

Headteacher Message

What a wonderful week it has been in school—the sun has been shining and smiles have been everywhere! It has been fantastic to see the children making the most of the outdoors. In Reception and Year 1, the sunshine has given us the perfect opportunity to take learning outside, and the children have absolutely thrived in the fresh air.

Across the rest of the school, from Year R to Year 6, pupils have been fully engaged with our new construction resources. They have created some



incredibly imaginative structures and have shown great problem-solving skills along the way. Beyond creativity, construction play is brilliant for teamwork, communication, and working together, and it has been lovely to see children supporting one another, sharing ideas, and collaborating so positively.

A huge thank you to the PTA for coming in on Monday. As always, we really appreciate the time, energy, and creativity you bring to the school, and we are grateful to all parents for supporting events however you can. For those attending Race Night, I hope you have a fantastic evening!

Our Learning Journeys have now gone out and children have begun their new units. It has been wonderful to see such excitement as they explore their new texts, ask big questions, and make predictions about what the stories and learning might hold.

In Collective Worship this week, we have been exploring the theme of compassion, linking it to our school parable of The Good Samaritan, as well as Jesus calms the storm and our whole-school vision: “Do Everything in Love.” The children reflected thoughtfully on questions such as:

“Who might be the person in need in our school today?”

“How can we be the Good Samaritan in our classroom or playground?”

“What small compassionate act could you do today?”

Our staff INSET on Wednesday evening also focused on spirituality—finding those moments of awe and wonder throughout the day. We would love you to share these moments with us at home too. Please feel free to send in examples, such as: a child proudly completing something they’ve been practising for weeks, noticing the first signs of spring on a walk, a

moment of kindness between siblings, or a creative achievement they’re excited about.

A big well done to all the children who have been undertaking assessments this week. Alongside teacher judgements, these help us to identify next steps and ensure every child receives the support they need. I will be meeting with teachers over the next couple of weeks to discuss each child in detail, and this will be followed by Parents’ Evenings, so please do make sure you sign up.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and hopefully more sunshine to come.

World Book Day 2026

It was fabulous to see our school community come together again to celebrate World Book Day this year.



The excitement was clear from the moment everyone arrived, with children and staff alike dressed up as

their favourite book characters. The effort that went into the costumes was incredible, and it was fantastic to see such creativity on display.



World Book Day is always a great opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading, and it was lovely to see so many pupils enthusiastic

about sharing the books and characters they love in

their classrooms. Please see the 3rd page of this newsletter for some more images!

Parents Evening

A reminder that Parents Evening is open to book on the e-schools system. If you have any problems with this please do contact the office.

Message from the Friends of Ide Hill Church

Dear Parents and Staff

On behalf of the Friends, a huge thank you for your patience since the church building works started back in November. I know just how much inconvenience it caused, having been a parent at the school many moons ago!

A special shout out to the school staff - having to look for parking when you are about to start your working day can be frustrating, and we appreciate your cooperation.

The works are now complete, and the church will be open to the public daily from Monday 9th March. Do pop in and have a peek - the project has certainly enhanced our lovely little church and we will be able to use it much more, benefiting the community. Once again, thank you so much. You have been wonderful.

Warmest wishes

Lynne Rutherford

Chair, The Friends of Ide Hill Church



PTA Easter Egg Hunt





"Do everything in Love" 1Corinthians 16:14