

Headteacher Message

Welcome back to a new term at Ide Hill Church of England Primary School and our first newsletter of 2025.

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone for handling the snowy conditions last week so well. Your cooperation and resilience are greatly



appreciated- especially as the Ide Hill weather is so new to me and like another world up here!

As always, we have a busy term ahead filled with exciting activities and opportunities for our pupils. We are thrilled to have a few school trips planned, including the Young Voices event on Monday and some exciting sporting events that promise to be both educational and fun. We're also looking forward to the upcoming class assemblies. Please make sure to check the key dates section for your child's class to stay informed on when these will take place.

This term, we are focusing on exploring and embedding our school vision and values further. Keep an eye out for a survey that will be sent out soon, as we would love to hear your views on this important aspect of our school. We are also making strides with our Nurture UK work and are in the process of adapting our behaviour policy to reflect these values. Your continued support is key in helping us create a nurturing environment for all our children. Please take some time to read through your children's learning journals. These journals provide insights into what our children will be learning this term and offer guidance on how you can support their education at home. We're excited to see the progress they will make and to share in the enrichment activities planned.

Remember, our doors are always open. Please do not hesitate to come in and talk to any of us if you have questions or concerns. We look forward to another productive term working together.

Year 2 Infant Agility Event

The Year 2 Infant Agility Event was a resounding success, showcasing the enthusiasm and teamwork of all participants. It was wonderful to see everyone working together and striving to do their best. The event focused on developing key physical skills such as agility, balance, and coordination (ABCs), and it was clear that the children had a fantastic time. The children participated in a variety of engaging activities, led by my students at Knole Academy, each designed to enhance specific physical skills. Some of the highlights included:

- **Balloon Tennis Challenge:** Testing how many times they could hit a balloon with a tennis racket within a given time

- **Speed Bouncing:** A fast-paced activity focused on agility.
- **Bunny Hops Over a Bench:** Encouraging coordination and strength.
- **Ladder Runs:** Improving footwork and agility.
- **Bean Bag Colour Dash:** A fun game combining speed, colour recognition and strategy
- **Skipping:** Testing how many skips the children could do. Something that we are going to further practice in school!

The children were exceptionally well-behaved and polite throughout the event. It was also great to see many parents in attendance, providing support and encouragement. A big thank you to all the parents and siblings who came to cheer on the children.

Every child received a certificate for their participation.

Impressively, our school finished 5th out of approximately 12 schools, an achievement to be proud of.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly looking forward to the Year 1 version of this event scheduled for January 27th. It promises to be another exciting afternoon!

Fidget Toys

There has been an increasing amount of children bringing in toys or fiddle toys. Unless these have been agreed with the class teacher or SENCO please could we ask that parents encourage children to leave these at home. Any questions please come and speak individually to your child's teacher.

Royal Academy Young Artist Summer Show

We are excited to say that we have registered for the Royal Academy Young Artist Summer Show. The young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 years studying in the UK. More information can be found here

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved> If your child would like to take part please email submissions to the office and we will submit these on your behalf. Entry closes on 5th March 2025.

Environmental calendar 2025

Help build care and concern for God's creation into your church's worship and events with the Church of England's new Environment Key Dates calendar. A new resource aimed at keeping climate change issues at the front of people's minds has been published by the Church of England. The 2025 Environment Days and Key Events Calendar features key days, weeks and months which are associated with the environment, climate change awareness, and reaching net zero carbon. It is hoped the calendar will help parishes and dioceses to raise awareness about climate change, as well as with event and campaign planning to boost support for local eco projects. It can be downloaded as a PDF with links to more information about



the events featured or direct to Google calendars via a QR code.

2025 Environment Days & Key Events

We believe that responding to the climate crisis is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation and achieve a just world. Climate change already hits hardest the poorest countries and poorest people of the world but, it's now hitting us harder too.

