



NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd May 2026



TOPIC WEEK—MINI BEASTS AND HABITATS



This week our students have been studying all things to do with mini-beasts and habitats. With the warm weather coming next week, they will hopefully be able to get outside to see them first-hand as well.



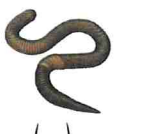
In the Lower School the students looked at crickets and locusts, held a minibeast song session, created mini-beast masks or hairbands and made edible spiders out of crackers!



They all joined together towards the end of the day to attend the Ugly Bug Ball in the school hall where they could show off their creative sides by dressing up as bugs and donning their hand-made masks and hairbands. They were also treated to punnets of the most gorgeous British strawberries which were kindly donated by Goodalls Farm in Lymington via one of the School Transport drivers!



Students also enjoyed a lively Habitat Music session led by Mark, where they explored sounds and rhythms linked to different habitats.





Meanwhile our Upper School students participated in an exciting topic morning when Banjo, Harp, Cello, Oboe and Trumpet came together in four mixed groups to enjoy a carousel of habitat-themed activities.



The activities focused on the desert, rain forest, and ocean, giving students the opportunity to learn through sensory stories, sensory activities and craft.



In the desert they learned about animals, exploring sensory trays, feeling spiky cacti and making a collage cactus. In the ocean they had a sensory exploration of commotion in the ocean, exploring a range of sensory materials and items throughout the story. In the rain forest they made a snake collage and sorted animals from sensory trays into their correct habits.



Again, Music Mark held a session for the Upper School which comprised four different songs about habitats (arctic, ocean, forest and jungle) with accompanying props.



SPORTS DAY!

The rearranged date for Sports Day is :
Wednesday, 17th June.



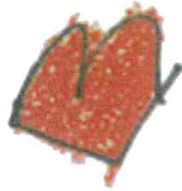
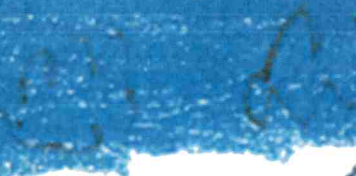
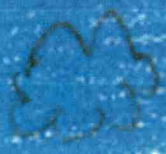
We are keeping to the same schedule and arrangements previously made for 12th May. Therefore if you ordered your child a school packed lunch, this will be arranged. If you indicated you wished your child to remain at school or home on the day, this will be taken into account. Also, unless we are advised by yourselves otherwise, we will assume that parents who have indicated they will take their child directly to the track (10am start) and then to school following the event, will still be doing so.

If there is a change to this particular arrangement, please let us know ASAP so that our transportation logistics can be revised.

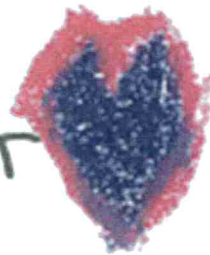
Following the recent passing of her mother, Luci (Cello class), has decided she would like to raise money for Simon Says which is a charity that supports child bereavement.

The students at the FE Centre will have been busy making cupcakes and are selling them during the Sports Day with all funds going to Simon Says. There will also be a donation box for Simon Says on the stall and at the entry/exit to the track (if you don't have a sweet tooth or are thinking of your figures after running round all morning!) Bearing this in mind, please remember to bring some cash if you are able to donate. We would like Luci to know she is cared for during this sad time—so far she has coped tremendously well and she is very focused on this event. We are so proud of her.

Thank you



← my mum →

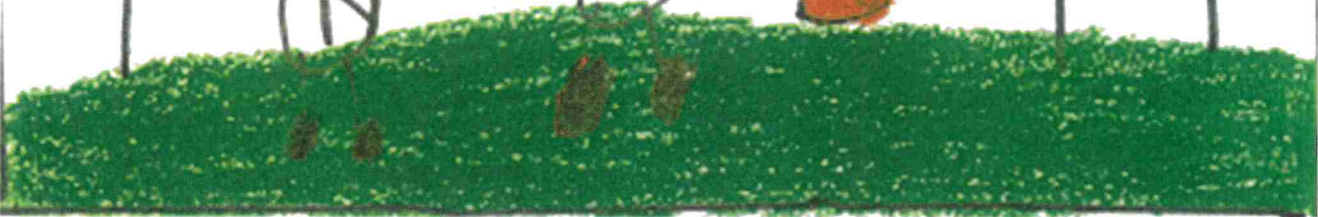


this one's for
you MUM
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Luci's charity SPOTTS
day is raising money for
the charity simon says

PLEASE BRING A £1 POUND
DONATION IN. THIS IS FOR THE

~~MEMORIAL~~ HONOUR AND LEGACY FOR
EVERYONE WHO HAS SADLY LOST SOMEONE
THAT THEY LOVED BUT DON'T KEEP THEM
TIGHT



GOOD BYE

Sadly we are saying good-bye to three members of staff today:



Kerry Morley, LSA & School Governor

Kerry started here in October 2013 and has most recently worked in Chimes and Drum class. Her upbeat, positive (and sometimes a little bit crazy) personality will be greatly missed by all those who have worked with her during this time— We hope she enjoys her new career as much as we know she has enjoyed it here. You may see her around your neighbourhood as a postie!



