



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

3rd October 2025

This week



What a lovely way our school celebrated the Harvest season this year!

Our Key Stage 2 children explored the theme of connections—thinking deeply about how the seasons, colours and animals relate to the food we eat. Their reflections were thoughtful and creative, and we were incredibly proud of how beautifully they sang and performed at St Peter's Church.

Meanwhile, our Key Stage 1 children brought joy and energy to their celebration with songs, poems and a delightful retelling of The Little Red Hen. Their confidence and enthusiasm shone through as they performed for our wonderful parent audience.

Both services were a meaningful opportunity to give thanks for the food we eat and we were overwhelmed by your generous donations. The display in the hall looked fantastic and we're delighted to be donating the food to the Pilsdon Community, which supports people in rebuilding their lives after a crisis.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make this Harvest celebration so special.

Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications. The online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2026 is now open. Parents must apply by Thursday 31st October 2025 at the latest. <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places> Do let us know if you require any assistance with this and we will do our best to help you with the application process.

Finally, a big well done to Lorna Saisi who completed the half marathon in less than two hours—very impressive! So far she has raised over £1500 for the school. If you're able to sponsor her, please visit:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/lorna-s-windsor-half-marathon>

Warm regards. Sue Earl



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Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Miles in Year 5

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Pine Class—Isabella and Reggie

Chestnut Class—Grayson and Maddie

Willow Class—Aelwen and Daisy

Elm Class—Oliver and Finley

Beech Class—Harrison and Elvis

Oak Class—Enzo and Poppy

Congratulations to all!

School Calendar

Term 1: 1st September – 17th October

Term 2: 27th October - 19th December

Term 3: 5th January – 13th February

Term 4: 23rd February – 2nd April

Term 5: 20th April – 22nd May

Term 6: 1st June – 21st July

Inset Days:

1st September 2025

2nd September 2025

3rd November 2025

19th December 2025

1st June 2026

Snacks

We'd like to remind everyone about our expectations for morning snacks in school for children in Years 1 to 6.

As some children have a later lunch, a mid-morning snack is important to help them stay focused and energised. We encourage snacks that are fruit-based or healthy alternatives.

Suitable snacks include:

Fresh fruit or vegetables

Rice cakes

Plain breadsticks

Wholegrain crackers

Please avoid sending:

Crisps

Biscuits

Sugary snacks

Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy habits and a positive learning environment for all children.



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PSA

Dates for your diary:

7th October - Bags2school

10th October - Cake sale - any bakers out there? Donations welcome. No nuts please.

16th October - Wine and Cheese tasting event @ Ightham Village Hall

17th October - Home clothes day 'TT Rockstars' theme or favourite musician

12th December - Elfridges - please start putting new unwanted gifts aside for when we start collecting.

Any offers of help with or donations to events will be greatly appreciated.

Team PSA

Upcoming dates

6th October Year 1 trip to Penshurst Place

6th October Year 6 Bikeability

8th October New Entrants Open Event, 2pm

13th October Girls Football Competition

13th and 15th October Parent Consultations 3:45-7:00pm

14th October Boys Football Competition

17th October TTRS Day

17th October End of term

27th October Start of term

27th October Year 5 Mini Medics

28th October Year 5 Mini Medics

3rd November Inset day

6th November Year 5 swimming lessons start

w/c 10th November Anti-bullying week

Attendance and Lateness We are expecting attendance of 96% or above. The attendance for this week is:

Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School	National
98.9%	97.8%	97.8%	97.2%	96.7%	95.7%	97.5%	97.37	96.2%

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It is important that the children attend school every day. If you unsure if your child is well enough to attend school, please look at the NHS guidance. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>