



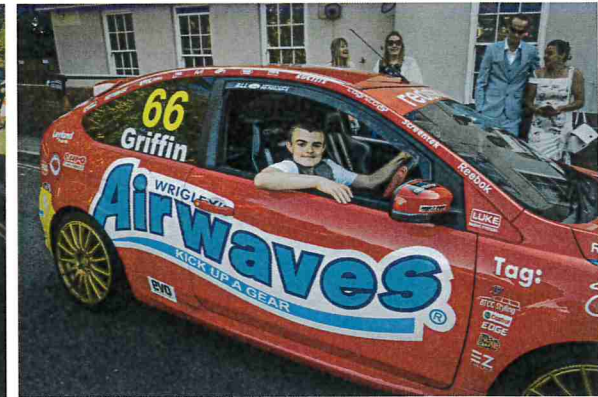
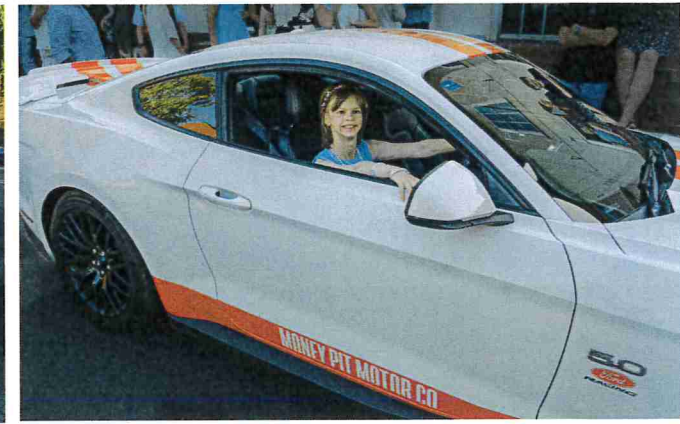
NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th July 2025

FE PROM 2025

A wonderful evening was had by all last Friday when the FE held their prom at the Central Club in Andover. All the students were given the opportunity of posing with some wonderful cars which were supplied by a fantastic company contacted via Facebook—Free Prom Cars & Charities. They did look pretty wonderful! Despite this opportunity, it was decided by one student to turn up in real style ... Gary stunned us when he arrived in a decked out wheelchair trike being pedalled by a very hot Kelly! This entrance was accompanied to the music of “The Final Countdown” and his subtle rainbow suit. The photographer, Pete Hallman, had his work cut out for him with so many leavers this year, but he did a superb job and we are very grateful to him for his kindness and talent in providing such great photos.





Once the arrival and group photos were over, it was time for a very welcome cold drink and catch up with families and friends. Then came the speech from Paul. There were tears of course, but also lots of laughter as great photos were displayed in a slideshow.

The music then started and the students, notably Jamie and Jorge, got up on the dance floor to show off their latest moves. With very little persuasion, a kind of dance off ensued which was great fun to watch. Finally, an exhausted, hot but very happy bunch of party-goers made their weary way home.

EASTLEIGH SPLASH PARK

On Tuesday, despite the grey weather and likelihood of rain, Drum set off for Eastleigh Splash Park to finish their topic on water. They had a short walk from the buses to the splash park, looking at the trees, crossing a bridge and checking out a little stream – from a distance!

When they arrived to the Splash Park the excitement was high with Ayla announcing “swimming pool!” and Carter adding “this is awesome!”

The children were quick to get changed and straight into the water. Ayla, Oscar and Sam loved looking at the fountains, occasionally getting caught out and splashed by them. Jesse was in his element, using his walker and crawling to get through the water before stopping to explore a patterned grate where he could watch the water move in and out. Charlotte meanwhile explored making splashes with her legs, staying still in one place, whilst Chloe used her hands to splash the water up as she explored the whole pool. Órlaith and Zack both enjoyed walking through the water and then climbing out to walk around the edge before jumping back in to do it again. Our bravest cold water swimmers were Carter, Oscar and Lincoln who got their whole bodies in – impressive, as it was only about 30cm deep!

