



Icklesham Church of England Primary School and Nursery



What a lot of JOY there is this week in school! I have been so impressed with the contribution individuals and groups of children have made towards bringing Joy into our daily school life. There have been quiet acts of joy, such as spontaneous kind acts and new friendships popping up, and much louder ones such as the amazing footballers scoring 8 goals at their match on Thursday, and the hugely animated group from Eden Class who have just shown off their bread and jam sculpture of a Chichén Itzá (some evidence on faces!) Our Time for Dance squad brought very energetic joy to assembly this morning with their performance! So many smiles this week everyone! Let's keep it up!

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs. Robinson.

Football On Thursday, 10 pupils from year 5 and 6 went to represent the school at a football competition. The children smashed it whilst playing in the cold and rain. The score was 10-8 to Sandown but we were 6-4 up at half time and led right up to the last few minutes. Well done to all children who took part.

School Council Challenge This week everyone drew a potato character so they could enter the competition. The School Council collected the pictures and gave them to Mr Allchorne (caretaker) to decide on a winner. It was a really tricky decision but the winners are Beach class was Macie, Woodland Class was Ziggy, Rainforest Class was Anabelle and Eden Class was Harrison, congratulations to you all. Each of the winners received a seed animal that, when watered will grow flowers. The potatoes are seeding and after half term each class will be given their equipment for the potatoes! Let the growing begin!

School Lunch On Friday 13th there is a change to the dessert of the day. The children will have the option of American Pancake and Ice cream or fresh fruit. Unfortunately ParentPay will not be changed to reflect this. If your child would like pancakes please order the main dessert option.

Ocean Class This week in nursery we have been focusing on the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have acted the story out using stick puppets and have made our own gingerbread men using ginger spiced playdough. We've also done some baking this week and have made gingerbread cookies. It has been national story telling week this week and we were very lucky to have Mrs. Foster come in and read the Monkey Puzzle story to us! We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Beach Class This week in Beach Class we have been celebrating National Story Telling week. We have taken inspiration from a range of poets and song writers to help us write a short story as a class. The children then created a story map to retell the story or come up with one of their own. We also began looking at Little Red Riding Hood this week, picking out the key vocabulary from the story and retelling it through role play. The children even had a story read to them by Miss Crittenden when teachers swapped classes for a story session. Next week we will be exploring Chinese New Year and looking at how dragons are used in fairy tales. Well done to our 'Let Your Light Shine' award winners this week, **Rowan** for his amazing story telling and **Forrest** for super engagement during our maths learning of length and height.

Woodland Class Woodland Class have worked super hard this week. We have become authors and wrote a class story about Dude the Rabbit. In maths, we have looked at litres and milliliters and how to measure using jugs. We discovered how the Great Fire of London started, what objects sink or float, we started to explore 'paint' on the Chromebooks, and in DT we learnt what stable and stiff meant. The 'Let Your Light Shine' awards goes to **Aster and Charlie** for their amazing team work in computing and their ideas on Paint. Have a lovely weekend.

Rainforest Class What an amazing week we have had in Rainforest Class! This week in maths we have been looking at metres, cm and mm and how these can be used in measuring lengths. In writing this week we have started to create our own stories that have been inspired by Wind in the Willows. In science we explored different types of soils and what is found in them. This week's 'Let Your Light Shine' Awards go to **Ede and Aerin**. Next week we will be continuing our maths unit on measure, reading The Wind in the Willows in our reading lessons and finishing our unit on rugby for the year.

Eden Class This week Eden Class has been busy enjoying different events for National Storytelling Week. We have been inspired to write raps about how awesome we are after a live lesson on Tuesday. In art we designed our own Maya style masks and learnt that the masks had two purposes; for decoration at events or to accompany the Maya to their graves. We have also practiced lots of sports too; football for yesterday's tournament, netball for next week's tournament and of course our dance for Monday's 'Time to Dance'. I would like to give this week's 'Let Your Light Shine' awards to **Phee** for showing kindness to others and bringing joy to the class and to **Fletcher** for courage and excellence when demonstrating his method in finding the area of triangles in Maths. Well done and have a good weekend.

Dear Residents On the 16th February, Chequers, the grounds team for East Sussex County council will be cutting the hedge to the right of the school gate, down towards Pear Tree Field, which will involve a tractor. Please can you kindly move any vehicles parked in this area for the day. Thank you for your help in advance.

#WakeUpWednesday This guide explores how Bluetooth trackers like AirTags and SmartTags can be misused for stalking, bullying and invading young people's privacy. [tracking-devices.pdf](#)

Well Done on a super week!



Dates for your diary

February

Monday 9th— Time to Dance at The White Rock for those involved

Thursday 12th—revised date for Netball, for those involved

Friday 13th—Visit from Helena Dollimore

Friday 13th—End of term 3

Monday 23rd—Start of term 4

March

Thursday 5th—World Book Day

Tuesday 17th – SingInspiration for those involved

Wednesday 18th—Parents Evening 1

Monday 23rd—Parents Evening 2

Wednesday 25th—Parents Evening 3

Thursday 26th—PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 27th—Easter Service in church 9.30am

Friday 27th—Last day of term 4

Inset Days 2025—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

East Sussex Term Dates are available online at

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