



NEWSLETTER

Friday, 11th September 2026

TAMBOURINE CLASS



What a wonderful start to the new school year we have had in Tambourine Class! The children have settled back into school so well and have taken everything in their stride. There have been lots of new friends and adults to get to know, as well as new routines to explore, and it has been lovely to see the children growing in confidence each day.

Their new topic this term is 'In the Forest', and they have already begun exploring this exciting theme through lots of sensory and practical activities. They started the topic with a Bucket Session, which gave the children an exciting introduction to the sights, sounds and objects they might find in a forest. The students have been exploring woodland animals, leaves and a variety of natural items, using their senses to investigate and discover.

The class has also enjoyed listening to their forest sensory story, where they have experienced different props and sensory activities linked to the story. This has provided lots of opportunities to listen, touch, look, smell and explore together.

Alongside the forest topic, they have been busy learning through everyday experiences. They enjoyed a trip to Tesco, where the children practised their shopping skills and explored the sights and sounds of the supermarket. The class has also been developing their independence in cooking, where they made delicious sandwiches together!



In RSHE, Tambourine class has been thinking about what makes a happy and safe class. Ideas have been explored such as being kind, listening to others, having fun, learning together and keeping themselves and their friends safe.

We are so proud of how well the children have settled into their new year and they are looking forward to lots more exploring, learning and fun as they continue their journey 'In the Forest'!

PARENTS' GROUP COFFEE AFTERNOON

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 16th September** between 1.30-3pm at school. **All parents are welcome** and we look forward to seeing some new faces. It is a great time for parents and carers to meet others in similar situations, compare experiences and give helpful advice and information to each other. It is not easy being the parent of an SEND child and we also know it can be daunting to come along for the first time, but hopefully building new friendships between each other will help make life a bit easier. Not only that - coffee/tea and biscuits will be available so who could ask for more?!

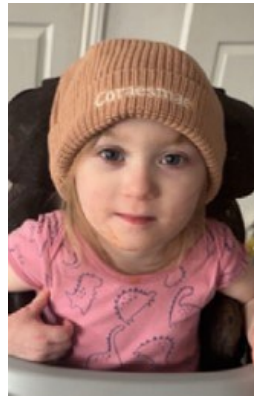


WELCOME

Now they have had time to settle in we would like to introduce you all to our new students and staff.



Ace
(Drum)



Coraesmae
(Drum)



Matteo
(Drum)



Noah
(Drum)

CJ and Yuvan are also new members of Drum class



Eli
(Banjo)



Niko
(Banjo)



Jack
(Harp)



Joshua
(Harp)



Sophie Walder
(FE Teacher)



Grace Henney
(Family Support
Practitioner)



April Proverbs
(Lunchtime
Assistant)



Leah O'Neill
LSA, Drum



Beth Valentine
LSA, Triangle



Molly Freitag
LSA, Tambo



Hannah Kirwin
LSA, Harp

We hope everyone is enjoying learning the ropes and getting to know each other. We are sure they are all going to have a wonderful time here at Icknield School the place where no two days are the same!

FLU IMMUNISATIONS—YES or NO?

Are you one of the 20% of parents who haven't yet completed the on-line NHS Flu Immunisation form? It was sent via Classdojo at the end of last term and earlier this month.

If so, please could you do so at your earliest convenience (preferably once you've finished reading this newsletter).

You are required to complete the form (which takes very little time) indicating **"YES"** or **"NO"** for your child to receive the immunisation.

The immunisations are taking place on :

Wednesday, 16th September

The ability to complete the form will end on:

Monday, 14th September.

REMEMBER: You need to complete the on-line form. Please do not contact the school to do so.



Sharon Quote:

"Every day is a new day that has the opportunity to start afresh"



Jeans for Genes Day

Changing the world for children with genetic disorders

JEANS FOR GENES

Once again we will be fundraising for the Jeans for Genes charity. On **Friday, 18th September** we would like to see as much denim in the school as possible, together with a small donation (we suggest £1-£2 per child). All money raised will go to this fantastic charity which is close to our heart as we have many students here with genetic conditions. If your child would prefer to wear school clothes, donations will still be accepted!

How Your Money Helps

£30 helps pay for trained helpline staff run by nurses, counsellors and specialists in welfare and social care

£75 provides invaluable family support sessions led by medical experts, helping parents navigate through their child's day-to-day challenges

£100 helps a child experience a holiday activity club. These clubs help children with complex needs thrive.

£250 helps a child make friends, learn and have fun on weekends away with others affected by the same condition

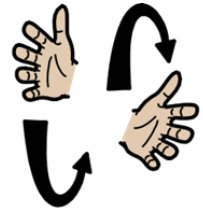
£500 helps fund specialist equipment that really helps a child whose mobility is limited by a genetic condition

£1000 helps fund a specialist nurse whose knowledge can really help families access the correct medical care.

So if you are able to support this cause without putting strain on your own finances, remember to don those jeans on

Friday 18th September!

SIGNS OF THE WEEK



SPLAT room	Numeracy	Literacy	The World
Music	Phonics	Art	PE

AUTUMN TERM 2026-27

SEPTEMBER

- 16th Flu Immunisations (Yr R to age 18)
- 16th Parents' Group Coffee Afternoon (1pm)
- 18th Jeans 4 Genes (monetary donation)



OCTOBER

- 2nd Simon Says Day
- 12th FE Community Action week
- 13th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 22nd Parents' Evening

BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

Missy, Chimes 18 yrs old

BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ...

Zachary, Maracas 7 yrs old



SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

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

Chimes	- Jack
Drum	- Tiger
Maracas	- Charlotte
Tambourine	- Coulson
Triangle	- Oscar
Trumpet	- Chloe
Oboe	- Noah
Banjo	- Eli
Harp	- Danny
Cello	- Finlay



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

Our Superstar this week is quite possibly the cheekiest member of Trumpet Class! She has a wicked sense of humour that never fails to have adults and peers alike in stitches, loves a game of tag (especially with Sean), DEFINITELY knows her own mind, and is fiercely independent! Since coming back from the summer holidays, Chloe has truly come into her own and has shown how incredibly kind, helpful, and thoughtful she is with her actions towards peers and the Trumpet adults. Chloe love marbles, Jenga, and a sand timer when enjoying choosing sessions and has a love of the outdoors, but don't run out of raisins for afternoon snack or she may not forgive you.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence,

CHAMPIONS



Jamie

and

Zac

