



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

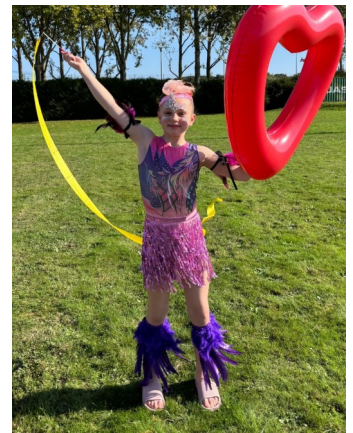
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This week

This week, we had a fantastic Roald Dahl Day! Both pupils and staff looked amazing in their creative costumes. The children enjoyed a variety of activities inspired by Roald Dahl's beloved books, sparking their imagination and love of reading. Thank you to Mrs Ball for organising the day.

Our football team continues to impress! They played another exciting match against Dunton Green, winning 4-3. So far, the team has played four matches this season and remains unbeaten – a brilliant achievement!

We are also thrilled to celebrate a special success from one of our pupils. Congratulations to Willow, who recently competed in Paris with the Orpington Gymnastics Display team, earning five Silver medals and three Bronze medals. Well done, Willow!



It was wonderful to welcome parents into school this week for our workshops. Year 5 held a maths workshop focused on place value and efficient calculation strategies, including doubling and multiplication. The session also emphasised mathematical vocabulary and the use of stem sentences. Feedback has been very positive, with one parent humorously commenting, "I need to go home for a lie down," while a child proudly said, "I taught my dad more than he taught me today!"

Reception class also hosted parents for a phonics session. It was a great opportunity for parents to observe a phonics lesson and then support their child with a phonics activity. The session covered pure sounds, segmenting and blending phonemes, and how phonics skills are applied to reading.

These workshops have been a great success, and we look forward to offering more across the year for various year groups. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming dates.

Warm regards,

Sue Earl



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Gold Cup, Courtesy Cup and Certificates

The Gold Cup was awarded to:

Indie in Year 1

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class—Lewis and Ralph

Pine Class— Emmie and Roux

Chestnut Class— CeCe and Albie

Willow Class—Aiden and Poppy

Elm Class—Aulban and Tristan

Beech Class—Millie and Grace

Oak Class—Poppy B and Poppy P

Congratulations to all!

Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church Centre

The Baby and Toddler Group warmly invite all parents and carers to join our friendly group, held every Thursday during term time at St Peter's Church Centre.

The sessions run from 10:00 am to 11:15 am, followed by a fun sing-along until 11:30 am. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other local families in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

The group offers complimentary coffee, tea, biscuits, and homemade cake—while the sessions are free, a small donation towards the Church is appreciated if you enjoy refreshments.

Whether you're new to the village or simply looking to connect with other parents and carers, this group is a fantastic way to build friendships and share experiences.

For more information, please contact Kirsty on 01732 885072. They look forward to welcoming you!

Parental Access to School Premises

To ensure the safety and security of all our pupils, we kindly remind parents and carers that entry to the school building is only permitted when accompanied by a member of staff.

Additionally, the children's toilets are designated for pupil use only to maintain a safe and hygienic environment.

If you or your child require any assistance at the end of the school day, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your understanding.

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
2	4	1	3

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



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PSA

With Christmas fast approaching (sorry!) - we will be collecting gift 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.

Elf'ridges will be run during school time on 12th Dec. The children will be able to buy a gift (or 2 depending on the number of donations!) for their sibling/parent/grandparent and this will be wrapped and ready to put under the tree for Christmas. It is a truly wonderful annual event and the kids love it. We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you can help please let your class rep know.

Many thanks

Team PSA

Upcoming dates

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

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

18th December KS2 Christmas Church Service, 2pm

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
99.17%	95.00%	94.58%	95.83%	93.81%	100%	96.17%	96.4%	96.2%

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

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/>