



Icklesham Church of England Primary School and Nursery



This morning the whole school community gathered together in the school hall to celebrate Harvest. The children and parents heard Eden Class explain how important harvest is to a range of communities; from farmers to the less fortunate. The school sang beautifully and we hope that Mrs Robinson did hear us! Thank you to all of those who donated produce, toiletries and spare change. The donations are being collected from school by 'Warming Up the Homeless' and they also say a very big THANK YOU!

Next week, the excitement continues as 'Jaws and Claws' return to school with their amazing collection of insects and snakes. **I wonder ... Which teacher will be brave enough to hold a snake this year?**

Have a good weekend everyone.

Next Friday is 'Hello Yellow' day a fundraising day for Young Minds where we hope to turn the school yellow for the day on World Mental Health Day. Please bring in a £1 donation and help us say 'Hello Yellow'. There are some surprises planned for the day and we hope to raise lots of money for this charity. Please donate using the QR code attached to the newsletter or this link for your donations. Thank you very much.

School Office Thank you to everyone who has signed into their Arbor account and who have updated their child's details. We will increasingly use this for trips, communications and Parents consultations in the coming months. Unfortunately we can't use this for school meals yet as Chartwells only use ParentPay.

Coral Class This week in nursery the children have continued to do self portrait paintings and we spoke about how our facial expressions can show our emotions. Please join me in welcoming our new early years practitioner Kirsty to our lovely nursery! We have also explored some natural materials using all of our senses to describe how they feel, look etc. Next week we will be doing some autumnal cooking. Have a lovely weekend.

Beach Class This week in Beach Class we have been exploring measuring and the number 1. The children have enjoyed finding out about what the number one means (alone, first) and have also been measuring each other and identifying how heavy different objects are. We have also been exploring harvest this week by looking at farms and where our food comes from. The children have enjoyed taking part in different activities including farm small world play and decorating pumpkins. We also enjoyed our harvest festival on Friday where we donated food to those in need. Well done to our 'Let Your Light Shine' award winners this week, **Rowan** and **Forrest**.

Woodland Class The children in Woodland class have worked so hard this week, especially in their maths. In maths, we have been learning about part whole models and looking at numbers on a place value chart. In Phonics, the year 1's have learnt new diagraphs which has been tricky but they have done amazing. In writing, we have continued to write our own versions of we're going on a bear hunt. The children practised drawing lips in art, for their self-portraits. We learnt about the learning arena and stepping out of our comfort zone in PSHE, and we spoke about Harvest festival and why we celebrate it. The 'Let Your Light' shine award goes to **Sebastian** for his perseverance in maths, and to **Emma** for working as a team when tidying. Have a lovely weekend.

Rainforest Class This week in Rainforest class we have been filled with learning and fun. We have been looking at exclamations in writing looking at our numbers up to 10,000 in our maths. We also continued to develop our compass using skills, with all now feeling confident in following a bearing. This week in PSHE we looked at the Tornado zone and how this influences our actions. Science this week saw us investigating how seeds germinate and how they are transported from the parent plant to where they grow. This weeks 'Let your Light Shine' award goes to **Aerin** and **Kieron**

Eden Class Eden Class have had another great week. We have been very busy researching, writing and practising for the harvest service today. We worked in groups to find out how harvest affects different groups in the community. They all spoke beautifully this morning making us very proud. The rest of the week has been busy with maths (working on addition), science (looking at water resistance), history (investigating Harald Hardrada) and creating some amazing brand names in PSHE. For our 'Let Your Light Shine' awards this week, I would like to give **Ophelia** an award because she has had the **courage** to step into the arena in class and show us her **excellence**. The other award goes to **William** for the **kindness** he showed his working partner this week. Well done to you both. Can I ask that if there are any parents that are able to accompany us to Battle Abbey on Monday 20th October to get in touch, thank you.

Well Done on a super week!



Dates for your diary October

Wednesday 8th—Jaws and Claws in school
 Thursday 9th—Eden Class parents are welcome to come and see childrens work @ 3pm
 Monday 13th—Woodland Class Trip to Bodiam Castle
 Tuesday 14th—Rainforest map reading around Icklesham
 Wednesday 15th—Parent consultations 3.30-6pm
 Thursday 16th—Year 5/6 Football area Finals at Sandown for those involved
 Monday 20th—Eden Class trip to Battle Abbey
 Monday 20th—Parent consultations 3.30-6pm
 Tuesday 21st—Photo Day, individuals and Classes
 Wednesday 22nd—Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm
 Friday 24th—PTFA Disco, help needed please

November

Wednesday 5th—first day of term 2

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>