



# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 11th July 2025

### WEEKLY CLASS FOCUS

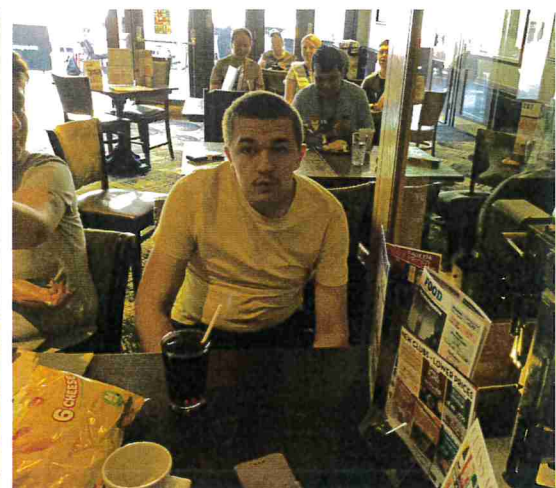


It has been a very busy half term at the FE with some students preparing to leave Icknield at the end of term and lots of transition visits from students who will be joining us in September.

Prom preparations have been underway to make sure that we say goodbye to the students who are leaving us in style!

We have continued to work hard on improving independence through lots of life skills lessons, including gardening work experience at April's Farm, allotment visits, cleaning, shopping, road safety and trips out to the local community spaces. Also it wouldn't be a summer term at the Icknield FE without a few trips to Wetherspoons where the students work hard on their communication skills, ordering their own food and drinks and using different methods of payment.

The students have been working hard in the garden to maintain the beautiful walkway they planted last year and





to continue to finish the walkway to the shed they worked on during their project week this year. They have even been able to harvest some seeds from plants they have grown and used these to start off some new plants – they hope to have even more beautiful flowers next year!

Last week a small group of FE students attended the Hampshire Cricket Tournament, where they worked incredibly well as a team, showed amazing sportsmanship and compassion towards the other teams. We were so proud of the way they played and their behaviour on the day.

Unfortunately we have been unable to complete the cake orders that were taken for this term due to circumstances beyond our control. All money will be returned to those of you who ordered and we hope to come back with a bang next year! That's right – before you know it, the Christmas cards will be ready and on sale!

# THE BEACH POEM (TRUMPET CLASS)

Following their trip to Lepe, last week, our Trumpet Class thought it would be a good idea to hone their poetic abilities and put their thoughts about the day into words so that they could create a lovely memory keepsake:



## The Beach Poem

I like the quick crabs moving sideways, hiding under shells in rockpools, (Danny)

I hear seagulls; they go SCREECH, (Nev)

I feel slimy seaweed as I splash in the rockpools, (Donnell)

I see big boats swishing and swashing on the waves, (Tinashe)

I look at the smooth pebbles on the beach, (Terrence)

Skin sticky with sun cream, (Ellie)

I feel the rough shells, (Gus)

I feel the sand scrunching between my toes, (Laura)

I love hearing the laughter of children having fun in the sun. (Donna)

## QE2 ACTIVITY CENTRE

Throughout the half term, three groups have visited the QE2 Activity Centre on the Hamble and enjoyed a variety of activities.

All groups put on their lifejackets and went on a power boat trip up and down the Hamble. Every child had an opportunity to steer the boat though we made sure there were not too many doughnuts in the water! One group went up and under the bridge and waved at the passing lorries who beeped their horns back!

After lunch there were a variety of activities the children experienced including: climbing, archery, shooting and indoor harnessed swinging— some were fortunate enough to go on the zip wire as well. Most children had an incredible day enjoying the new experiences and asking for more of certain activities! The swing was a HUGE hit!

**Tiger** – He was a pro at Archery. He knew to load the arrows, fire all arrows and then collect them again.

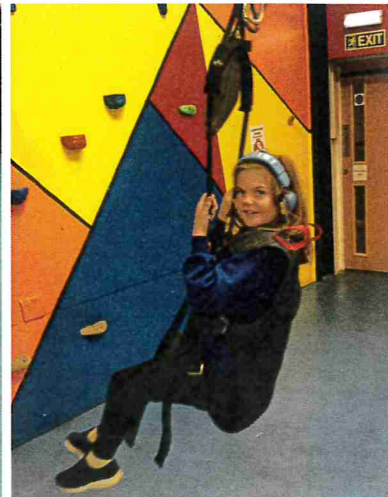
**Archie W** – After climbing the staircase he came down and said “top job” to the instructor.

