remember not to park on the yellow zigzag lines or in a way that blocks driveways, crossings, or access points during school drop-off and pick-up times. The yellow zigzag areas are there to keep children visible and safe as they enter and leave school. Parking considerately helps protect all of our pupils, families, and staff. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

### Attendance Matters!

Regular attendance is vital for every child's success in school. Each day in the classroom builds on previous learning, and even small gaps can make it harder for children to keep up and feel confident.

For more information, our attendance policy can be read [here](#).

Don't forget - **STEM Week** and **World Book Day** are just around the corner!

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for important updates and information.

We've already received some fantastic STEM competition entries, including William's incredible 'Fun Hat' - complete with lots of creative compartments and clever inventions inside.

We can't wait to see what everyone else comes up with!



### Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

- **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 13 April – Return to school**
- **Tuesday 14 April – Y1 Phonics meeting for parents at 08.20am**
- **Wednesday 15 April – Yr 1 Phonics meeting for parents at 3.30pm**
- **Thursday 23 April – Class Photos 08.30 – 11.30am**
- **Wednesday 29 April – Reception Class 'Be Our Guest' Lunch**
- **Monday 04 May – Bank Holiday**

## What have we been up to in school?

Lime Class had a fantastic time celebrating Egyptian Day! The children immersed themselves in ancient Egyptian life, exploring history through creative activities and hands-on learning. It was wonderful to welcome their families into school for the afternoon!



### Subject Leader Spotlight – Art

I'm Liz Hunter, the Art Lead at Ickworth Park. I feel very lucky to lead this creative subject.

Across the school we follow Access Art scheme which gives each year group the opportunity to learn new skills and build upon those learnt previously. The scheme promotes open-ended learning, that focuses on the creative journey and not just the final product. We cover a range of art including, collage, sketching, painting, textiles, printing, 3D modelling with clay or wire and plaster. Within each unit children sketch work based on the chosen key person; whether an artist, architect or sculptor, to explore their style and then create an interpretation of this as a final piece.

Art in our school plays an important role in helping children express themselves, build confidence and develop creativity. Through many different types of art, pupils learn to share their ideas and feelings in imaginative ways. Art lessons also help pupils improve their fine-motor skills, problem-solving abilities and appreciation for different cultures and styles. Most importantly, art encourages children to enjoy learning and discover that there is no single 'right' way to be creative.

Pupils at Ickworth Park are very keen artists and always say that they love to be creative, express themselves and use the art lessons as a moment to boost their confidence, because art is open to all interpretations. Art can also be a mindful lesson and a time to relax and just create.

Last year, our art week linked with languages, in particular French. Each class chose a portrait artist from a Francophone country (a French speaking country) to learn about an artist and then created portraits in a similar style to them. We were so lucky to have a gallery in Ickworth House to share the amazing art from this week, thank you so much to those that came to support it. We hope more of you can come to see our art gallery later in the year after our next art week. and sharing this exciting journey with our children and families.



Year 6 House Captains

### Total House Points for the term

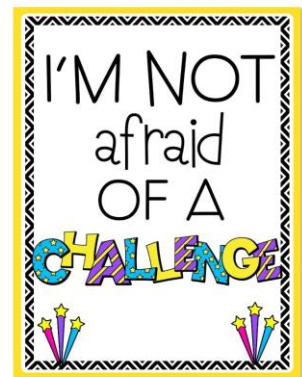
Saturn - 240

Earth - 204

Mars - 205

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### Our value this term is – Challenge



### Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 27/02/2026

EYFS Elm Class – 97.1%

Year 1 Beech Class – 96.5%

Year 2 Oak Class – 96.9%

Year 3 Lime Class – 96.7%

Year 4 Hazel Class – 96.8%

Year 5 Willow Class – 97.1%

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.6%

Whole School average 96.7%

National average 94.6%

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