11th July 2025

Headteacher Message

What an amazing—and knackering—week it has been for everyone!

I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment, and it's been wonderful to see our whole school community come together for these special times. The production was unbelievable and we are so grateful. Sports Day was great and enjoyed by all.

I want to say a huge well done to our fantastic cricket team, who made it through to the final of the Kent Finals - this is an incredible achievement.

For a small school like ours - WOW- look at what we can accomplish together!

I cannot thank the children, our dedicated school staff, and all our families enough for everything you do to make our school so brilliant. Your support, enthusiasm and hard work are truly appreciated by us all.

Today, pupil reports are being sent home, including information about the National Tests taken throughout the school. This is yet another achievement for those who took part—you should all be extremely proud of the progress you've made and how hard you have worked. If you would like to discuss your child's report or the National Test results, please feel free to arrange a meeting with your class teacher at a convenient time. After such a busy week, I hope everyone has a well-deserved rest this weekend. Here's hoping that next week will be a little quieter for us all!

Thank you again for making Ide Hill such a special place.

Clubs

A reminder that teacher run clubs are now finished for the year. Please contact extrenal clubs directly to check finishing dates.

We will be in touch shortly with club information for next year.

Visitors

2 weeks ago, the school had some visitors from Australia, Ian and Suzanne Becker, who popped in on the off chance the school held any records relating to Suzanne's father, Brian George Killick who was



born in 1936 and lived in Ide Hill.

We were thrilled that Ian and Suzanne were able to locate some records and registers relating to Brian attending Ide Hill School between 1941 & 1946 and it was discovered for the first time that Brian was evacuated during the war, along with many other children from the village, for 2 years during his time at the school. Brian was evacuated to Cornwall. Brian lived

at Holly Cottages in Goathurst Common and was the son of George Edmond Killick.

By total coincidence, Mrs Harland was delighted to discover that there is a connection between Suzanne and her family in Australia!

If anyone would like to get in touch with Suzanne to share memories/information, please contact her at Sbecker01@bigpond.com.

Summer Holiday Contact

Should you need to contact the school in an emergency or for safeguarding reasons over the summer holidays please email headteacher@ide-hill.kent.sch.uk. Emails will be checked on a regular basis but not daily.

Reminder: Parent Talk: Parenting in the Digital Age

We invite you to a presentation focused on one of the most pressing topics facing families today: social media and smartphones in the lives of children. The talk will be run by Regional Leader of the charitable organisation, Smartphone Free Childhood, Katherine Myatt.

This session will explore:

- The risks and harms of early smartphone and social media us
- The impact on mental health, attention, and development
- Practical strategies to delay use and support healthier habits

Whether your child is already asking for a phone or you're thinking ahead, this presentation will offer valuable insight and tools to help you make confident, informed decisions.

m Date: Wednesday 16 July

① Time: 9am

Location: Ide Hill Church of England Primary School

Please RSVP to the office to register your interest. Please note that this presentation is suitable for parents only and children are not invited to attend

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We hope to have a bumper newsletter next week full of photos from this super exciting term!