



NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th July 2026

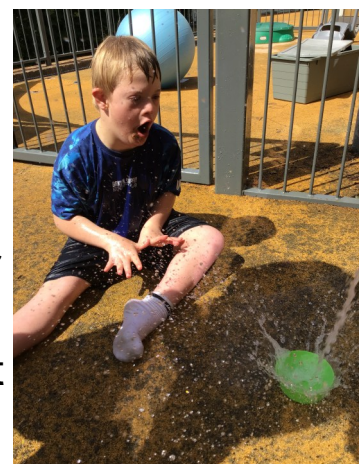
WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



Oboe Class have enjoyed their topic 'Carnival Time' this half term. The topic has leant itself to very colourful and multi-sensory learning which everyone in Oboe loves. In Numeracy, pupils have learnt about number. Each week they access a rotation of activities; rote counting to three with a party popper, counting the number of pompoms on a carnival masks, joining in with a carnival number song and touching and recognising numerals to three then playing a carnival samba song. Chris loves the party popper activity and shoots his hand up into the air after counting to three to signal it's time to pull the string.

In The World, pupils have learnt about a different carnival each week. Their favourite week was the Rio Carnival, where they indulged in churros, played samba drums and music, made carnival headdresses and explored colourful sensory trays with sequins, feathers and colourful rice. Neil was fascinated watching the feathers fly when blowing them through a straw. Whilst Matthew and Jakey adored the churros.

In Literacy, pupils have been learning to write postcards. Each week, they have captioned a photo of themselves on a postcard with one or two key symbols, mark made or sequenced their name and then travelled to our class post box to post it.



They have also enjoyed a sensory story about carnivals. Experiencing the boom of fireworks with a confetti cannon, rolling down the street (aka classroom) on a float (aka scooter board), being tickled with large carnival feathers, listened to the clatter of beads falling to the floor and tasting delicious street food. George giggles the whole time he rides on the float and Mikey loves to pick the beads up and keep them for himself.

In addition to our topic, all pupils are working on developing relationships, working and playing together.

And... although they've struggled with the heat, it has been an excellent excuse to get the water out!



SUMMER FETE

Thank you once again to everyone who participated in the School Fete. We are extremely pleased to announce that we managed to raise a magnificent sum of £806.49!! All the hard work that went into it, especially from Steph and her team of fete co-ordinators, was completely worth it. The money raised by the students on the Further Education stalls (£25) will be going towards their Enterprise scheme.



TEDDY BEAR'S NAMES!

Rosemary & Buttons

Congratulations to Elliott and Ayla—we hope you enjoy your cuddles with them.





Our thanks also goes to all the companies who donated towards the fete to make it such a success:

Andover Leisure Centre



Army Flying Museum



Finkley Down Farm



High Score Arcades



Imagine Photography Studio



Interstellar Tattoo



Kerry's Cakes and Bakes



Sunrise Warriors Bootcamp



Twinings



Zenith Fish Bar



GOLF DAY

A very successful inaugural golf day was held at the Test Valley Golf Club near Laverstoke on Friday 26th June.



This was a new fundraising activity for the hard working volunteers that make up the Icknield Trust. Huge thanks go to the team of David, Christopher, Caroline, Andy, Carole, Alan, Ami and Paul. This was months in planning and particular thanks go to Chris for the initial idea.

Considering this was our first event it seemed to run fairly smoothly and the golfers enjoyed the day despite the oppressive temperatures. There was a fantastic auction overseen by David who expertly managed the crowd in bidding for the amazing lots that were donated by so many kind benefactors. Lots included a week in a cottage in Cornwall, a signed Justin Rose cap and a signed Tommy Fleetwood polo shirt to name but a few.

There was a raffle with lots of other exciting prizes - the highlight of which was a wheelbarrow full of bottles of wine.



The golf competition was hotly contested with the scores between the first and last placed teams remarkably small. Clearly a game of fine margins.

The school was represented by Missy's team that came a close second. The meal and refreshments provided by the Test Valley Golf Club were particularly welcome after the heat became very intense after 11.00am.

All in all it was a very enjoyable day and we will be repeating this on the 25th June 2027— so make a note in your diaries now! If you wish to support or donate a prize it would be most welcome—please get in touch.

Together we raised in excess of £12,000 which will go to the refurbishment of the sensory room at the FE building. We would like to thank all of our sponsors listed, but particularly for the continued support of Stannah's who donated £5000.



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RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

Some of our students have had a wonderful time visiting one of our local RDA centres (St Mary Bourne). It was a new

experience for some and their first lesson was how to put a helmet on and then how to mount a horse—not as easy as it seems!

Shelby showed how a professional could do it—she listened and followed instructions, touching her head, holding her arms out and steering the horse with reins. When she received her rosette she acknowledged it by saying “I was really good at horse riding competitions”. Akosua waited patiently until her turn and also showed great posture. Jesse showed huge enthusiasm and had lots of giggles and smiles to give to the riding instructors as you can see from the photo. Noah, although a bit reluctant to put a helmet on did eventually do so and managed to ride a couple of times—he also enjoyed brushing his horse. Many thanks go to the RDA and the team at St Mary Bourne for providing such a great service to the community.