After their dip it was time for lunch and they had a picnic at Pavilion on the Park where a comfortable room, well equipped toilets, and a café for the staff to get a hot drink were provided. The children were amazing in several new environments and seemed to have lots of fun. There was napping on the bus on the return journey!



BEACH PARTY

Chimes class had a wonderful day at the beach on Friday. The weather was perfect, sunny with a sea breeze and all five Chimes students had a great time chilling in the sand and the sea. Their story this half term has been 'There's a Beach in my Pants!' which was very relatable all day!

They arrived and, after a slight hiccup getting off the bus, managed to get everybody off and sat on beach chairs with their feet in the sand for some lunch. They had lots of sticky suncream on and found quite a few shells but no pirates.

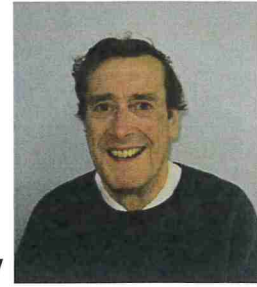
After lunch the students moved the shade down to the waters edge. Olly dipped his toes into the chilly sea whilst Phoebe and Abel sat in the shallows watching and feeling the waves coming in and out for quite some time. Missy preferred to watch the sea from a slight distance as she decided it was rather too chilly when it did creep up towards her. Delilah joined the waterside crew and watched the waves come in and out.

A big shout out to the very helpful beach-goers who came to our rescue to help with lifting everyone off and on the bus.



DEREK WEEKS

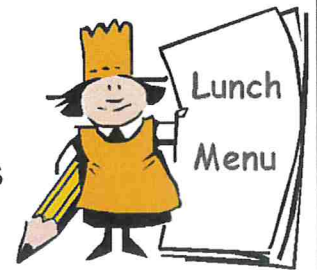
A huge thank you again to Derek for buying all our students £14 Tesco gift cards each. As you all know, he does this every term which is incredible. As a reminder to you all, Derek had a sister, Christine who came to Icknield back in May 1966 when it first opened and he gives these cards to everyone to let them have the opportunity of treating themselves in honour of her memory.



We hope you enjoy your summer Derek, and are able to go on one of the many long walks you enjoy.

SCHOOL MEALS

Dolce have now made their new menu for September 2025 available online. Please visit the SchoolGrid during the holidays and start making your choices.



For your information, there has been a price increase for a school meal. It will be **£3.30** from September. It is always worth checking if your child is entitled to Free School Meals. If you are currently paying for your child's meal, please use the link below for a very fast and simple way of finding out. There is very little information required and the school will also be automatically informed.

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/apply>

HOSEPIPE BAN!

Please follow the link below for advice regarding the hosepipe ban which is being put into place on **21st July**. Check to see if this affects you, as the following are exempt:

- ♦ Blue Badge holder
- ♦ Medical/Mobility
- ♦ On a WaterSure Tariff

<https://www.southernwater.co.uk/help-and-support/hosepipe-ban-exemptions/>



PLACES TO VISIT WITH SEN CHILDREN

Ludgershall Parents and Carers SEN Stay and Play (Facebook Group only) Under 16s and school age siblings only (parents to attend)

One session/month on Sundays between 10.30am-noon.
Free. No booking required

Wellington Centre (Purple Oak Support)

Multi-Sensory room with a variety of equipment for children and adults with learning disabilities.

£20/hour. Booking required.

Parties of 6-8 children permitted at one time.

Salisbury Jumpin' Fun Inflatable Park, Salisbury

Sessions offering a calmer and more relaxed environment.

One session/month on Sundays between 5.00pm-6.00pm.

Free. Booking required. Siblings welcome (parents to attend)

Basingstoke Atmosphere Trampoline Park

A quieter sensory friendly session with lower music and dimmed lights.

