



NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th March 2026

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



This half term Tambourine Class have been learning about Florence Nightingale.

The children have enjoyed looking at black and white images of her and learning what she did to change hospitals for the better.

During their play sessions the children have role-played doctors and nurses and taken their roles very seriously! They have been taking temperatures, looking in mouths, giving injections and listening to hearts.

In 'The World' topic they have been exploring clean and dirty. The children have been cleaning toys and clothes after their teacher made them dirty.

In Numeracy the children have been learning about long and short by exploring long and short bandages as well as going into the sensory garden for their outside lesson and finding long and short sticks.

Tambourine class have also formed a lovely relationship as a team. They enjoy playing alongside each other, especially bouncing on the trampoline together.





DEREK WEEKS

Thank you to Derek Weeks for his termly donation of Tesco vouchers which have been increased to £15 per child—that's a lot of Easter eggs! We will always be indebted to him for his generosity.



When he popped in with the vouchers, Sean took the opportunity of showing him a couple of newspaper clippings with photos of Derek's sister, Christine, when she was a student at the school in 1966. It brought back some fond memories for him.

We are sure you would all like to wish Derek a very Happy Easter.

ENDINGS



The day has finally come for Graham to hang up his chauffeur's hat and put away his squeaky wheelbarrow.



Graham has worked at Icknield for over 12 years and it is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to a true gentleman who has helped the school in so many ways.

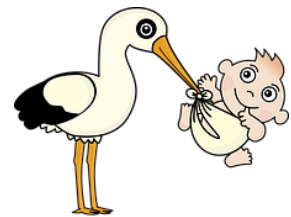
For some students he was the first and last face they saw at the start and end of the school day while he was carrying out his role of school transport driver. He also was the caretaker who really did "care". His daily routines to ensure that everyone had what they needed for the day ahead were always appreciated as was his keenness to keep the school looking inviting with his gardening prowess.

We wish Graham all the best in his well-earned retirement and hope he will pop in now and then to see us.

AND BEGINNINGS...



Jessie, LSA in Maracas, started at Icknield last September and, although having been with us a short time, has made a great impact on the students in Maracas class. She is now going on maternity leave and we wish her and her family well on their new adventure and look forward to giving you a happy update in the near future.



WELL DONE ON THE FUNDRAISING!

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations to go to either or both of the charities we supported last Friday. We are now able to give you the totals as follows:



£52.00



£52.96

World Down Syndrome Day

••• **March 21** •••

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE...

Oscar, Triangle 7 yrs old

BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS SPRING BREAK ARE...

Jack, Chimes 14 yrs old
Fergus, Victorious 18 yrs old!



Happy birthday!

SHARON QUOTE

'I do not need the approval of others to know I am doing the best I can'

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



<p>Finger spell 'A' then 'L'</p>			
April	transport	car	bike
bus	aeroplane	train	boat

SUMMER TERM

APRIL

- 13th-15th Partial Upper School Residential, Calshot
- 17th HPV Immunisations (Yr 8)
- 17th TDIPV/Men ACWY catch-ups (Yr 9s)
- 24th **INSET DAY (School & FE)**



MAY

- 4th **Bank Holiday**
- 5th Governors' Curriculum Meeting (1pm)
- 8th Makaton Workshop for Parents (9.30-10.30am)
- 12th Sports Day, Charlton Athletic Track
- 12th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 19th Mercury House Trip (tbc)
- 25th-29th **HALF TERM**

JUNE

- 8th HPV Immunisations catch up (Yr 8)
- 8th SLD Cricket Competition—FE
- 19th Trout Fishing, Wherwell—FE

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes	- Delilah-Mae
Drum	- Tiger
Maracas	- Chloe
Tambourine	- Ayla
Triangle	- Oscar
Trumpet	- Terrence
Oboe	- Neil
Banjo	- Tiger
Harp	- Finlay
Cello	- Karalina



The School Superstar of the Week is KARALINA!!

Karalina is a sociable, creative, caring and kind young lady who is very independent and sensitive, with a wonderful sense of humour. She is always ready to help and protect her friends and has strong problem-solving skills.

Karalina has a particular talent for arts and crafts, which she often demonstrates. She enjoys music, acting, cooking and cleaning up afterwards. She enjoys playing badminton, swimming and water polo.

Karalina is an excellent class representative on the school council.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The winner of the Easter Egg was.... Órlaith! Thank you to Graham for drawing out the winning ticket!



HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL BACK ON

MONDAY, 13th APRIL