



Ightham Primary School Newsletter

9th October 2026

This Week

Another busy and brilliant week at Ightham!

Our teams have had a fantastic week of football. The squad attended a Sevenoaks League match and both the girls' and boys' teams took part in the TPA competition. The girls played extremely well, showing confidence and skill throughout their matches. The boys finished the heats with one win, one draw and one defeat, the same results as other teams, but progressed to the final on goal difference. The final ended 0-0 and was decided on penalties: all three penalty takers scored and our keeper made an excellent save. They returned to school jubilant and proud. We were pleased to use a TPA minibus to transport the children to the event; thank you to the staff who made this possible.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our harvest collection. The donations were delivered to the Pilsdon Malling Community, who were extremely grateful. Your generosity makes a real difference .

Invitations to join ClassDojo have been sent to Reception and Key Stage 1 families.

Invitations for Key Stage 2 will be sent at the start of next week. We plan to start using the platform after the half term break. Please read the guidance we have provided about the dos and don'ts for communicating via ClassDojo so everyone uses it safely and effectively.

We are especially proud of how calm the children were during the unusual situation yesterday. Every child remained in their classroom and continued with a productive day of learning; their behaviour and resilience were exemplary and truly reflected our school values. The staff were highly professional throughout, maintaining a calm and positive atmosphere and ensuring a continuation of learning for all pupils. Best wishes, Ms Earl



Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Rohan who has received his 10m swim badge. A great achievement!





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This week our focus book has been 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. The children have loved this book and have shown fantastic enthusiasm for the challenges based on this! We have built our own 'Naughty Bus' using the big blocks outside, using the junk modelling resources in the classroom and some of the children chose to challenge themselves to build a bus using our construction resources. It has been great to see their imaginations shine this week! In maths we have learnt about measure. We have used the correct vocabulary to describe length, height and weight and the children have enjoyed exploring these forms of measure in Challenge Time. During forest school, the children explored signs of autumn and enjoyed finding lots of autumn treasures in our lovely woodland area!



Pine Class

What a wonderful week we have had in Year 1! The children have been working hard in maths, ordering numbers in both directions and showing fantastic confidence when using **< and >** to compare them. We have also launched our new English topic on **descriptive writing**, with the children using their senses to think carefully about what they might see, hear, smell, touch and taste. There has been lots of excitement around our class book, *Where the Wild Things Are*, too, and the children have really enjoyed exploring this imaginative story. We are very much looking forward to our school trip to Kent Life on Thursday too.



Chestnut Class

Where has this term gone!? This week in Chestnut class has been great! In our reading lessons we have been thinking about morals and what they mean. We read 'The Goose That Laid The Golden Egg' and discussed how greed can lead people to ruining what they had before, we then spoke about being happy and content with what we have. In maths, we have looked at number bonds beyond 10 and using number facts and fact families to help us with trickier questions. In computing we painted pictures using the pointillism style and looked at some of the works of art from French artists Georges Seurat and Paul Signac who inspired the style and as scientists we used magnifying glasses to observe items that we had found in the small woods, in greater detail thinking about object features that the naked eye may miss. Finally in cricket, we used our hand eye coordination to improve our catching a reaction skills.





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Willow Class

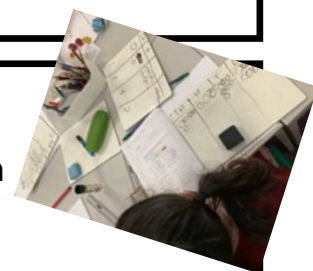
Year 3 have had a fantastic start to their new topics this week! In Maths, we have begun exploring addition and subtraction, building on our place value knowledge and developing our calculation skills. In English, we have started our new topic on non-chronological reports and have been looking at the key features that make them informative and engaging. In Science, we are continuing our investigation into rocks, while in History we have been travelling back in time to learn more about life in the Stone Age. Another busy and exciting week in Year 3!



Elm Class

Another successful week in Year 4! We rounded off our Geography topic in style, learning all about the important features of rivers and how they are formed. Also, the children have successfully written diary entries in

English sharing all about an exciting day they have imagined in Year 4, we had all sorts of ideas from rollercoasters to tiny teachers, which were all lovely to see. The children enjoyed finishing our book in reading and finding out what Harmony spends her last wish on in 'The Queen's Nose'. Well done Year 4 for



Beech Class

This week, in Maths, the children have been busy learning Roman Numerals to 1,000. We are nearing the end of 'Shackleton's Journey', which has provoked some intense class discussions throughout the week! In Geography, the children learnt what a city is and located different cities across Europe and South America. They discussed why some cities are coastal and others are inland, and considered the impact of cities on oceans, rivers and woodland. Our focus in music this week was using body percussion to create rhythm.

Oak Class

Learning, laughing and coming together! This week we tackled balanced arguments, prime numbers and Kent's role as the 'Front Line County', alongside keyboard skills and RE. Our wonderful Community Afternoon was the highlight, with plenty of chat, laughter and board games bringing everyone together.



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PSA Supporting our school together

QUIZ NIGHT THIS FRIDAY!
We can't wait for our first PSA event of the academic year!
A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our Quiz Night. We're looking forward to a fantastic evening together and hope everyone has a brilliant time!

THANK YOU!
A big thank you to everyone who donated to our collection. Your generous donations help us raise valuable funds for the school, and we really appreciate your support!

NEXT PSA MEETING
Tuesday 3rd November 7.30pm at George and Dragon
Come along to our next PSA meeting and find out more about how we support our school community. It's a great opportunity to hear what we've been working on, share ideas and get involved. Everyone is welcome!

TT ROCKSTARS DRESSING UP DAY & BAKE SALE
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER
We'll be collecting cake donations on Friday 16th October for our TT Rockstars dressing up day and cake sale.
Please bring donations to the school office in the morning.
If you're baking at home, please:
• Attach a list of all ingredients
• No nuts, please
Thank you to all our wonderful bakers!

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP & COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
Join us after drop-off for our next 2nd Hand Uniform Sale, with coffee and pastries available too! A lovely chance to pick up some pre-loved uniform bargains, enjoy a coffee and have a catch-up with other parents.

Thank you, as always, for supporting the Ightham PSA!

House Points

The House Points accumulated this term:

Mote	Chartwell	Knole	Oldbury
12	12	21	12

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

Awards and Certificates

The **Gold Cup** was awarded to:

Freddie H—Year 4

Head Teacher certificates

were awarded to:

Acorn Class—Last week **Tilly & Samuel**. This week **Immy & Emma**.

Pine Class—Last week **Katya & Freddie**. This week **Oscar & Vivi**.

Chestnut Class—This week **Tilly & Jake**

Willow Class— Last week **Sloan & Jess**. This week **Elijah Elm Class— Last week Eliza & Freddie P**. This week **Isaac & Daisy**.

Beech Class—Last week **Finlay & Joelle**. This week **Mimi & Amalie**.

Oak Class— Last week **Olly P & Rufus**. This week **Theo**

Maple Ready Award was presented to Pine Class



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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

2027-2028 dates available on the website

Upcoming dates

12th & 13th October Year 5 Mini Medics

12th October Parent Consultations

14th October Black History Month workshop

14th October Parent Consultations

16th October TTRS Day

16th October Last day of term

2nd November Inset Day

3rd November Rail Workshop for years 5 and 6

5th November Phonics workshop for reception parents

5th, 6th, 9th and 10th November Year 6 Bikeability

12th November Year 6 Mayoral Debate

13th November Wear spots for Children in Need

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
97.22%	98.06%	98.56%	98.89%	97.97%	93.99%	94.35%	97.05%	94.5%

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

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/>