



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

18th September 2026

This Week

Another fantastic week at Ightham!

The children loved the Rocksteady workshops. Thank you to everyone who has signed your child up for a band. We're excited to watch their progress and can't wait to share a performance later in the term as they develop their skills.

Thank you to the parents who attended the School Values workshop. Your views were very helpful. We will use the feedback from parents, staff, children and governors to refresh our school values so they better reflect life at Ightham and are easy for everyone to remember.

A special thank you to Jo Crisp, who steps down as Chair of the PSA after four years of tireless service. Jo's energy and commitment have raised vital funds for the school and made a real difference to our children's experiences. We are extremely grateful.

A short reminder about end-of-day arrangements: once school staff have handed children over to you at the end of the day, supervisory responsibility passes to parents and carers. Please ensure children are supervised on the recreation ground and around the play area. We have had a small number of incidents recently (graffiti and unkind behaviour) and would ask that you support us by modelling the school values when your child is wearing their uniform.

Best wishes,

Ms Earl



Acorn Class

We have begun lots of new learning this week and the children have AMAZED us with their fantastic attitudes to learning! The children have all really embraced the challenges the classroom and have been to complete these. It has been lovely to see how proud of themselves they have been. In maths this week, we have learnt to name and recognise circles and triangles. The children have been great at describing these shapes using the correct vocabulary. We went on a shape hunt around the school to look for circles and triangles around us. We have also been busy practising our name writing on whiteboards, our lightboards and using chalk outside!



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Pine Class

We can't believe we are already in Week 3. The children have settled into their routines and are enjoying their new learning. In Maths, we have been exploring one more using different practical resources. In English, we finished *Ish* by Peter Reynolds and the children loved discussing the characters, setting and how the problem was solved. They are writing lovely sentences, focusing on capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and using their Phase 5 phonics. We are excited for our Harvest celebrations and have been practising our songs. In History, we have been ordering life events from our own memories, in Geography we introduced the continents, and in Art the children have been experimenting with different mediums to make marks.

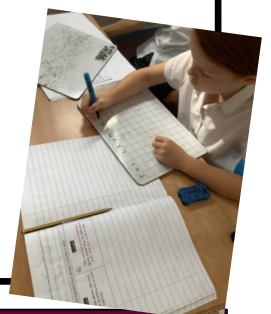
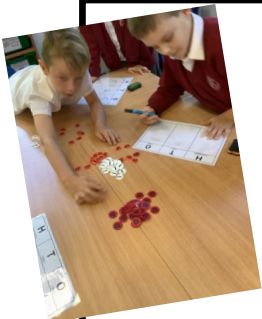


Chestnut Class

We have had a great week again in year 2! Our maths took us outside onto the playground where we used chalk and base ten to partition and flexibly partition numbers to 100. In English, we learnt about expanded noun phrases and adverbs to describe different characters. We started to understand how they can improve our sentences and make them more interesting! During science, we discussed the difference between 'living things' and 'things that have never been alive' and looked at the key features of a living thing. As sportspeople, we practiced our chest and bounce passes in netball, we also had our first cricket session with Mr Marshall which was great fun! We have also started practicing our Harvest performances and look forward to sharing it with you soon!

Willow Class

This week in Year 3, we have been busy learning about lots of exciting topics! In English, we have learnt more about Greta Thunberg and have started exploring first-person narrative descriptions, thinking about how we can describe events from a character's perspective. In Geography, we have been developing our map skills, learning how to use and interpret maps, while in Science we have continued our learning about rocks, exploring their different properties and how they are formed. In Maths we played some place value games to help us develop our maths mastery, while we also began learning lines and songs for the Harvest play! Well done Year 3, for another fantastic week of learning!





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Elm Class

Another fantastic week in year 4 done! The children have really enjoyed diving deeper into number in our place value topic and thinking about what persuasive devices they might use in their online safety advert in English. We started our geography topic of rivers this week and the children were brimming with questions about the movement of water and how the natural world works. We had an interesting chat about reward and consequence in PSHE and shared our own thoughts and opinions by making a 'consequence continuum' in the classroom. Finally, I was so pleased to see the children getting stuck in to their swimming lessons yesterday and doing the school proud in their first out of school activity of the year. Long may this enthusiasm continue!



Beech Class

This week has been busy and full of engagement and hard work from all the children. Our first Geography lesson of the year involved using atlases to locate the equator and lines of latitude and longitude, then locating different countries around the world and ordering them by proximity to the equator. Following our Roald Dahl Day last Friday, the class spent an afternoon painting their pencil sketches of a tortoise (Esio Trot) with watercolours, under the expert guidance of Mrs Brown! Today we started our French unit on 'Les vêtements', which the children fully embraced! We have also been busy practising our Harvest songs ready for the church service in a few weeks' time.



Oak Class

Year 6 Oak have had a packed week of learning! We continued writing fictional-character autobiographies in English and practised rounding integers in Maths. In Science, we explored the components of a series circuit, while History saw us investigating the key steps that led to the Second World War. We ended on a musical note, playing chords to harmonise with Clocks by Coldplay. Well done, Oak!



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PSA

A couple of coffees a month?

Instead of a couple of coffees a month... could you support the Ightham PSA?

A regular monthly donation of **just £5-£25** by standing order helps fund equipment, school trips, workshops and many other opportunities that enrich your child's education beyond the school budget.

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Happier children
A stronger school community

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Don't forget to book in for our Family Quiz Night on 9th October.

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
5	7	12	6

Well done to House who had the most House Points this week .

Awards and Certificates

The **Gold Cup** was awarded to:
Ophelia Russell

Head Teacher certificates were awarded to:

Acorn Class—Maeve & Rufus

Pine Class—Archie & Rosie

Chestnut Class— Leena & Rufus

Willow Class— Henry & Millie

Elm Class— Skye & Freddie H

Beech Class—Oliver & Max

Oak Class— Isabelle & Milo

Maple Ready Award was presented to Chestnut Class

Well done to all!



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School Calendar

2026-2027

Term 1: 1st September-19th October

Term 2: 2nd November—18th December

Term 3: 4th January— 12th February

Term 4: 22nd February—25th March

Term 5: 12th April—28th May

Term 6: 7th June—23rd July

Inset days:

27th & 28th August

2nd November

4th January

7th June

Upcoming dates

24th September Open Books 3:20-4:00pm

1st October KS1 Harvest assembly, 9:00, school hall
(please note change of date)

2nd October KS2 Harvest Service, St Peter's Church,
9:15am (please note change of date)

5th October Year 6 Community Afternoon

9th October Individual and sibling photos

12th & 13th October Year 5 Mini Medics

12th October Parent Consultations

14th October Parent Consultations

16th October TTRS Day

16th October Last day of term

2nd November Inset Day

16th November Antibullying week

16th November Art Week

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
98.18%	99.39%	97.81%	99.06%	98.42%	95.76%	94.64%	97.66%	94.5%

Number of lates	Acorn	Pine	Chestnut	Willow	Elm	Beech	Oak	Whole School
	1	0	2	0	0	0	6	4

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/>