



NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th November 2025

SPOTTED IN ICKNIELD!

Thank you to everyone who participated in donating to Children in Need today.

As you can see there were plenty of spotty children in school and they were surprised by a very special guest who made their day more extraordinary. Pudsey very generously spent time visiting each class and the interaction some of the children had with him was amazing. He then went on to visit two more schools before going to do his shopping at ASDA. We are grateful to him and his friend Rachel who were very patient and accommodating and hope he manages to raise lots of money tonight!





We would also like to thank Jasmine Coombs who has used her creative skills to personalise a large Pudsey so that we know he is part of Icknield School (look at his right paw!) Cheddar definitely approved of the Icknield Pudsey. Well done Jasmine!





WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS



Having had eight students leave in the summer, eight new students starting in September and Cello joining us in the building, together with lots of new things to get used to, it has been all change at the FE Centre. However, it's settling down now and the students are getting used to their new routines.

FE students were hard at work in September, each working on their personalised timetables that have included the following:

Skills for Life & Learning: Cooking; Gardening; Money skills; Phonics; Shopping.

Personal & Social Development: Library Visits; RSHE.

Sport, Physical Activity & Leisure: Horse riding; Hydro; Physio; Tennis; Water Polo.

Vocational Studies: Employability skills; Enterprise (prep for FE Christmas Fete); Litter picking.

Developing Creativity & Expressing: Art & Music.



This is just some of what they have done and there is lots more to follow throughout the year!! There are lots of exciting trips planned throughout the year, so keep your eyes peeled for the next newsletter instalment from FE!!

There has been some great developments with the FE building, making the site more accessible and easier for our wheelchair users to get around.

This has been the culmination of a lot of hard work behind the scenes in securing the funding and then practically making the building work take place. The FE staff and students are very grateful to those who have made the magic happen! Why not come and have a look at the new building work during our Christmas Fete on Wednesday 3rd December (3.30-6.00pm). They would love to see you there!



NEW SCHOOL GOVERNOR

We are pleased to introduce you to Gary Holmes. Gary joined our governing body in May 2025. He has kindly submitted the following information:



“I’ve been a Business Analyst in the Financial Services industry for over 35 years. I’m originally from Whitchurch and have lived in Andover for over 30 years. My wife is an Assistant Head in a special needs school and I have two children, two step children (all adults now) and two granddaughters.

I like doing DIY, walking and we are fair weather cyclists! I play hockey for Andover captaining the third team and I am the club treasurer too.”



We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Victoria Swatton who very kindly donated three huge bags of Christmas toys and books to the school earlier this week. She

said she buys the gifts throughout the year and chose our school to receive them this year because she enjoyed seeing so many smiling faces whenever she drove past on her way to and from work. What a wonderful compliment to pay the students, parents and staff, and what a lovely lady!

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

Chloe Sm, Trumpet - 14 yrs old

Happy birthday!



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



<p>Middle finger moves up centre of chest</p>			
feeling	excited	worried	angry
sad	happy	scared	calm

AUTUMN TERM 2025

NOVEMBER

- 25th Governor Training (4pm-6pm)
- 28th School photographer (individuals)



DECEMBER

- 3rd FE Christmas market
- 5th Hampshire Music Special Celebration, Winchester
- 9th Full Governors' Meeting
- 11th Nativity—St Mary's Church, Andover
- 15th Hanukkah theme week
- 16th House Reward Trip—Pantomime at Basingstoke
- 18th Christmas Lunch (+ special guest)
- 22nd—2nd Jan **CHRISTMAS BREAK (WHOLE SCHOOL)**

SPRING TERM 2026

JANUARY

- 5th Jan **WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS**



SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes	- Chimes
Drum	- Sam
Maracas	- Jojo
Tambourine	- Jake
Triangle	- Oscar
Trumpet	- Amelia
Oboe	- George
Banjo	- Archie W
Harp	- Danny
Cello	- Leon



The School Superstar of the Week is OSCAR!!!

Oscar is affectionate with those he likes and is generally a gentle soul who has settled well in Triangle class.

Underneath that cheeky smile is a young man who knows what he wants, when he wants it and who to get it from!

Oscar loves the soft slide during soft play sessions and likes to climb and bounce. He keeps good rhythm with a drum, so is following in his father's footsteps.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

CHAMPIONS



Jack C
&
Fergus

