

Headteacher Message

What a lovely (if short!) week it's been at Ide Hill – the sunshine has certainly made lunchtime up on the field extra special. It's been a pleasure to welcome several new families to our community recently, and I've thoroughly enjoyed showing prospective families around our wonderful school.

A huge well done to our Year 3 and 4 cricket team, who played brilliantly in their tournament and came second – an amazing achievement, especially as it was the first tournament for many of you! We're so proud of how you represented Ide Hill.

Preparations for The Lion King are coming along nicely, and excitement is building! Please keep an eye out for letters on how you can support as we get closer to the big performance.

I'd also like to say a big thank you to all our classes for working so hard in the run-up to upcoming tests, and to the teachers for making the practice both effective and fun. We're really proud of everyone's efforts.

Thank you to our parent reps who met with me this week – your feedback and positivity is always appreciated. We'll be looking at your uniform feedback next week.

Next week is SATs week for our year 6's. They have been working incredibly hard up until this point and we know they will try their best! A reminder that we will be running an optional breakfast club for year 6's each morning from **8.30am in the Oaks Classroom**.

Lastly, a huge thank you to everyone helping with the dinner dance preparations. It's shaping up to be a fantastic evening – I look forward to seeing many of you there. I hope the sun keeps shining for us all this weekend!

Walk to School Week

Walk to School Week is an annual UK-wide initiative organised by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking. The event aims to encourage children and their families to choose active travel options, such as walking, wheeling, cycling, or scooting, for their school journeys. This year, the campaign introduces an exciting new theme to engage young minds and promote healthier, more sustainable lifestyles.

Walk to School Week is a five-day challenge designed to inspire primary school pupils to incorporate more physical activity into their daily routines.

Walk to School Week takes place from Monday, May 19th to Friday, May 23rd, 2025. Schools across the UK are encouraged to participate during this week, aligning with National Walking Month.

Why Walk to School Week Matters

Participating in Walk to School Week offers numerous benefits:

- **Health and Wellbeing:** Incorporating physical activity into daily routines improves children's




physical health and mental wellbeing, leading to better concentration and academic performance.

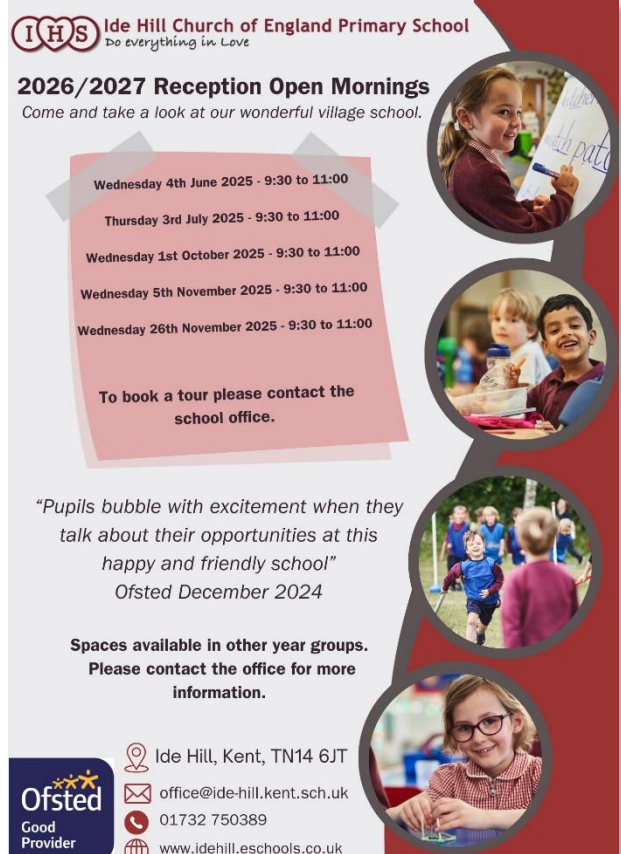
- **Environmental Impact:** Reducing car journeys decreases traffic congestion and air pollution around schools, contributing to a healthier environment.
- **Community Engagement:** Walking to school fosters a sense of community, allowing children and parents to connect with their local surroundings and neighbours.
- **Road Safety Awareness:** The initiative educates children about road safety, promoting responsible behaviours as pedestrians and cyclists.



Ide Hill Primary School Presents
THE LION KING
Whole school production
9th July at the Pamoja Hall - Sevenoaks School
3pm
£10 per ticket
Tickets available via SchoolGateway
All money raised will go towards production costs and vital school improvement.
Year 6 priority booking now open!

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<p>Saplings</p> 	<p>Thomas - For your great focus in our phonics lessons this week and your writing on your map. Keep it up! Amelia S - For showing how grown up you are when we came and visited your house this week! You were the perfect host!</p>
<p>Elms</p> 	<p>Carter - For using your number square so effectively to support counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Rory - For your descriptive stormy sea story and for using full stops and capital letters too!</p>
<p>Beech</p> 	<p>Clara - For having an amazing week with all she has done. Clara has shown resilience with things she finds challenging and her focus has been excellent. Well done Clara! Flora - For showing determination in maths to tackle some challenging questions on fractions.</p>
<p>Willows</p> 	<p>Lilly - For her diligence, creativity and carefulness when sewing on to her cloth in her Art project. William K - For his interesting thoughts and ideas about what the Kingdom of God is and who lives in it. Violet - For her interesting thoughts and ideas about what the Kingdom of God is and who lives in it.</p>
<p>Hazel</p> 	<p>Klaye - For settling in so beautifully and showing a noticeable improvement in focus and engagement in just one week. Welcome back! Ivy - For her determination and beautifully presented work in Maths. Great effort, Ivy!</p>
<p>Ash</p> 	<p>Matilda - You produced some good Survival Guide Instructions this week. You worked to include technical language and varied imperative verbs. Great job! Fleur - Thank you for bringing your calm and thoughtful mood to the classroom. It supports you and those around you, to all work with focus and creativity.</p>
<p>Oaks</p> 	<p>Toby - For his thoughtful ideas when considering the importance of the Eightfold Path to Buddhists Zach - For his excellent roleplaying when thinking about how Buddhist lead positive lives</p>



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2026/2027 Reception Open Mornings
Come and take a look at our wonderful village school.

Wednesday 4th June 2025 - 9:30 to 11:00
 Thursday 3rd July 2025 - 9:30 to 11:00
 Wednesday 1st October 2025 - 9:30 to 11:00
 Wednesday 5th November 2025 - 9:30 to 11:00
 Wednesday 26th November 2025 - 9:30 to 11:00

To book a tour please contact the school office.

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Spaces available in other year groups. Please contact the office for more information.

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We have 2026/2027 Reception Open Mornings coming up soon – Please do spread the word!