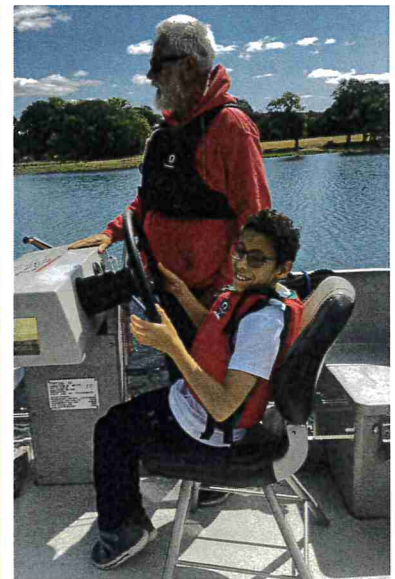
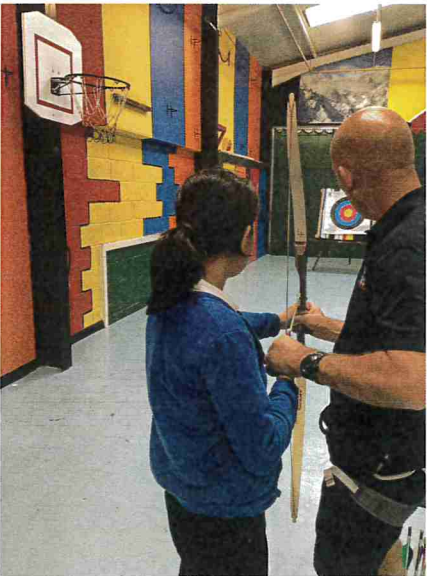
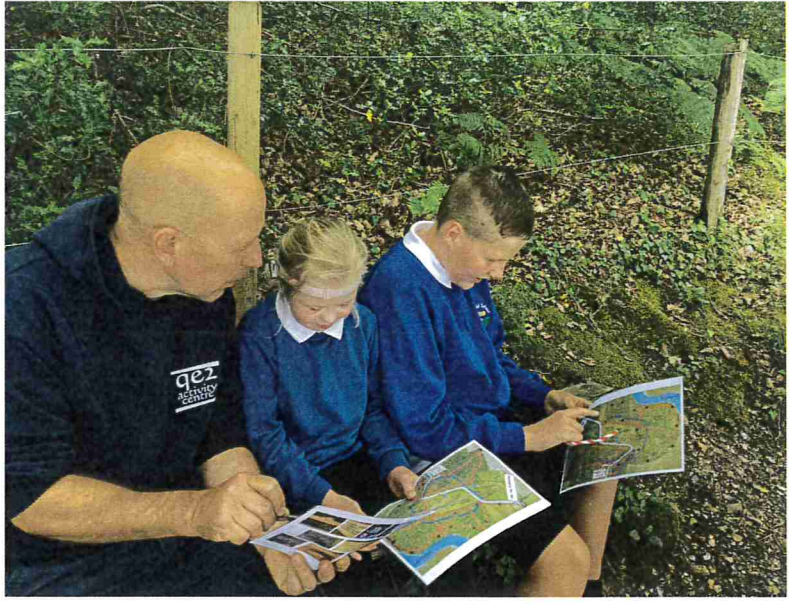
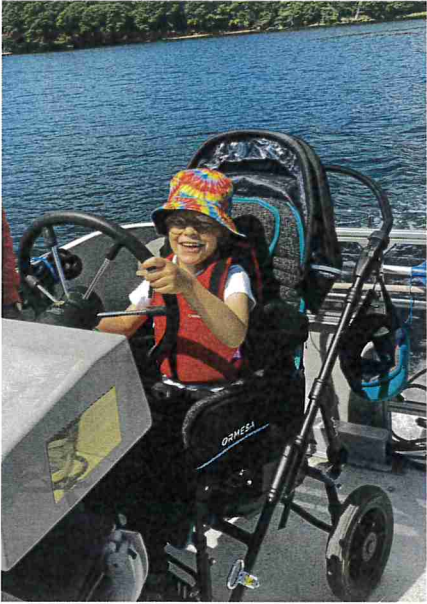
**Mikey** - He loved the zip wire, asking for more and more turns!

