

## Headteacher Message

This week has been a lively and meaningful week at school, full of special moments and celebrations. We've marked lots of staff and children's birthdays recently, and it's been lovely to be greeted with birthday songs around the school.

This week, we have also taken time to reflect on Harvest, both at the church and in school. Our children have been thinking not only about being thankful for the food we receive at Harvest, but also about all those involved in bringing it to our tables—from farmers to shop workers and delivery drivers. Together, we've explored how we can support others in our wider community, whether that's through food banks, charities, or helping others in different ways whenever we can.

We also held a fire practice this week. I'm very proud of how sensibly all the children responded, including Saplings, for whom it was their very first fire drill. They listened carefully and followed instructions brilliantly—well done to everyone!

It was a pleasure this week to welcome some members of staff from the preschool and show them around our school. It's great to continue these strong links, and it was wonderful to see them recognising so many familiar faces throughout the school.

I also carried out a book look this week and was delighted to see the quality of learning so far.

Presentation is a clear focus across all classes, and both children and teachers are working very hard to ensure every child is making good progress and achieving their very best.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in our Colour Run—it was a tremendous success! It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and energy from all our pupils, as well as the way they cheered each other on. What an amazing group of children we have; their support for one another makes me so proud.

We also had rugby and football events taking place this week. Although I wasn't able to attend this time, I've heard such positive feedback from both the staff and children. I'm looking forward to joining you for the next ones and cheering everyone on in person.

As always, your continued support and involvement are what makes our school so special. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do get in touch or pass on at the next parent rep meeting—your feedback helps us provide the best possible environment for our children.

## School Times

A reminder that the gates open at 8:35 each day to help with the parking around the village.

## Instagram

Follow us on our new Instagram Page:  
**idehillprimaryschool**



## Colour Run

What a afternoon we had on Thursday at our Colour Run! Pupils, staff and families all got stuck in and it was wonderful to see so many happy (and very colourful!) faces. The laughter,



cheers and clouds of colour made it an afternoon to remember – thank you to everyone who joined in the fun!



Just a reminder –

sponsorship money can be brought into the school office or paid quickly and easily via **SchoolGateway**. Every bit of support makes a huge difference, and we're so grateful!



## Rugby Festival

This week, pupils from Year 5 and 6 attended a rugby tournament at Sevenoaks Rugby club, competing against schools in the 'medium sized schools' section. The children played really well as a team, not losing a match and only drawing two. They were very pleased to find out that they had come joint second in a three-way tie. Very close indeed! Well done to those who took part for representing the school so well and showing our values.

## Lunches

A reminder to please ensure that if you choose for your child to have school dinners, that you have booked this on the SchoolGateway system. This applies even if you are in receipt of free school meals. Please can we also remind that we are a nut free school and packed lunches should contain healthy choices. Thank you.



## IHS QUIZ & CHILLI NIGHT

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025 AT  
IDE HILL VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 7.15PM FOR FOOD AT 7.30PM

TABLES OF 6 - 8 PEOPLE  
£15 PER PERSON INCLUDES QUIZ & CHILLI MEAL  
CASH & CARD BAR (PRE-ORDER INFO TO FOLLOW)  
RAFFLE / HEADS & TAILS GAME

BOOK NOW VIA SCHOOL GATEWAY

## St Marys Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill PCC

St Mary's, Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill, PCC

"Change, Grow, Serve"



### Forest Church News - September 2025

We begin in the church for the start of the service and then come OUTSIDE for an activity before re-joining the service at its end.

All are welcome whatever your age, however noisy or wriggly! Look at the weather forecast before you come and wear suitable outdoor clothing. We will be outside whatever the weather!!!!!! (If it is that cold we can get the fire pit going.) Refreshments naturally feature!

In September, as this was the harvest festival service, we explored the amazing range of fruit and vegetables available to us. The children used their imaginations to create incredible animals or monsters. Fortunately no fingers were peeled with the potato peeler!

### Dates for your diary

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 at Ide Hill Church**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10.30 at Sundridge Church (Ide Hill Church is closed )**

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