Measuring the widespread destruction of the natural world is a crisis for creation and our single planet island home. Our Environment Programme exists to enable the whole Church to address these threats – in faith, practice and mission. It includes making our own carbon emissions Net Zero Carbon by 2030 and our wider environmental work.

Find out more: [churchofengland.org/about/church-of-england-environment-programme](https://www.churchofengland.org/about/church-of-england-environment-programme)

January
13 World's Clean Air Day
17-23 Big Energy Saving Week
28 International Day of Girl Education
29-30 COP28 Day of Action

February
1 World Water Day
2 World Day of Social Justice
15-16 International Day of the Girl Child
22-23 World Water Day

March
1 World Wildlife Day
18-19 World Water Day
21-22 World Water Day
23 Earth Hour
29-30 Church of England COP28 Challenge

April
4 National Walk to Work Day
7-13 Community Garden Week
13-14 Earth Day
17-18 Healthy Thursday
19-20 Global Day
22-23 Earth Day
29-30 Stop Food Waste Day

May
1-2 World Day of Water
11-12 International Day of the Girl Child
16-17 International Day of the Girl Child
22-23 World Water Day
29-30 World Day of Girl Education

June
1 World Environment Day
4 Day of Pentecost
7-15 The Great Day Green Week
22-23 World Environment Day
29-30 World Day of Girl Education

July
1-2 World Day of Girl Education
17-18 The Big Summer Count
25-26 Love Parks Week

August
11-17 National Admissions Week
20-21 International Day of the Girl Child

September
1-2 World Day of Girl Education
7-9 International Day of the Girl Child
15-16 World Day of Girl Education
22-23 World Day of Girl Education
29-30 World Day of Girl Education

October
1-2 World Day of Girl Education
4-5 St Francis Day
11-12 International Day of the Girl Child
24 World Night
28-29 World Day of Girl Education

November
1-2 World Day of Girl Education
18-21 Climate COP28 Week
29-30 World Day of Girl Education

December
5 World Day of Girl Education
25 Christmas Day
25-26 12 Days of Advent

Download all events to your calendar!

Net Zero Carbon 2030

The Church of England's Environment Programme exists to enable the whole Church to address the climate crisis - in faith, practice and mission. This includes tackling our own carbon emissions, as well as engaging in wider environmental work.

<p>Saplings</p>	<p>Thomas - For making a fantastic effort in our phonics lessons - keep going! Amelia S - For having a go at writing words beginning with our new sound "w" independently. Well done Amelia!</p>
<p>Elms</p>	<p>Elsie - For your amazing writing about Hermelin the detective mouse. The improvement you have made with your writing has been incredible! Viaan - For making much an effort to fit in well in Elms Class. We are loving having you at our school!</p>
<p>Beech</p>	<p>Hudson - Writing an excellent detailed character description about the character in our book for this term ' Bog Baby.' Louie - For working hard this week and demonstrating determination to focus and persevere. Well done Louie!</p>
<p>Willows</p>	<p>Rupert - For his excellent explaining of his understanding and methods in maths William K - For being one of my star readers in class who reads almost every night and enjoys doing so. Lilly - For being one of my star readers in class who reads almost every night and enjoys doing so.</p>
<p>Hazel</p>	<p>Phoebe - For always presenting her work beautifully and doing her best across the curriculum Finley B - For increasing his engagement and for always being kind and helpful to everyone in our school community.</p>
<p>Ash</p>	<p>All of Ash Class - You are brilliant! We can see you working well together, supporting each other, showing such enthusiasm in your learning and having exemplary attitude and behaviour when working with new teachers! Great Job Everyone ~ Keep it up!</p>
<p>Oaks</p>	<p>Willow - For her excellent use of vocabulary in English. Zach - For incredible technique shown during lacrosse.</p>

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Fabulous Fundraising Dinner & Dancing

TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR NEW OUTSIDE SPACE

More information to follow in new year...

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