



Icklesham Church of England Primary School and Nursery



What a lovely week and a very sunny Friday we have had! At last the sun has come out and long may it last! We had a very special day today meeting some of our new prospective parents for the first time, as well as some familiar faces from our nursery. Welcome everyone! We were very proud, as always, to show off our wonderful school. Our next open Day is Friday 14th November. Also today, our amazing PTFA held a meet and greet for new parents and carers to come on board and support our fund raising and fun raising events for the coming year. All events are on the 'dates for the year' that we sent out at the start of term. We know not all of you can attend meetings but do get in touch and get involved wherever and whenever you can. Last year was a bumper fundraiser which has been turned into more trips, more equipment and more fun for your children. Thank you to the PTFA who have kindly supported the new playground activities this week: Giant Jenga, Giant Connect 4 and table tennis. Next Friday we have our annual **Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am - 11am**, a charity close to our hearts. **We need you!** Please help by bringing and baking (not nuts please) and come along for a wonderful concert, where every class and nursery will be performing. Bring friends and family and let's raise lots of money for this vital charity. Congratulations to Louis for his role of Earth Champion and to Finley-James who has already joined this band of intrepid Eco Warriors. Louis will be sharing the Earth Champion plans and activities with you all next week. Have a lovely weekend all!

Mrs. Robinson.

Thank you to every one who supported our **Jeans for Genes day**, the school has raised **£75.76**.

Ocean Class This week in Nursery we have continued to focus on the special people in our lives, what makes us unique and how we are different from each other. We have been looking at the story of the Gruffalo this week and the children are brilliant at recapping what the mouse can hear and see in the deep, dark woods! We've continued with our topic of autumn by doing some listening lotto games and having a tuff tray filled with conkers, acorns and brightly coloured leaves! Next week we will be looking at occupations and what we may want to do when we grow up! Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Beach Class This week in Beach Class, we have started our phonics learning by looking at the sounds s, a, t, p. We have also looked at the story 'When a Dragon Goes to School' and have been doing lots of dragon themed activities in our play. We have also started off our PSHE learning by looking at the feelings 'happy' and 'sad'. Well done to our 'Let Your Light Shine' winners this week **Henry** and **Macie**.

Woodland Class What another great week in Woodland Class! This week we have been looking at 'one more and one less' in maths whilst also learning about number lines. In writing, we are making sure we are using full stops and knowing where they need to go, and in phonics we are continuing to recap the sounds we learnt last year. We have also learnt a bit more about castles in history, and the children have enjoyed making their own castles out of resources such as lego. In PSHE we talked about emotions and how we feel lots of different emotions in one day. Yesterday we spoke about Jeans for Genes day and why we raise awareness about it. The 'Let Your Light Shine' award goes to **Aster** for showing excellence in his maths lessons, and to **Marina** for always being ready in Phonics. Woodland class have had an amazing week! Have a lovely weekend.

Rainforest Class Rainforest have thrown themselves into learning how to read maps in preparation for our orienteering around Icklesham in a few weeks time. We have been looking at what a map is and how to read eastings and northings to find our co-ordinates. In English we have been looking at question words and what makes a question or a command. Maths has seen Rainforest working really hard at understanding number lines up to one thousand! Our art focus this week has been looking at photomontages and seeing if we can determine the emotions the artist wanted us to feel, all in preparation for our own creations. If we could ask parents to save old magazines and newspapers that would be amazing, as we could use these in our artworks. These can be handed in any time. PSHE has had the class understanding what makes us resilient, and the class had great fun acting out the positive and negative ways in which we can react to life challenges. Another great week in Rainforest!

Eden Class Eden Class have had another busy week! In maths we have been looking at numbers up to 10,000,000 and using powers of ten in calculations. In English we have been learning how to use relative clauses to add more detail to our sentences about the characters in our story - Anglo- Saxon Boy. In science yesterday, with Miss Standen, we used toy cars and ramps to investigate friction. In history we discovered that one of the reasons The Battle of Hastings happened was the fact that Edward the Confessor had no heir. **Congratulations** to the prefects that undertook their first duty during open morning today. This weeks 'Let Your Light Shine' awards go to **Hettie-Rose** for her brilliant help at lunchtime with KS1. The second award goes to **Pearl** for her excellent and thoughtful contributions in PSHE when we were learning about emotions. I must also congratulate the **whole class** for the amount of home reading they have done this week. Keep up the good work everyone.

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 A practical guide offering 10 proven techniques to help children and young people recognise, understand and manage stress – teaching them build resilience and maintain emotional wellbeing.

Well Done on a super week!



Dates for your diary September

Tuesday 23rd - Woodland Class Phonics meetings
Wednesday 24th— First aid with British Red Cross for Eden Class
Friday 26th—Macmillan Coffee Morning and concert 9-11am

October

Wednesday 1st—Beach Class Phonics Information session
Thursday 2nd— Me and MY mind workshop for parents
Thursday 2nd—Rainforest Class Multiplication Tables Check meeting for parents
Friday 3rd—Harvest Festival in Church
Wednesday 8th—Jaws and Claws in school
Monday 13th—Woodland Class Trip to Bodiam Castle

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>