



Icklesham Church of England Primary School and Nursery



Congratulations on an excellent first week back everyone! Welcome to all our new families in Nursery and Reception and across the school. The children have responded very well to settling in and are enjoying building new friendships here at Icklesham! Parents and carers can get involved too. We have a meet and greet for those of you wishing to be involved more in the Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) on 19th September 2.30pm.

Introducing your Prefect Team for 2025 - 2026!

Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils on their thoughtful and professional application letters and for showing us, through their actions, that they are such super stars! It was a very difficult task to choose but here are the results:

Head Prefects

Finley-James, Olivia, Harrison and Ivy!

Prefects

Lumen, Mia, Louis, Reggie, Phee, Hugo, Bella, Lewis, Ivy, Harrison, Finley-James, Olivia and Melody!

Librarians

Hugo and Lewis!

Sports Captains

Reggie, Phee, Melody, Ivy, Harrison, Finley-James, Olivia and Bella!

Earth Champions - Watch this space!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone! Mrs. Robinson.

Open Day We also have the school Open Morning on Friday 19th September for those children starting Reception in September 2026! Please telephone or email Mrs. Barry in the office to book in for a tour. Please share with family and friends who have children starting Reception in September 2026. We also have a few spaces in our classes so please share if you know of anyone looking to move.

Ocean Class This week in nursery we have continued to explore our topic of autumn and have looked at different things we may see at this time of the year. Thank you to all the parents that have brought in family photos to go on our family tree - it has been wonderful to see the children get so excited to tell their friends about who is special in their lives! It has been a lovely week back and the children have been demonstrating beautiful listening and have sat brilliantly for circle time! Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Beach Class We have had a lovely first week in Beach Class - I am so proud of how all the children have settled in. We have spent the week exploring the classroom/school and settling into routines. We will continue with this next week, alongside starting some simple phonics and maths sessions. Well done to all of **Beach Class** for winning a 'Let Your Light Shine' award.

Woodland Class Woodland Class have been amazing this week. First full week back, and they have shown resilience in all areas. This week we have been recapping what we learnt last year in phonics. In writing, we spoke about what a sentence is and wrote our own sentences using the correct capital letters and full stops- whilst also doing lots of handwriting! Our maths this week has been about counting objects and representing numbers on a tens frame. We began our history topic about castles and the children got to design their own castles. In science, we looked at our first sense, which was sight. Finally, in PSHE we learnt how to be resilient! The 'Let Your Light Shine' award goes to **Primrose** for being ready and showing excellence in every lesson, and to **Logan** for showing joy all around the school. I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Rainforest Class What a first week! Rainforest has really dedicated themselves to learning this week. In maths we have begun looking at ones, tens and hundreds using Deans as resources, as well as number lines and plotting the correct sequences. In English, we have been focusing on our handwriting, and what beautiful handwriting everyone is showing, some are finding it tricky but their level of perseverance is inspiring. Science has started with looking into the parts of a plant, RE with looking into Islam and the importance of prayer. Geography this week saw Rainforest introduced to maps and the different types of maps that can be found and in art the class started research in to Photomontages and a trailblazing German artist called Hannah Hoch who created the art form in the 1920s. The 'Let Your Light Shine' awards this week go to **Delilah** for excellence in her work and her positivity towards everything schoolwide and **Tiana** for her courage in her handwriting this week.

Eden Class Eden Class have spent their first full week back engaging with their new learning topics across the curriculum; we have begun reading Anglo Saxon Boy which tells the story of Magnus Goodwin (son of Harold Godwinson) and the build up to the Battle of Hastings. The new PSHE curriculum has gone down well with the class adopting phrases like 'I respectfully disagree...' and 'I'd like to build on...' in our class discussion on resilience. I have been impressed with the resilience shown in class too. In fact, my first 'Let Your Light Shine' award goes to **Lewis** who has demonstrated resilience in his learning and recognised that last year he didn't have such a resilient response when facing challenges. The second award goes to **Harrison** who has consistently shown he is ready to learn, participate and model an outstanding attitude. Well done to both of you.

If any parents or carers have changed their contact details over the summer, please let the school office have the updated details.

We will soon be running a new parent portal from Arbor, our management information system and need the correct details in order to do this.

#WakeUpWednesday The latest update to the DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) identifies the safeguarding concerns posed by conspiracy theories. This guide will help you to understand the risks, spot the signs, build children's resilience and safeguard against the harmful effects of conspiracy theories.

Well Done on a super week!



Dates for your diary September

Tuesday 16th—Beach Class Welcome Meeting 3.15pm
creche available
Friday 19th—Open Morning for new families 9.15-
11.30am
Friday 19th—PTFA meet and greet 2.30pm all welcome
Wednesday 24th— First aid with British Red Cross for
Eden Class
Friday 26th—Macmillan Coffee Morning and concert 9-
11am

Inset Days 2025—2026

Monday 3rd November 2025
Tuesday 4th November 2025
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>