**Archie R** – Loved feeling the wind in his hair on the boat.

**Shelby** - She enjoyed the swing, propelling herself into the climbing wall and saying “we’ve hit a rock” and laughing.

**Freya** – She was excellent at the shooting, she was very proud to show everyone her target.





# SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



holiday	beach	sea	sand	sandcastle

## SUMMER TERM 2025

### JULY

- 15th Earth House Trip
- 15th Eastleigh Splash Park (Drum)
- 15th Full Governors Meeting (4pm)
- 18th End of Year Celebration Assembly afternoon
- 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 CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE...**

Gustavo, Tambourine      10 yrs old  
Sam, Drum                      6 yrs old



## **BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...**

Danny, Trumpet              13 yrs old  
Happy Birthday!

## SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Drum - Oscar  
Maracas - Frankie  
Tambourine - Gustavo  
Triangle - Jake  
Trumpet - Danny  
Oboe - Shristi  
Banjo - Fergus  
Cello - Summer



### The School Superstar of the Week is GUSTAVO!!

Gustavo loves learning. He is interested in all of the topic work and is great at remembering facts he has been taught. We have seen a huge improvement in his writing this year. He is now able to write sentences independently and is very proud of his work which he likes to show off. Gustavo has a great love of nature, looking for bugs and making bug hotels at playtime. Gustavo is a joy to have in Tambourine class, especially when he arrives with that amazing smile of his!

## NEW CLASS—NEW TEACHER!

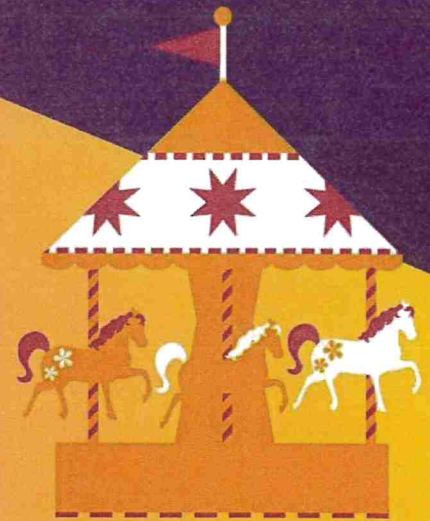
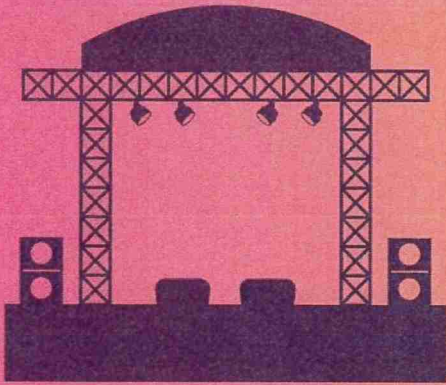
*This is the moment many of you will have been waiting for....*

After much deliberation and votes being cast, we have a name for our new classroom. It will be called HARP! An easily identifiable instrument as a symbol which is also simple to pronounce and spell.

We will be welcoming Ashley Griffith as Harp's new teacher. Ashley has previously worked at a Special School in Slough and has recently moved to the area. She has already met her future little angels (*see what we did there?*) during the transition afternoon held this week and they enjoyed bombarding her with lots of questions.



**FREE  
ENTRY**

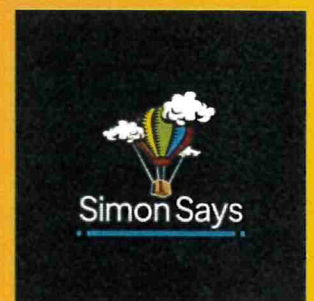


# ANDOVER CARNEVAL

**SUNDAY 20TH JULY 2025**

**12PM – 9PM (VIGO PARK) | 12PM – 4.30PM (HIGH STREET)  
| PROCESSION 4PM – 5.30PM**

**THIS YEAR'S CHOSEN CHARITIES ARE**



**FOOD – RIDES – MUSIC – ENTERTAINMENT**  
**HIGH STREET - TOWN PROCESSION - VIGO PARK**

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