



Icklesham Church of England Primary School and Nursery



Wow! What an amazing start to Term 2! On Monday and Tuesday Staff were busy learning all about sensory needs and emotional wellbeing and planning exciting curriculum activities for their classes. We have opened our new Early Years Garden - which the children have been very excited to use! Mr. Allchorne has continued painting the classrooms which are looking very smart indeed. The children have really impressed us this week by being ready to learn and full of energy for the term ahead. An excellent time and incredible results were achieved at the Cross Country event for KS2 too. Time for a well earned weekend for all and we look forward to another exciting week ahead. Next Friday we have the second of our Open Days for new families for Reception 2026 and for Nursery. If you have yet to sign up or have friends looking for a school or nursery place, please contact Mrs. Barry at office@ickleshamcp.e-sussex.sch.uk Mrs. Robinson.

Please can you make sure that the children have a coat in school every day now the weather is a little less predictable, thank you.

PTFA Disco Thank you to everyone that helped out at the school disco at the end of last term and also thank you to all the children that attended. It was a great event and fun had by all and we raised £501 for class trips and resources. Next event is our quiz night on Friday 21st November!! Many Thanks PTFA

Cross Country

On Thursday, 31 students ranging from Year 3 to Year 6, attended cross country at Sandown School and they all did amazingly! We had lots of medals awarded for coming in the top 25, and we got two trophies awarded for 1st place and 3rd place which was incredible. All children showed perseverance and despite the mud, they did all the Teachers proud. Well done!

Flu Vaccinations Please remember to opt in or out of the flu vaccines for your child. The portal will close on Tuesday 11th November. The nurses will be in school on the afternoon of the 13th November to administer the nasal vaccine.

Coral Class This week in nursery we have been learning all about bonfire night and firework safety. The children have created their own firework pictures using different materials and have built pretend fire pits using natural resources. We've been focusing a lot on our mark-making skills and have done this through firework trail and bonfire night cards. The children have loved using their mark-making skills in our new wooden hut! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Beach Class This week in Beach Class we have been learning about Bonfire Night. We have explored who Guy Fawkes is, looked at Bonfire Night safety and made firework art. We have also been exploring the number 5 in maths this week, focusing on subitising. We have enjoyed being active this week, with lots of climbing outside. Well done to our 'Let Your Light Shine' award winners this week, **Mia** and **Alfie**.

Woodland Class What an amazing first week back! We have gone straight into learning new phonics diagraphs, learning how to add and subtract with new methods, and practising our handwriting/letter formation. We also looked at bonfire night and learnt who Guy Fawkes was, whilst making lots of pretty firework photos. The children made their own poppies ready for Remembrance Day on Tuesday, and had a discussion about why Remembrance Day is respected. Next week we will be talking about anti bullying week, looking at supporting Children in Need, showing our respect for Remembrance Day, and we have a poetry day for Michael Rosen online. The 'Let Your Light Shine' award goes to **Poppy** for always being ready to learn and being engaged in her learning, and to **Rupert** for showing excellence in his phonics lessons.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rainforest Class What an amazing few days we have had back at school to start the term. First of all, I would like to congratulate all those children from Rainforest Class that went to cross country, I have heard that you all did amazingly. This term we will be studying from the Stone Age to the Iron Age in history. We will be investigating what vertebrates need in science. In DT we will be looking at mechanisms and how they can add to a story book. In computing we will be creating a Wallace and Gromit inspired stock animation. This weeks 'Let Your Light Shine' Awards go to **Jasper** and **Chloe**.

Eden Class Eden Class have had a great first week back. We welcomed Miss Kirkham to class. Miss Kirkham is a student teacher in her second year at Brighton University and will be with us for the next two weeks. We began our new Curious Curriculum theme 'I wonder ... Which coastal features can be seen in and around Hastings?' . This links to our DT work this term as we will be designing rides for the end of Hastings Pier. Science kicked off with a bang yesterday with the class learning about the periodic table as an introduction to their chemistry unit of work. Our class book is 'Swimming against the Storm' by Jess Butterworth and we will be using this for our reading and writing practise. This week's 'Let Your Light Shine' awards go to **Emily** and **Fletcher**, who have had a great start back; Emily had shown excellence in her maths and Fletcher has shown fantastic participation in class discussions. Well done.

#WakeUpWednesday This online safety guide explores AI-generated videos, and the dangers they pose to young people, including deepfakes, misinformation, and manipulation. [What You Need to Know: AI Generated Videos](#) | [E-Safety Guide](#)

Well Done on a super week!



Dates for your diary

November

Wednesday 5th—first day of term 2
Monday 10th—Friday 14th Anti bullying week
Monday 10th—Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 11th—Remembrance Day
Thursday 13th—Poetry day
Thursday 13th—Flu Vaccines
Friday 14th—Open Morning for new families
Friday 14th—Children in Need
Friday 21st—PTFA Quiz night 6pm start

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>