Tuesday and Sunday evenings between 5.00pm-6.00pm.
£7.50 with a carer. Booking required. Siblings welcome.





SUMMER HOLIDAY CONTACTS:

Remember:

You don't have to face challenges alone. Reaching out for help is a sign of strength.

In the first instance, Sharon, our Family Support Practitioner, is contactable throughout the summer on; 07895 084244.

Sharon is able to:

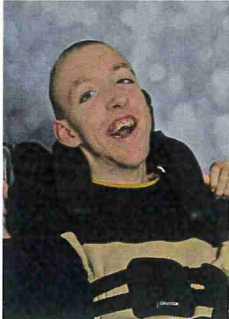
- * Give Food Bank vouchers
- * Offer behaviour advice
- * Come to your home for a chat
- * Make any resources you think might help your child during the holidays

Below are some additional support services:

- ◇ **ACE:** 13-17 Bridge Street. Open until 2.30pm. They offer – Community Fridge, Pantry and Refill. A Community Lounge – a cuppa and cake. Also, a small play area. ACE also have clothing.
- ◇ **Pantry:** The Longmeadow Centre, Cricketers Way. Open – Mon, Tues, Thu and Fri 9.30am – 12pm. Weds 4-7pm. For a nominal fee of £5 you can choose £15 worth of food.
- ◇ **Andover Food Bank:** St John Baptist Church. Alexander Road. 01264 362111.
- ◇ **The Crisis Centre and Support:** 01264 366122. They also have a drop-in service offering information.
- ◇ **SHOUT:** A 24/7 text service. You text the word 'SHOUT' to 85258. This a free, confidential and anonymous service for anyone struggling with their mental health.



Now it's time to say our goodbyes. This is tough every year—it never gets any easier. Here we go....



Gary

Having been at Icknield since he was 2½ years old Gary is going to leave a void in the daily life at Icknield. He has been a cheerful young man to have around and, never having been one to back away from saying how he feels, has caused much hilarity in the past. His determination and courage is amazing and we have been privileged to see how far he has come over the years. Gary will be going to Treloars where we are sure he will thrive and continue to entertain those around him. Good luck Gary, we wish you well.



Kya

Kya has been at Icknield since she was 3½ years old. Her lively personality and strong emotions have carried her through as she has learnt how to establish relationships and become the thoughtful, caring and confident lady she is today. She has always been keen to achieve goals and she should be so proud of how far she has come – we most definitely are. Kya is moving from the area and so will be using her skills to establish new relationships and carry on her good work. Again, Icknield will seem emptier without her.



Clifford

Clifford started at Icknield in September 2013. He was a very shy student who slowly came out of his shell to become the lovely, more confident young man he is now. He has made many friends over the years and made happy memories with them. Clifford is a bit of a trend-setter and has shown the adventurous side of his personality by changing the colour of his hair on a frequent basis. We wish him well as he goes on to Andover College where we are sure he will enjoy beginning another chapter of his life.



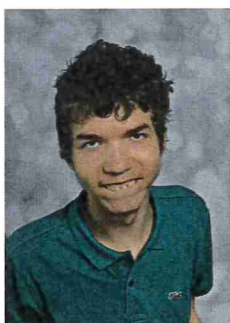
Matthew

Matthew came to Icknield when he was eight years old. He is quite a competitive young man and is known for enjoying sporting activities, especially golf and cricket at which he is now participating at a high level. Matthew is going to attend Sparsholt College where he will no doubt enjoy making new friendships and furthering his life skills abilities.



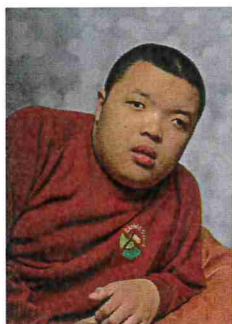
Talia

Talia joined Icknield as a Year 7 student in September 2017. She brought along her strong, determined character and has used this to her advantage to become a great ally for those in need of support and care. Her gentle kindness, compassion and fantastic sense of humour have served her well at Icknield and should carry on doing so as she starts at Andover College.



