

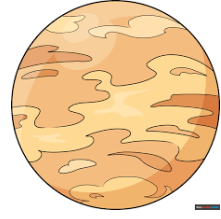


NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th June 2025



VENUS HOUSE TRIP—CHOLDERTON FARM



What is it about house trips and rainy days? On Tuesday, yet again many of our students (the valiant Venus house) had ended up with a damp, drizzly morning to go to visit Cholderton Farm. Luckily our students were not deterred. With the optimistic rallying cry from Kelly—“*There is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothing!...*”, they enthusiastically boarded the buses, determined to have a great day out.

Everyone enjoyed having the opportunity to see all the animals at the farm, even though some were sheltering themselves under trees in the distance. However, as you can see from the photos, there were plenty of opportunities for hands on experiences and feeding which is always a favourite. The highlight of the day was watching the pig-racing which caused much hilarity and infectious giggles.

They stopped for lunch undercover at the perfect time because that was when the heavens really opened! They also made use of the play area before finally returning to school.



So all in all it was a successful trip which we hope has made great memories for them, especially when they had the opportunity of making more friends throughout the school.



WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



The Drum class new topic this half term is 'Seaside Summer'. Their story is called 'There's a Beach in My Pants' and they got quite messy with the sensory props during their first read through! The sand was the most popular with Ayla, Chloe and Charlotte enjoying sprinkling it. The ice cream was also popular, Lincoln dipped his finger in, and Jesse reached for more! The children were less keen to rub on sun cream or smell the vinegar for the fish and chips in the story.

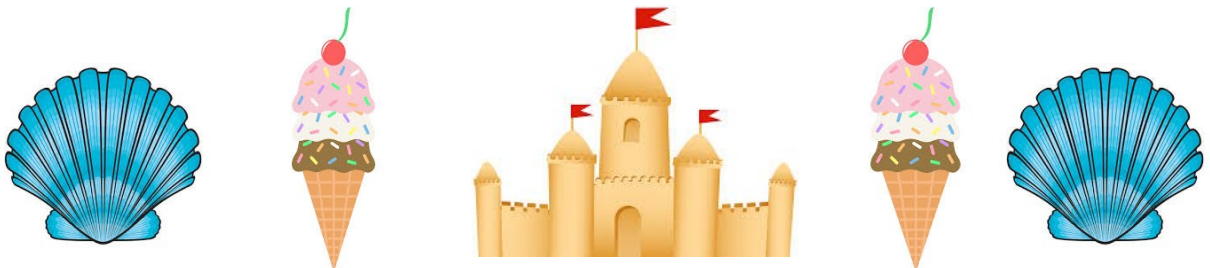
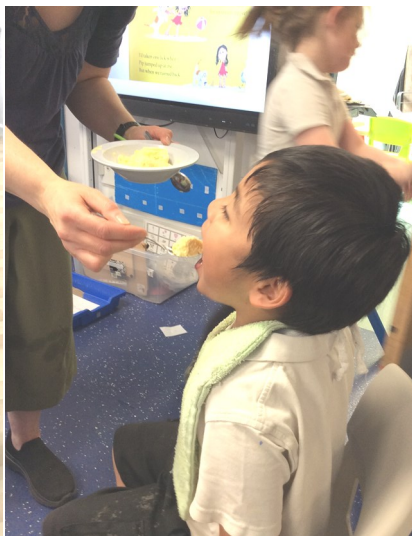
As part of the topic the children will be looking at water, from using it to wash, grow plants, transport items and just have fun. We are hoping they will have an opportunity to visit a splash park later in the term.

In art the focus is 3D sculpture and sand will be used to make sand shapes, castles and 'drip' castles.

In PE the focus is wheels and the class has started exploring the ride on toys and bikes. Carter surprised us on the first session by quickly getting the idea of using one foot on a pedal and one to push off the ground to get started. With a bit more practice he will be riding his bike independently.

Sam and Zack both showed us they could propel themselves forwards on a ride on toy, although the space of the hall also lent itself to running!

For their independent living skills the students are visiting the café at Tesco. The staff were so proud of Coulson this week for walking into the café, choosing a table and sitting to eat his snack. He hadn't successfully been to Tesco, which had been a favourite trip for him, for about a year. Órlaith and Oscar confidently chose snacks to buy and waited to pay before returning to the table with them.



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



June	summer	weather	sun	rain

DIARY DATES — SUMMER TERM 2025

JUNE

- 10th QE2 trip (day one)
- 20th FE Trout Fishing Day
- 24th QE2 trip (day two)
- 27th Summer Fete @ school

JULY

- 8th QE2 trip (day three)
- 9th Governors' Curriculum Meeting (1.30pm)
- 10th **INSET DAY—WHOLE SCHOOL**
- 11th **INSET DAY—FE ONLY**
- 11th FE Prom—evening
- 15th Full Governors Meeting (4pm)
- 18th End of Year Celebration Assembly afternoon



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE...

- Jamie, Victorious 17 yrs old
- Jake, Glastonbury 18 yrs old

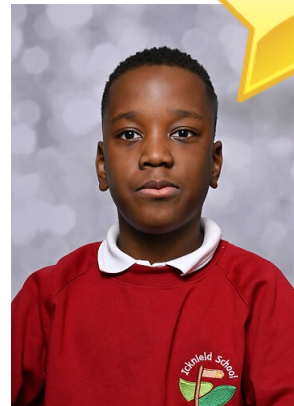
Happy Birthday to you both



SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award

Chimes	- Phoebe
Drum	- Lincoln
Maracas	- Frankie
Tambourine	- Tiger
Triangle	- Akosua
Trumpet	- Terrence
Oboe	- Kabya
Banjo	- Arthur
Cello	- Tomas



The School Superstar of the Week is **TERRENCE!!**

Terrence has the most wicked sense of humour and has us all laughing with his catchphrases, such as, 'I'm watching you babe' and 'Ok Mama'. He is often seen with his friend Teddy the giraffe in his arms, which he puts down for all of his learning. He is kind, funny, and loves putting on a show until the camera comes out and he turns shy. His confidence has grown massively over the past term and he impresses us all with his singing and signing along to sensory massage and circle time songs. This class member has been absolutely FANTASTIC this week and we are so incredibly proud of him.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

CHAMPIONS



Matthew & Nirjor

WE DID IT!!!



We are delighted to announce that we, Icknield School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Varied curriculum
- 60 active minute per day
- Exciting physio opportunities - Circus training; Kinball, Sensory experiences
- Inclusivity

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

- Harrow Way pupils (Sports Day)
- External visitors
- All our staff for promoting a love of movement

We look forward to applying once again in 2026!

