



NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th April 2026

WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS

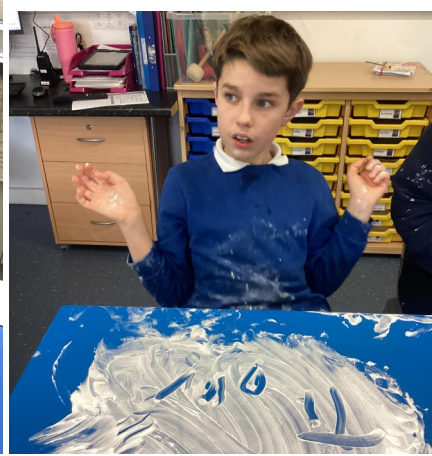


The Banjo class had a fantastic start to the new term this week as they launched their exciting new topic, “*We Are the Champions!*” They have begun exploring the Olympics, learning about its origins and why it is such an important global event.

To introduce the topic, they enjoyed an Attention Autism session, which really captured everyone’s interest and curiosity. Following this, the students got creative by making their own laurel wreaths, just like those worn by champions in the ancient Olympic Games.

Throughout the week, they have already started to immerse themselves in their new learning. In PE, the students have been running like athletes, practising speed and stamina. In cooking, they made delicious and healthy cereal bars to supply plenty of energy, linking perfectly to their learning in RSHE about how to keep their bodies healthy.





In Literacy, the class has been focusing on action words, which will help later in the term when writing their own explanations of how to play different sports.

Fine motor skills have been developed by practising drawing shapes and letters in shaving foam which was lots of fun and great for building control!

The class is very excited to continue learning about the Olympics and discovering a range of different sports as the term progresses.

PARENTS' GROUP

The next meeting being held by Sharon Portsmouth, Family Support Practitioner, will be on **Wednesday, 29th April at 1.30pm** at school. Refreshments will be available while having a general chat.

You may have some interesting news that could help other parents or just need to unload some worries you have yourself. Please come along and meet others in similar situations.

ALL ARE WELCOME

"An authentic safe space to share the joys, trials and tribulations of raising children with SEN. A place to share and acquire knowledge regarding next steps outside the safety of Icknield!" Wendy (Ruby's mum)



JORGE

We are sure you will all want to join us in congratulating Jorge on his successful completion of the Gold Residential Duke of Edinburgh Award during the spring break.

He stayed at a hostel in Studland and participated in activities such as coasteering, bushcraft, First Aid, hill walking and kayaking “with enthusiasm and determination, fully committing himself and giving everything a go through the week.” He also formed strong friendships and bonds with his fellow participants who all enjoyed evenings of night hikes, task master, quiz night and film nights. It sounds like great fun!



WELL DONE JORGE!!!

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



hot air balloon	taxi <i>(finger moves down thumb twice)</i>	scooter	truck/lorry
digger	motorbike	rocket	wheelchair

WELCOME

We give a warm welcome to Andy Simmonds, Caretaker, who has joined us this week. Andy comes to us from a joinery background so we will have more than plenty to keep him occupied! He is becoming acquainted with the school building and it's occupants who are getting used to seeing a new face around the place. We hope Andy enjoys his time here.



ICKNIELD TRUST
**CHARITY
GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

- Bacon bap & coffee on arrival
- 18 holes of golf
- Two-course meal
- Charity raffle & auction with great prizes

FRIDAY
26TH JUNE
TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB
MICHELDEVER ROAD
OVERTON

Arrival from 8:00am
Texas scramble start 9:00am

£75 per player
Teams of 4 players

All proceeds will support further education for children with physical & learning disabilities from Icknield School, Andover. Hole sponsorship is available.
Register now, space is limited
Email: admin@icknieldtrust.com

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If you are a keen golfer or know of anyone else who would consider participating in the above event, either as a player and/or a sponsor, this may interest you!

Auction and raffle prizes are also being sought.

All funds raised will benefit your child either now or in their future education.

SPACES ARE GOING QUICKLY SO PLEASE ACT UPON REGISTERING YOUR INTEREST NOW IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE...

Phoebe, Chimes	10 yrs old
Ed, Victorious	19 yrs old
Jacob, Tambourine	10 yrs old
Ajax, Maracas	8 yrs old
Zack, Maracas	7 yrs old



Happy birthday!

SUMMER TERM

APRIL

22nd Earth Day at Hamony Woods
(Cello)

24th **INSET DAY (School & FE)**

29th Parent Coffee Group Meeting
(1.30pm)



MAY

4th **Bank Holiday**

5th Governors' Curriculum Meeting (1pm)

5th Farleigh After School Club begins

8th Makaton Workshop for Parents (9.30-10.30am)

12th Sports Day, Charlton Athletic Track (10.30am)

12th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)

19th Mercury House Trip (tbc)

25th-29th

HALF TERM

JUNE

8th HPV Immunisations catch up (Yr 8→11)

10th FE—SLD Cricket Competition, Compton &
Chandlers Ford

12th Siblings Day (Yr 7 and above, upper school only)

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes	- Jack
Drum	- Charlotte
Maracas	- Frankie
Tambourine	- Alex
Triangle	- Archie
Trumpet	- Logan
Oboe	- George
Banjo	- Gustavo
Harp	- Panashe
Cello	- William



The School Superstar of the Week is CHARLOTTE!!

Charlotte loves Hey Duggee and Peppa Pig. She thinks it's funny when adults change character voices when reading and also enjoys playing silly sound games e.g. pretending to sneeze—all of these cause her infectious laugh.

Charlotte enjoys dry sensory play and also looks forward to soft play sessions, especially when using the light tunnel.

Charlotte definitely knows her own mind and is honing the art of waiting—she can sometimes out-wait an adult in order to get the result she would prefer!

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Com-

CHAMPIONS



Jack O
and
Oscar

