



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

7th November 2025

This week



Following our whole school assembly on Fire Safety last week, we are delighted to share that the children in Acorn Class had a fantastic experience with sparklers. They enjoyed holding and swirling the sparklers safely under adult supervision, and it was wonderful to see their excitement and curiosity. It truly was a memorable activity for all involved.



In Forest School, the children demonstrated great care and perseverance as they whittled sticks to create their own 'sparkler' wands. They handled the tools responsibly and showed impressive focus throughout the activity.

I am pleased to announce that Maple has settled well into school life and has earned her licence for Ightham as an approved member of The Dog Mentor Programme. She has been assessed as suitable to work in educational and public settings as an assistance and support dog so she has now started to work in classrooms.

This week, the children have been learning to be "Maple Ready," which means maintaining a calm, tidy, and welcoming classroom environment. Moving forward, Maple will be working with some children on a one-to-one basis to provide additional support.

If you do not wish for your child to work with Maple, please let the school office know at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Sue Earl





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Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Kaiden in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class—Chloe and George

Pine Class—George and Ophelia R

Chestnut Class—Arthur K and Barney

Willow Class—Leo and Isaac

Elm Class—Cordelia and Brooke

Beech Class—Isobelle and Isla

Oak Class—Harper and Pearl

Congratulations to all!

Donation to Schools from Stonepitts Christmas Tree Farm, Seal Chart

As in previous years, Martin & Jackie would once again like to offer a £2.00 donation to your PTA for every Christmas tree bought by families and staff. If you would like to participate, it is important that you bring a copy of this News Letter with you. This will count towards the final donation to the school PTA. You may also be interested to know that Stonepitts will again be supporting Demelza Hospice Care for Children as their chosen Charity.

For details and directions to Stonepitts Farm please visit www.stonepitts.com

Happy Christmas when the time comes from Stonepitts Farm!!

Children in Need

"On Thursday 13th from 3.10pm, Year 6 will be hosting their "Children In Need Cash Only Cake Sale" on the top playground (hall if raining). The pupils will be delighted to take all cash donations and instant raffles for the large cakes!

The following day (Friday 14th), the whole school are requested to bring in £1 in cash and support Pudsey by wearing Polka Dots and Lots of Spots!"

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
4	7	5	4

The winning House this week was Knole. Well done !



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PSA

Reminder that we will be collecting donations for Elf'ridges every Friday morning, please look out for the PSA buckets in the carpark. We need new and unopened gifts for all ages, in date boxes of chocolates and biscuits, no alcohol please.

We are also looking for volunteers to help for an hour or 2 on 12th December during the day. If you can help please let your class rep know.

Many thanks ☺

Team PSA

Upcoming dates

w/c 10th November Anti-bullying week

11th November New Entrants Open Event, 9:30am

13th November Cake Sale

14th November Wear spots

17th November New Entrants Open Event, 2:00pm

26th November New Entrants Open Event, 2:00pm

2nd December Year R and 6 Height and weight Measurements

3rd December Year R Christmas Performance , 2:30pm

8th December Year 3 trip to Canterbury Cathedral

10th December KS1 Nativity, 2:00pm

11th December KS1 Nativity, 9:15am

12th December Elfridges

17th December Christmas Lunch

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%	96%	95.7%	96.3%	97.7%	94.1%	97.7%	96.5%	96.2%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole
	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	5

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