



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

10th October 2025



This week

This week, our Year 1 children had a wonderful adventure at Penshurst Place. They took part in a Toys Through Time workshop, where they had the chance to handle toys from the past and explore the Toy Museum. It was a fantastic opportunity to compare old and new toys, spotting both differences and similarities. The children were curious, engaged, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A huge thank you to the parents who supported the class on the trip – your help is always appreciated!

At Ightham Primary, we truly value the strong relationships we have with our families. We're always looking for ways to enhance parental involvement in school life. We are currently seeking parents who can spare a small amount of time to read with the children. This is a rewarding experience that helps children build confidence and develop their reading skills. If you're interested in finding out more, please don't hesitate to contact me. We'd love to have you involved!

We are excited to introduce a new House point system at Ightham Primary School, designed to encourage teamwork, positive behaviour, and a sense of community among our pupils. Throughout each week, children will earn House points for their teams through various achievements and positive contributions. These points are collected every Friday by our dedicated House Captains and Vice Captains.

During our weekly celebration assembly, we will announce the totals for each House. The House with the highest points for that week will earn 4 points, second place will receive 3 points, third place 2 points, and fourth place 1 point. These weekly points will accumulate over the course of the term. At the end of the term, the House with the most points will be rewarded with a special own clothes day on the first Friday back after the half-term break. Please note that the points reset at the start of each new term, giving every House a fresh start.

The children are very enthusiastic about the new system and the rewards it brings. We believe this will be a fantastic way to celebrate positive behaviour and achievements as well as foster a supportive school spirit. Warm regards, Sue Earl





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Gold Cup and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Elisa in Year 4

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Pine Class—Toby and Max

Chestnut Class—Xander and Charlie

Elm Class—Elara and Lily

Beech Class—Zac, Grace and Alex

Oak Class—Arya and Oliver

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

New Entrants Open Event

It was a pleasure to welcome visitors to our school this week for tours. We met many families considering Ightham Primary for their child starting in September 2026.

Our children were wonderful ambassadors – they spoke eloquently about their learning, demonstrated excellent behaviour, and were courteous throughout. We're so proud of them!

If you know anyone with a child starting school next year, please share the dates of our upcoming New Entrants Open Events <https://forms.office.com/e/p28t8EBTH4>

Tuesday 11th November at 9:30am

Monday 17th November at 2:00pm

Wednesday 26th November at 2:00pm

Friday 28th November at 9:30am

Wednesday 7th January at 9:30am

We look forward to welcoming more families and sharing what makes Ightham Primary so special.



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PSA

Thanks for all your donations to Bags2school this week, it was quite a haul!

Also many thanks for all the cakes today! Everyone of them looked delicious. Perhaps we need to have a bake off?? Email me if you have any ideas of how to do this! Chair@ighthampsa.com

Dates for your diary

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 after half term.

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

Team PSA

Upcoming dates

13th October Girls Football Competition

13th October Flu Immunisation

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

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

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

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
99.7%	97.2%	96.7%	100%	99.4%	95.7%	96.4%	97.9%	96.2%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School
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It is important that the children attend school every day. If you are 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/>