Kobe

Kobe started at the school in September 2017. He has a unique sense of humour and has been known as “The Laughing Boy” by a number of staff. He is a lover of mischief and when given the chance, he loves nothing more than wandering places he thinks he is not allowed to and then laughing his head off! Staff say he has developed from the laughing boy to “The Mercurial Man”, keeping them on their toes as to which of the many sides of Kobe they will see each day. We wish him luck in wherever he goes next.



Kabya

Our gentle giant. Kabya is amazing and has been a joy to have around since he arrived in September 2018. He always has the staff on their toes to stop him from creating mischief, whether it be involving his fascination with water or him running away giggling when he’s supposed to be carrying out tasks around the school. His laughter and tapping will be missed, but Tadley Court will be gaining a great student.



Maciej

“Very inquisitive” is the main phrase used when describing Maciej. He is no longer the quiet boy who joined us five years ago in Year 7. He has grown into a polite young man who is fascinated by travel, communication systems and is constantly in pursuit of new information. He also has a humorous side which shows when he tricks the staff. We wish him the best of luck at Andover College.



Kiera

Kiera joined Icknield from Cedar School in September 2022 when she began her further education at the FE Centre. She is a kind and chatty young lady who loves to socialise. During her time at the FE she has shown her strength of character and, when on our outdoor activity residential, just how brave and determined she really is!! Kiera will be moving on to Andover College. We wish her well and hope she continues to flourish.



Jack

Jack became a member of the FE crew two years ago. Once Jack was confident of his surroundings and his new peers, we saw a young man who is playful, knows his own mind and who seeks connection with the staff he works with. He has had a tough year medically and has shown great resilience and the energy to enjoy his favourite things, like a sneaky coffee at Dobbies. We hope Jack finds the connections and joy he seeks.



Samuella Opoku-Boateng

For the past year Samuella has been working as an LSA and Family Support assistant to Sharon as a Bournemouth University placement whilst studying Psychology. She's been a huge asset to the school and we wish her the best of luck in completing her degree.



Izzy Barratt

Izzy, an Andover College student, has been at Icknield as part of her Health & Social Care course since September 2024. She has been placed in most of the classes during this time and been of great help to the staff. Good luck in your next placement in a hospital Izzy.



Benjamin Trezies

Having been here since February, Benjamin has managed to build a great relationship with the majority of our students in his role as a Lunchtime Assistant. He has mucked in, been supportive of our students' needs and never worried about getting soaking wet or covered in sand! We wish him well as he moves away from the area.

CELLO BEING MELLOW

On the Wednesday, Cello class enjoyed a delightful outing to Wetherspoons, using the opportunity to also say farewell to their classmate, Maciej.

We are proud to share that most of the students were able to order their meals with minimal or no support. They waited patiently for their turn to order and for the food to arrive. During the meal, the students engaged in lively conversations about their summer holiday plans.

Everyone enjoyed their food and demonstrated excellent table manners. It was a wonderful experience for all!



PPICC CHAMPIONS OF THE YEAR

PHYSICAL

Jorge—FE
Amelia—Upper School
Jesse—Lower School

PERSONAL

Jamie—FE
Oscar —Upper School
Matthew H-B—Lower School

INDEPENDENCE

Nirjor—FE
Ellie—Upper School
Archie R—Lower School

COMMUNICATION

Gary—FE
Kabya—Upper School
Jake R—Lower School

COGNITIVE

Tim—FE
Summer—Upper School
Abel —Lower School



SUMMER TERM 2025

JULY

22nd LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM



AUTUMN TERM 2025

SEPTEMBER

3rd INSET DAY (WHOLE SCHOOL)

4th BACK TO SCHOOL/FE

16th Flu Immunisations (Yrs R to 17yr olds incl.)



