



Icklesham Church of England Primary School and Nursery



Wow! So much joy in school today. We have a splendiferous visit by the amazing Andrew from Glyndebourne Opera. who sang to the whole school in assembly this morning, and worked with Eden Class on their upcoming concert at Glyndebourne. This afternoon we heard the younger children's beautiful voices learning their Nativity songs. It's beginning to sound a lot like..... (to early?) Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Robinson

Mufti Day We will be having a mufti day on the 5th December. Children are allowed to wear their own clothes in return please bring in a prize for the tombola for the Christmas fayre which will be on the 12th December.

Christmas Dinner there is a change to the Christmas dinner menu, please see attached flyer.

Coral Class This week in nursery we've been warming up our bodies through sensory circuits using the parachute and space hopper! We've also started to explore the change in weather and why it gets icy in winter. The children enjoyed watching the sleet fall outside the other day and smashing up pieces of ice using different tools! We've explored cornflour in our messy tray alongside Arctic animals. I hope you all manage to stay warm this weekend!

Beach Class This week in Beach Class we have been exploring the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We have been retelling the story using story maps and role play by putting actions to the different parts of the story. We have also read an alternative story called 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' and we had a go at making up our own version, including 'We're Going on a Polar Bear Hunt' and 'We're Going on a Dinosaur Hunt'. We have also now learnt all our initial sounds in phonics so will be moving onto diagraphs. The children in maths have been building different ways to make 5 using their number shapes. Well done to our 'Let Your Light Shine' award winners this week, **Rowan** and **Ava**.

Woodland Class Woodland Class have really let their lights shine this week. They have worked super hard and produced some amazing work. In math's, we have been doing some math's assessments and they should all be very proud of themselves. The children have done some writing about a purple monster and created beautiful sentences. In history we looked at what a Monarch is, in art we drew some eyes, and in science we finished our topic about our 5 senses. The 'Let Your Light Shine' awards go to **Frederic** for being super engaged in his learning, and to **Mia** for being super helpful around the school. Have a wonderful weekend.

Rainforest Class This week in Rainforest Class has been full of fun packed learning. We have been learning about pull mechanisms in DT where the children have been creating Christmas cards. In Science this week, we have been investigating how different teeth that animals have can tell us what they might eat. In maths this week we have been looking at subtraction with exchanges using the column method. In writing this week, we have been looking at adjectives and how we can position them around a noun in a sentence. This week my 'Let Your Light Shine' Awards go to **Nova** and **Kieron**, respectively for the courage he has shown getting into his school work and for the kindness he has shown helping others. Next week, we will be looking at creating noun phrases in our writing lessons. Looking at a different mechanism in DT, exploring what a vertebrate is, and starting to make our stopmotion film in computing.

Eden Class Well, Eden Class has had an eventful week! From our geography field trip to Hastings seafront that suddenly turned from a planned investigation on the coast into an 'Arctic trek' where we found ourselves walking through a blizzard along the seafront! Thank you so much to all the parents that changed their arrangements to help with the early pick up. My special thanks to the parents (and brothers) that accompanied us - I promise the next school trip will be indoors! Then yesterday, Zoe and Emily competed in the school's area cluster cross country finals at Claverham. They had qualified by being in the top 15 (in their age group) in the Hastings cluster last month. Yesterday's event was made up from the 6 sports clusters in our area which ranged from Robertsbridge to Bexhill. The 60 children in each age group ran their races and Emily finished 22nd for the Y5's and Zoe finished 9th in the Y6 race. The top 18 runners qualified for the area finals! So my 'Let Your Light Shine' awards go to **Emily** and **Zoe** this week for their excellence this event. Well done girls. We continue to enjoy to have Miss Kirkham in class and we are pleased that she is continuing on Monday's and Fridays for the next couple of weeks. I hope you all have a great weekend.

#WakeUpWednesday This online safety guide examines the TikTok app, highlighting risks such as inappropriate content, data misuse, addictive use, and stranger contact. [What You Need to Know: TikTok | E-safety guide](#)

Well Done on a super week!



Dates for your diary

November

Thursday 27th—Football match at Hastings Academy for those involved

December

Monday 1st —Christmas jumper donation
Tuesday 2nd—Whole school Pantomime
Friday 5th—Pre loved Christmas Jumpers available
Friday 5th—Mufti Day for tombola prizes
Wednesday 10th—Eden class to Glyndebourne
Friday 12th—Christmas Fayre
Friday 12th—Children singing at Icklesham Christmas event 4.30pm
Monday 15th—Nativity performance 1 2pm
Tuesday 16th—Nativity Performance 2 5pm

December

Wednesday 17th—Christmas dinner
Friday 19th—Carol concert in church 9.30am
Friday 19th—Last day of term 2

Inset Days 2025—2026

Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 1st June 2026

All INSET Days are now confirmed—please use this information to plan days out and holiday travel etc. to avoid absence in school time.

ESCC Term Dates

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<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/term-dates>