



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

17th October 2025

This week

As we come to the end of Term 1, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate some of the wonderful activities and achievements from this week.

Our boys' football team took part in matches against other schools within the Pioneer Academy. They played exceptionally well in some challenging games, demonstrating fantastic team spirit and sportsmanship. We are very proud of their efforts and determination.



Meanwhile, the girls' team competed in a TPA tournament and made it all the way to the final. They fought hard throughout and, although they were narrowly defeated in a penalty shootout, their resilience and commitment were truly impressive. A big well done to both teams for their hard work and sportsmanship.

In addition to sports, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their forest school sessions this week. They gathered around a campfire and made delicious s'mores, sharing their exciting forest school stories with great enthusiasm.



I can hardly believe how quickly Term 1 has flown by. Since joining the Ightham community, I have felt incredibly welcomed by both pupils and parents alike. It is a privilege to be part of such a dedicated and supportive team.



Thank you all for your continued support. I look forward to all that we will achieve together in the coming terms.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable break.

Warm regards,

Sue Earl



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Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Tristan in Year 4

Courtesy Cup was awarded to:

Charlie in Year 6

Endeavour Award was awarded to:

Coralie in Year 6

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class—Oscar and Ollie

Pine Class—Poppy and Grace

Chestnut Class— Josh and Grace

Willow Class—Miles and Hannah

Elm Class—Marcus and Mimi

Beech Class—Milo and Evren

Oak Class—Lily and Jeannie

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

Parking

I would like to kindly remind everyone to be considerate of our neighbours when parking at the beginning and end of the school day. We have received concerns from members of the community about driveways being blocked, which restricts access for residents.

Please ensure that you park responsibly and leave driveways clear at all times. It is important that we respect our neighbours and treat them as we would wish to be treated ourselves.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain positive relationships within our community.

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
8	6	10	6

The winning House this term is Knole. If you are in Knole House then you have earned own clothes on Friday 7th November. Well done!



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PSA

We had a fantastic wine and cheese tasting last night. Thank you to Lydie for hosting and sharing all your knowledge and thank you to all those who attended.

The outfits for rockstar's dress up day today were amazing. Thank you for all your kind donations. The collection pot is still open if you need it.

We will be collecting donations for Elfridges when we get back after half term, so please keep unwanted but new gifts, in date boxes of chocolates or biscuits to one side.

Have a great half term

Kind Regards,

Team PSA

Upcoming dates

27th October Start of term

27th October Year 5 Mini Medics

27th October Year 5 Parent Maths Workshop (invitation only)

28th October Year 5 Mini Medics

27th October Year 5 Parent Maths Workshop (invitation only)

30th October Reception Parent Phonics Workshop

31st October Roald Dahl Day

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

26th 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
97.8%	96.7%	96.1%	97.8%	92.8%	94.4%	94.7%	95.8%	96.2%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School
	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	8

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/>