Kirsty Elliman, LSA

Kirsty joined in February 2024 and has spent time in Banjo and Maracas classes. Her previous experience from working in other local schools has been of great value and she has been an asset to us while employed here. We wish her every success at Hurstbourne School.



Maria Rivas, LSA

Maria joined in September last year and has been supporting the students at the FE Centre, sharing her enthusiasm for painting, dancing and movement sessions. We know Ellie will miss her physio sessions with Maria.


BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE...

Ellie, Cello 14 yrs old
Marley, Cello 15 yrs old
Happy Birthday!



Ickniel School
SUMMER FETE

DONATIONS

We need your help to make our Summer Fete a huge success! 

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF:

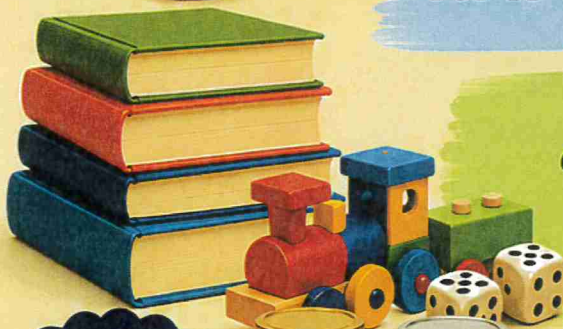
SOFT TOYS



RAFFLE PRIZES



ITEMS FOR OUR 'BRIC-A-BRAC' STALL
such as books,
toys and games.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



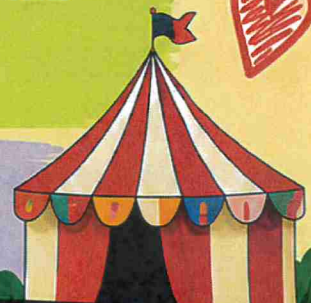
CLEAN, EMPTY GLASS JARS



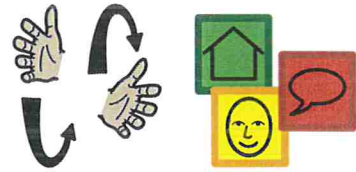
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FRIDAY 3RD JULY

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



<p>Finger spell 'J' then 'N'</p>			
June	shop	bag	basket
	<p>Thumb moves down left palm with small twisting movement</p>	<p>As if swiping items through checkout</p>	
trolley	list	checkout	money



GET READY TO GROOVE!

EDCD DANCE SUMMER CAMP

AUG 3RD - AUG 7TH

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

ALL AGES & ABILITIES



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SUMMER TERM

MAY

19th Mercury House Trip—to be re-arranged after half term



25th-29th

HALF TERM

JUNE

5th Makaton Workshop for Parents (9.30-10.30am)
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)
17th Sports Day @ Charlton Athletics Track
19th Trout Fishing, Wherwell—FE
19th Makaton Workshop for Parents (9.30-10.30am)
25th Non-Uniform day (school fete donations)
26th Icknield Trust Charity Golf Tournament

JULY

3rd Summer Fete (1.30pm –3.30pm) @ main school
8th Venus House Trip
9th **INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)**
13th Y14's/leavers—holiday
13th Transition afternoon—whole school
14th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
16th Dream Night at the Hawk Conservancy (6-8.30pm)
17th INSET DAY (FE ONLY)
17th FE Prom Night
22nd **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR**

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SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes - Delilah
Maracas - Frankie
Tambourine - Jacob
Triangle - Freddie
Trumpet - Terrence
Oboe - George
Banjo - Archie W
Harp - Ruby
Cello - James D



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

Archie is a polite and kind young man. He will greet his friends with a smile and his teachers are treated to the welcoming phrase of “wise old elf” in the mornings. He has matured a lot since joining the upper school and made many friends who he likes to play ‘police’ and chase with during break times. Archie enjoys going out and about in the community, and the play park is a firm favourite of his. Another favourite of his is Friday lunchtimes when his charm wins him an extra fish finger, biscuit or jelly.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence,

CHAMPIONS



Jamie

&

Chloe

