



# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 8th November 2024

# CLASS FOCUS



Cello Class enjoyed the topic “Knights and Castles” in the first half of the autumn term. William and Maciej said they enjoyed making a PowerPoint presentation about Portchester Castle on the laptop and editing photos of castles on the iPad by adding stickers, text, shapes and much more in ICT. The students learned about different features of castles, how they were used, the jobs people did in a castle and the life of a knight. They also learned about the day in a life of a castle and the roles of people in a castle. Everyone had fun in the Upper School integration: The Battle of Icknield, where every class won a competition, and everyone was a winner in the end.

Luci, James and Ruby said they enjoyed visiting Portchester castle, the dressing up and exploring the castle walls. Karalina and Summer said they enjoyed singing with friends at the end of most lessons to practise two songs. Karalina was brave enough to sing in front of Upper School at the castle, which was very moving. It was a pleasure to listen to her pure, beautiful voice.

The class learned about weaving and the history of weaving in Art, using a cardboard loom, creating textures and patterns by using different types of wool or ribbon.

Marley said she enjoyed making bread rolls, practising skills such as weighing ingredients, kneading dough, and using the oven safely.

Jaycob and Tomas said they enjoyed daily phonics lessons while Jack enjoyed playing tag rugby, learning the special techniques and the rules of the game. The class also showed off their skills at solo gymnastic shapes and balances in P.E.

The students learned how to identify feelings and things they can do to help feel good about themselves.



## SMILE!

Our photographer will be coming on **Wednesday 13th November**. Please could you ensure your child is sent into school with a school jumper and, if your child attends the FE Centre, they should wear a suitable top—**remember, these photos will be used on future documentation.**



## PARENT GROUP

You should have already seen on ClassDojo (School Story) that a Parent Group coffee afternoon is going to be held at school on **Wednesday, 13th November** at 1.30pm. The focus of this meeting will be Behaviour at Home. Everyone is welcome to come along to join in the discussion, find out useful tips and share experiences. Please let the school know if you are intending to come along so we can have a rough idea of how many to expect. We look forward to seeing you.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

Once again we will be raising funds for Children in Need this year. It is being held on **Friday, 15th November** and we are suggesting that students dress up for the occasion in spotty clothes for a small donation. We understand that not all students like the change in their dress routine for school and that is fine—you can still donate for this very worthwhile cause if you still wish to do so.

We look forward to seeing plenty of SPOTS BEFORE OUR EYES next Friday!



## PERSONAL LEARNING GOALS (PLGs)

PLEASE COULD ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS REMEMBER TO RETURN THEIR REPLY SLIPS SENT HOME WITH THE PLGs ASAP. THANK YOU!

## ICKNIELD SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Next week, Bluebird Care begins an exciting new partnership with Icknield School, so I wanted to write to you to introduce this information from the owner and managing director.



*"Bluebird Care are delighted to have been chosen as the care provider to support the students, and we're really excited to start this new relationship. We have put together a dedicated team of care assistants that will provide vital personal care and support alongside the existing staff.*

*The values at Bluebird Care very much align with the school. They are rated five-star outstanding by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), and are devoted to providing the very best care. "*

If you would like further information about their care services, please contact their office team on 01962 856 900, or visit [www.bluebirdcare.co.uk](http://www.bluebirdcare.co.uk).

We look forward to working with Icknield School and their students".

Yours faithfully  
Norman Murphy | Managing Director



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Some of our students have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and why it is held every year. We thought you would like to see the work provided by one of our students, Ruby (Cello class), who has really thought hard about the subject and produced the most amazing work—both the writing and the colouring.

Well done Ruby—we know you are very proud of your work, and so you should be!

Remembrance day, also called Day of Poppy Day is memorial day held in commonwealth day it  
Remembrance Day holds deep historical and emotional significance. It began as a day to mark the armistice signed between the Allied forces and Germany which brought about the formal end of the first world war on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. Although this did not end all fighting it did symbolically end the fighting on the western front. Since then Remembrance Day has honoured all those who have lost their lives in conflicts throughout history.

signed Ruby

## HARVEST FESTIVAL ... THE RESULTS IN!

We have received notification from the Andover foodbank that our school managed to collect 93.72 kg of items. Here is a message from them:



*“Thank you for all your generous Harvest Festival donations to the Andover foodbank.*

*Harvest time is very important to us, as it is the time when we fill our warehouse shelves with long life food, ready for the winter months ahead.*

*Our service becomes busier as the weather becomes colder and thanks to the donations that we receive, we can provide at least 3 days’ worth of emergency food to anyone who has been referred to us for help.*

*Last year we fed over 7500 people from our foodbank using 67 tonnes of food, which included 4,972 bags of pasta, 9,944 tins of soup and 10,400 tins of baked beans!*

*So, every item donated makes a big difference and shows, that if we all give a little, together we can do so much”.*

## PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS AT THE FE CENTRE!

The Christmas Market held at the FE Centre has been set for **Wednesday 4th December from 3.30pm—6pm** — so mark it in your calendar and make it a date to remember!






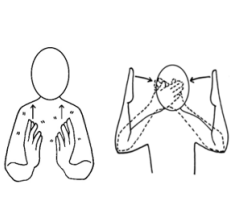
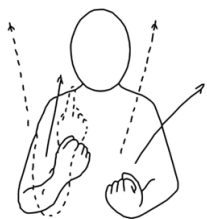
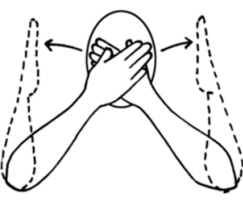
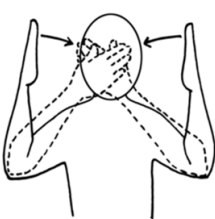

The students are asking for some donations to sell as they hope to have a gift stall—so new, unopened and unwanted gift sets would be very welcome!

Also, the students have been hard at work making some Christmas cards which have been highly sought after in the past. So if you don’t want to miss out then please use the order form being sent home with your child today. We aim to keep up production for as long as possible.



# SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



				
				
Bonfire Night	fireworks	day	night	when

## DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (2) 2024

### NOVEMBER

- 13th School photographer
- 13th Parents' Group Coffee Afternoon (1.30pm)
- 15th Children in Need
- 25th-28th Theme Day (1) - Kings & Queens

### DECEMBER

- 4th FE Christmas Market
- 6th Hants Music Service Special Event, Winchester Cathedral
- 10th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 12th School Nativity, St Mary's Church (details to follow)
- 17th House Reward Trip
- 19th Christmas Lunch & special guest visit
- 20th Last day of Autumn Term



## DIARY DATES — SPRING TERM (1) 2025

### JANUARY

- 6th RETURN TO SCHOOL (School & FE)**

## SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes - Phoebe  
Drum - Carter  
Maracas - Ajax  
Tambourine - Tiger  
Triangle - George  
Trumpet - Gus  
Oboe - Amelia  
Banjo - Oscar  
Cello - James D



**The School Superstar of the Week is ...TIGER!!**

Tiger is a happy boy with a lovely gentle nature. He has made huge progress with his communication, using his iPad to request what he wants, and is beginning to use it to comment during a lesson. He has recently shown an interest in signing and loves getting adults to do different signs, He is a wiz on the computer, finding games he likes on HelpKidzLearn and songs he likes on YouTube. Tiger, you impress us every day with the things you can do—keep it up!

## FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

*(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)*



Gary

and

Jake



## BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE ...

Zachary, Maracas 8 years old  
Tinashe, Trumpet 16 years old



## BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...

Ethan, Tambourine 6 years old  
Chloe S, Oboe 13 years old