



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

14th November 2025

This week



What a Fantastic Week! We are delighted to share with you what a great week the children have had at Ightham Primary School. There has been a wonderful blend of curriculum learning alongside impeccable behaviour for learning. It's been especially exciting to see the children's enthusiasm for Geography shining through!

Year 3 have been learning about points of the compass through practical, hands-on activities that bring the subject to life.

Year 4 have focused on maps, mastering 4-figure grid references as well as understanding longitude and latitude.

Year 5 have explored Ordnance Survey maps, learning about 6-figure grid references and contours, developing advanced map skills.

Year 6 have been delving into physical geography, studying the UK and North America to discover major geographical regions.

It has been a joy to visit classrooms and see pupils so focused in a calm, organised environment, fully engaged in their learning. We are so impressed with the children's attitude and behaviour that we have introduced a new reward: the 'Maple Ready' Award, recognising those who maintain a calm, tidy classroom. Additionally, Maple has been busy giving out Hi 5s to those achieving a Headteacher Sticker for great behaviour for learning and impressive achievements.

A big congratulations to Year 6 for their fabulous Pudsey cakes! The competition was strong, and every child should be proud of their efforts. The runners-up were Edie, Willow, Poppy, and Luna, with Edith taking the top prize. Thank you to everyone who supported by purchasing cakes at the end of the day. To round off our Pudsey celebrations, it was wonderful to see all the children wearing spots. Together, we have raised over £500 for Children in Need — a fantastic achievement!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes, Ms Earl





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Awards and Certificates

The Maple Ready Award went to:

Chestnut Class (Year 2)

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class— Esra and Rohan

Pine Class—Rufus and Ophelia B

Chestnut Class— Clara and Nia

Willow Class—Joshua and Catherine

Elm Class—Max and Florence

Beech Class—Malachy, Robyn and Freddie

Oak Class—Ellis and Hudson

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

The term dates for 2026-2027 are now available on the school website.

Outdoor wear

Now that the weather is turning wetter and colder, we kindly remind you to ensure that all children come to school wearing a suitable coat. We like to get the children outside in the fresh air as much as possible even if it is drizzling.

Thank you.



House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
5	11	7	7

The winning House this week was Chartwell 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.

Also if you sign up to the Governors' 200 Club before the end of term you will be in with a chance of winning DOUBLE MONEY in their December draw! Reps will send out the forms.

Many thanks

Team PSA

Upcoming dates

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

19th November Reception trip to the post box

25th November Community Afternoon hosted by Oak Class

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

11th December Community Afternoon hosted by Beech Class

12th December Elf'ridges

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
97.16%	98.33%	97.22%	97.5%	99.44%	96.91%	96.94%	97.64%	95.4%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School
	1	3	0	1	0	0	2	7

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/>