Please note the school calendar is available on our website.

BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED DURING THE HOLIDAYS ARE....

Olly, Chimes	12 yrs old
Mabel, Trumpet	15 yrs old
Summer, Cello	16 yrs old
Finlay, Banjo	12 yrs old
Amelia, Oboe	13 yrs old
Noah, Tambourine	8 yrs old
Leon, Banjo	15 yrs old



Happy Birthday everyone!

ANDOVER CARNIVAL IS HERE!!!

If you go down in the town Sunday
be sure of a big surprise

If you go down in the town Sunday
you'd better go in disguise!

For every bear that ever there was
will gather there for certain because
Sunday's the day that Ickniel is having their picnic!



SEE YOU THERE !!!

ENJOY A HOLIDAY ON YOUR DOORSTEP WITH ALL SORTS OF CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

FREE
EVENTS

FOUR FUN FRIDAYS

1, 8, 15, 22 AUGUST
10.30AM – 3PM, ANDOVER HIGH STREET

FACEPAINTING MUSIC
CIRCUS SKILLS ★ THEATRE ★ AND
CRAFTS SKATEBOARDS MORE!



BRING A PICNIC AND MAKE A DAY OF IT



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ANDOVER TOWN CENTRE EVENTS
SEE WHAT'S COMING UP
THIS SUMMER

JULY

CHANTRY CENTRE INDOOR MARKET

**SAT 5 JULY
9.30AM – 4PM**

VEGAN MARKET

**SUN 6 JULY
10AM – 3PM**

SECOND SUNDAYS

**SUN 13 JULY
10AM – 3PM**

ANDOVER CARNIVAL

**SUN 20 JULY
12PM – 9PM
VIGO PARK**

STEP INTO SUMMER

**SAT 26 JULY
11AM – 3PM
TOWN CENTRE**

AUGUST

FOUR FUN FRIDAYS

**1, 8, 15 & 22
AUGUST**

**10.30AM – 3PM
HIGH STREET**

CHANTRY CENTRE INDOOR MARKET

**SAT 2 AUGUST
9.30AM – 4PM**

SECOND SUNDAYS

**SUN 10 AUG
10AM – 3PM
HIGH STREET**

WORLD STREET PARTY

**MON 25 AUG
12PM – 5PM
HIGH STREET**

SEPTEMBER

CHANTRY CENTRE INDOOR MARKET

**SAT 6 SEPTEMBER
9.30AM – 4PM**

SECOND SUNDAYS & HERITAGE DAY

**SUN 14 SEPTEMBER
10AM – 3PM
HIGH STREET**

TASTE OF TEST VALLEY

**SUN 28 SEPTEMBER
10AM – 4PM
HIGH STREET**

**FIND OUT ABOUT
EVENTS IN ANDOVER
TOWN CENTRE AND
JOIN THE MAILING
LIST HERE:**

COMING UP

HALLOWEEN DISCO

FRI 31 OCTOBER

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

FRI 21 NOVEMBER



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Hampshire Outdoors

BIKEABILITY SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Knights Enham Junior School 14 August 2025

COURSES

- Level 1 (1.5 hours) £10 Year 3 +
- Level 2 (3 hours) £45 Year 5 +
- Level 3 (3 hours) £10 Year 6 +
- 1:1 (1 hour 15 mins) £30 any age
- 1:3 (1 hour 15 mins) £10 Year 3 +

Booking is available online

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/hampshire-outdoors-bikeability>

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BIKEABILITY SUMMER HOLIDAYS

LOCATIONS

- Weeke Primary School - Winchester
- Barncroft - Havant
- St John's - Basingstoke
- Merdon Juniors - Chandlers Ford
- Knights Enham - Andover
- Velmead - Fleet
- Noadswood - Hythe
- Poulner - Ringwood
- Sherborne House - Chandlers Ford
- Harrison - Fareham
- Wicor - Fareham
- Brookfield - Locks Heath
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