Arthur has achieved something amazing! He ran 1km in the Parallel Windsor Run alongside his father and managed to raise around £1000 (including gift aid) The Lily Foundation which is a fundraising charity for research into Mitochondrial disease.

It was an inclusive event and was hot and quite overwhelming so he did really well to achieve it. Well done Arthur, we are all so proud of you!



SUMMER TERM

JULY

13th	Y14's/leavers— not at FE to aid with transition day
13th	Transition afternoon—whole school
14th	Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
15th	Commonwealth Experience Day
16th	Dream Night at the Hawk Conservancy (6-8.30pm)
17th	INSET DAY (FE ONLY)
17th	Special Celebration Assembly—2.30pm
17th	FE Prom Night
19th	Andover Carnival
21st	Eastleigh Lakeside Railway (Drum Class)
22nd	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR



AUTUMN TERM 2026-27

SEPTEMBER

1st	INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)
2nd	INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)
3rd	RETURN (WHOLE SCHOOL)



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

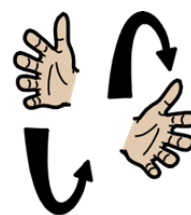
This week we are saying “goodbye” to Alanah Wallis and Kasey Whitehead. Both Winchester University students have been attending Icknield for the past 18 weeks, finishing their PGCEs (Post-Graduate Certificate of Education). They

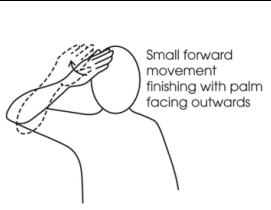
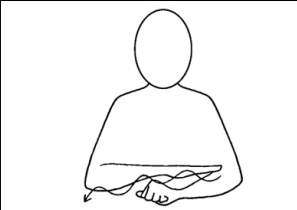
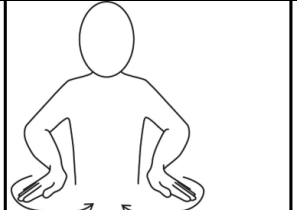
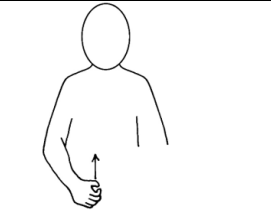
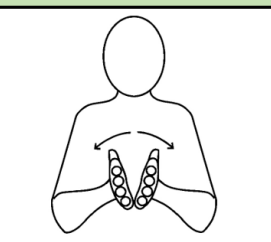
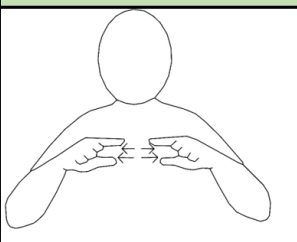
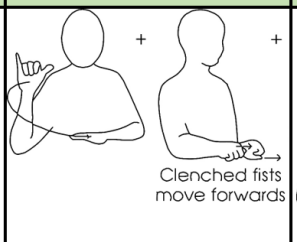
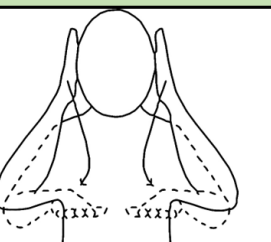


have been great assets to their assigned class teams and our students in Banjo and Harp have been expressing their sadness at them leaving. We wish them all the best in their future careers and hope they will remember their time here with fondness.



SIGNS OF THE WEEK



			
holiday	beach	park	suitcase
			
passport	ticket	airport	hotel

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE...

Gustavo, Banjo 11 yrs old

BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...

Sam, Drum 7 yrs old
Happy birthday!



FOOD VOUCHERS

If anyone requires help over the summer holidays regarding food vouchers, please contact **Sharon Portsmouth by Monday, 20th July.**

Any requests made after this date will not give Sharon enough time to process your request. Sharon is available Mondays to Thursdays.



SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes	- Missy
Drum	- Tiger
Maracas	- Delilah
Tambourine	- Jesse
Triangle	- Oscar
Trumpet	- Arthur
Oboe	- Neil
Banjo	- Shelby
Harp	- Ben
Cello	- Karalina



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

This wonderful young man makes everyone smile with his cheeky sense of humour, incredible manners, and his love of a cup of tea and sausages. He has been trialling a communication device for the first time this term and is using it to tell us all how he is feeling, what he wants and needs, and that the hot weather at the moment is 'awful'! He is extremely sociable with both adults and peers in school, enjoying a good natter, water fights, and a spot of quiet colouring. If you ask him what country a flag is from, he can absolutely tell you, and if you support Arsenal you should probably keep your distance 'boo Arsenal'!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Many thanks to Akosua's mum for passing on this little gem of information. If you go to the following website and enter your postcode, you will find many events or activities available at a discounted price up until 1st September. We could all do with a bit fun over the holidays, and any discount is always welcome!

<https://summersavings.gov.uk/>

