



# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 12th December 2025

### SPECIAL CELEBRATION AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

On Friday 5th December, Trumpet Class represented Icknield School at the Hampshire Music Service's Special Celebration. It was a wonderfully Festive morning with lots of singing and signing.



The event was attended by 20 special schools across Hampshire and our Trumpet class children made Icknield extremely proud, as they joined in the processions, used their props and instruments to participate in the songs, and coped beautifully in a very busy and loud environment!

Carrying our school banner in the opening procession, was the unstoppable Arthur (with a little arm power from Laura to make sure he didn't knock anyone out with it).



Representing an Icknield angel, was the angelic Elliott, who glided down the centre aisle with all the angels from other schools, carrying his candle.



The shepherds, Chloe, Logan and Destiny, donned their head-dresses and their toilet-roll sheep and proceeded with other schools, accompanied by the Winchester Cathedral organ.

Mabel and Arthur were regal in their handmade crowns, as they joined the procession of kings and gift-bearers, and Terrence cheered from the pews and played his instruments, after experiencing a bout of stage fright and choosing to hand over his crown to Arthur.

And finally, the procession of ribbon dancers, where all those who wanted to dance down the aisle with their ribbons waving, could – Mabel, Arthur, Destiny, Logan, and Chloe all seized the opportunity and waved and spun their ribbons with gusto!

They then enjoyed their lunch sat in the cathedral, before heading back to school happy, proud, and more than a little bit tired after such fun! A special thanks goes to Paul the driver who drove everyone there and back and was amazing occupying the children while they were waiting for their turns.

### **FAREWELL FROM KATH**

*Well, I have decided to retire after 25 years of working at Icknield School.*

*I have been coming to this special school for just over 40 years, as my eldest son was a student here for 15½ years before I chose to work here. It is the most rewarding job I know.*

*I have had the pleasure of supporting hundreds of pupils, helping them to achieve to the best of their ability. I feel so proud and grateful to have been part of the Icknield School, which has been like a second home and family and will be greatly missed by me.*

*I am happy to give each student a gift card (in a Christmas card), which will have been sent home in their bags this week to say “Goodbye” from Kath.*

*Kath x*



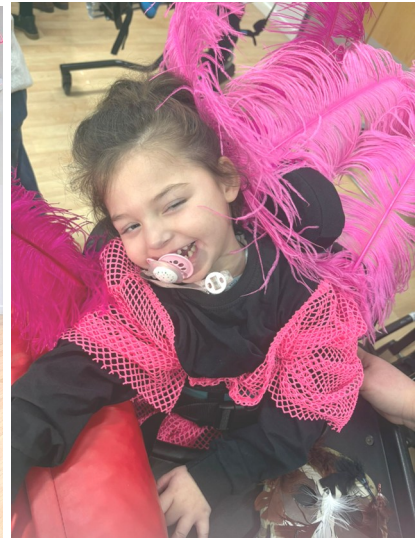
## CHIMES DOES “THE GRUFFALO”

Chimes class have been practising all year for their performance of ‘The Gruffalo’, their take on the Julia Donaldson book.

Jack did a fantastic job of narrating the whole story. Missy was the little brown mouse going on her adventures through the deep dark wood. She met Olly the fox, Delilah the owl and Phoebe the snake before finally meeting Abel the Gruffalo.

The students playing animals used pre-recorded switches to independently communicate their lines to the audience, anticipating when it was coming up to their lines.

After the performance, Chimes students enjoyed sharing some Gruffalo crumble with their loved ones that they made in cooking the day before.



# SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>chimney</b> <small>(index finger pointing towards you)</small>	<b>reindeer</b>	<b>stocking</b>
<b>mince pie</b>	<b>cracker</b>	<b>carrots</b>	<b>Christmas pudding</b>

## AUTUMN TERM 2025

### DECEMBER

- 15th Hanukkah theme week
- 16th Earth House Reward Trip—Pantomime at Basingstoke
- 17th FE Movie Night
- 18th Christmas Lunch (+ special guest)



**22nd—2nd Jan CHRISTMAS BREAK (WHOLE SCHOOL)**

## SPRING TERM 2026

### JANUARY

- 5th **WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS**
- 6th Connect After School Club starts
- 7th Dance After School Club starts
- 13th Farleigh After School Club starts
- 21st FE Table Top Cricket Competition, Treloars
- 26th Immunisations—Td/IPV & MenACWY—  
Yr 9s + catch ups



## **BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK ....**

Chloe, Drum 6 yrs old  
Happy birthday!



## SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes - Missy  
Drum - Zach  
Maracas - Zack  
Tambourine - Jesse  
Triangle - Freddie  
Trumpet - Arthur  
Oboe - Neil  
Banjo - Lincoln  
Harp - Finlay  
Cello - Leon



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

Finlay has a wonderful sense of humour and loves making others smile, bringing a positive and joyful atmosphere to the classroom. He particularly enjoys threading activities and taking any chance to bounce on the gym ball. This term, Finlay has made fantastic progress in using his communication device to contribute to lessons independently. He is also great at colouring and has created some beautiful designs for the class topic board for next term.

## FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

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

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and  
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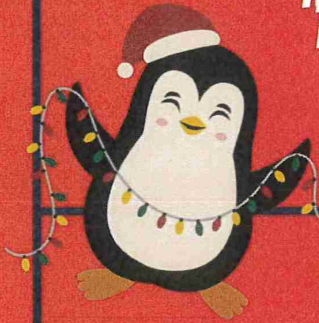
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# FOOTBALL

CHRISTMAS CAMP

MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER 10AM-2PM  
TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER 10AM-2PM



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22<sup>ND</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

AND 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION

THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED ON THE  
23<sup>RD</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup> 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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