



Icklesham Church of England Primary School and Nursery



What a fantastic week we have had in school; Jaws and Claws, Visitors from Sierra Leone and a fabulous yellow day today. Yellow Day raises money and awareness for mental health and well being. The school should be proud of it's self this evening as we managed to raise £115.67 in total today. Well done everyone. Have a good weekend.

Visitors from Sierra Leone Today we welcomed two teachers, Francis and Letitia, from Sierra Leone into school. They came from a town called Hastings, in Sierra Leone and are part of a school's twinning programme. After spending time in classes meeting the children and answering their questions they joined us for our celebration assembly where we all sang 'Yellow' together. Francis and Letitia, told us about life in Hastings, SL. We tried carrying baskets on our heads, listening to traditional instruments, the story of how Freetown got its name and what the schools are like in Sierra Leone. We learnt much more about life in Sierra Leone and it was a fascinating morning and we send our thanks to Isabel, who organised the visit.

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 We've had a very busy week in nursery this week - we had an exciting visit from Jaws and Claws and the children loved finding out about the different animals and some were even brave enough to hold them! We've also made some yummy Gruffalo crumble, been on a listening walk around the school, sorted leaves into size order, made autumn playdough and lots more! Have a lovely weekend.

Beach Class This week in Beach Class we have been looking at emotions, particularly, happy, sad and angry. We have talked about what this might look like, how this might feel and what we can do when we feel these emotions, including taking deep breaths, pressing pause and speaking to an adult. We also began exploring feeling 'nervous'. We have been diving deep into the number 1, 2 and 3 in maths this week. We have been exploring how we make these numbers and what they mean, e.g. first, a pair. We have also been continuing with our phonics this week and the children are really impressing me with their blending of words. Well done to **Rowan** and **Hudson H** who win our 'Let Your Light Shine' awards this week.

Woodland Class What another fantastic week in Woodland class. We had two amazing visitors this week, one from Jaws and Claws where the children got to see snakes, lizards, bearded-dragons, frogs, and lots more! We also got a visit from two people who travelled all the way from Sierra Leone to answer all of our questions. We have also taken part in a science experiment this week, where the children had to use their sense of smell to detect what the smell was. The children smelt scents such as vinegar, toothpaste, and chocolate. We have also looked at part-whole models in maths, focused on our handwriting and letter formation, and learnt some new diagraphs in Phonics. The 'let your light shine' award goes to **Sophie** for showing excellence in her PE lessons, and to **Hughie** for persevering through his phonics and writing lessons. Have a beautiful weekend!

Rainforest Class This week Rainforest Class has been extremely busy, we have had two visitors in our classroom this week. The first being a visit from Jaws and Claws where we got to hold a snake, millipedes, frogs and other amazing animals. The second were visitors from Sierra Leone who talked about farming in Hastings and Sierra Leone with the children. This week we have also been learning about rounding and Roman numerals in maths, exploring Ramadan in RE and starting to make out photomontages in art. This week's 'Let Your Light Shine' Awards go to **Holly** and **Franky**. Next week we will be looking at how to join sentences in writing and how plants reproduce. Don't forget we have our Orienteering walk on Wednesday.

Eden Class Eden class have had a busy week getting ready for our first open afternoon where it was great to see so many of our parents enjoying our work so far this term. We spent the week preparing by creating our Norman or Saxon shields, finishing out comic strips and writing letters in the role of Magnus sending news to Harold Godwinson. The standard of work keeps getting better and better. Well done to you all. This week's 'Let Your Light Shine' awards go to **Harley** for his hard work in all subjects in his first full week in Eden Class and **Isaac** for his outstanding writing. Well done to you both.

#WakeUpWednesday This guide offers compassionate, practical advice for helping children cope with traumatic or challenging events – such as bereavement, bullying, or family upheaval – and begin the healing process.

Well Done on a super week!



Dates for your diary October

Monday 13th—Woodland Class Trip to Bodiam Castle
Wednesday 15th—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>