



Weekly Newsletter



Welcome (back) to a brand new school year!

Wow, what a fantastic start to the term we have had here in school! It was a pleasure to catch up with the children about the summer holidays - although with the decline in weather, it is difficult to believe that we are only two weeks into term. Pupils and teachers have settled well into their new classrooms and the learning environment is both inviting and inspiring. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our information sessions on Tuesday. I hope that you found them to be a useful indication of the expectations of your child's year group.

Although many of our routines have remained consistent this academic year, lunch times have been adapted to allow more children to eat their meals in the school hall. We join together for a prayer of thanks before dinners are served, and have the opportunity to talk with our friends (and work on our table manners!).

We have also adopted a new phonics and early reading scheme - 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised'. The team have been working extremely hard to organise all of our new grapheme cards,

word cards and reading books, ready to be used in our Reception and Key Stage 1 classrooms next week. You can read more about the Little Wandle scheme later in the newsletter.

Today we elected our Year 6 House Captains for the 2024-2025 academic year. Thank you to all of the candidates who prepared and presented their pitches during hustings this afternoon. You have all made us very proud.

Thank you to all of the parents for your support so far this term. If you have any concerns, please use Class Dojo as your first point of contacting the class teachers or senior leadership team who are happy to help you.



Clare Williamson

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Learning Updates

We are very excited to launch our new phonics and early reading scheme this week: Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will begin phonics lessons on Monday morning and reading practice sessions will be soon to follow! Little Wandle is a comprehensive programme which provides an array of resources to support **every** child on their reading journey. We are passionate about reading at Isleham as it is the key to the rest of the curriculum and the key to future success!

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education

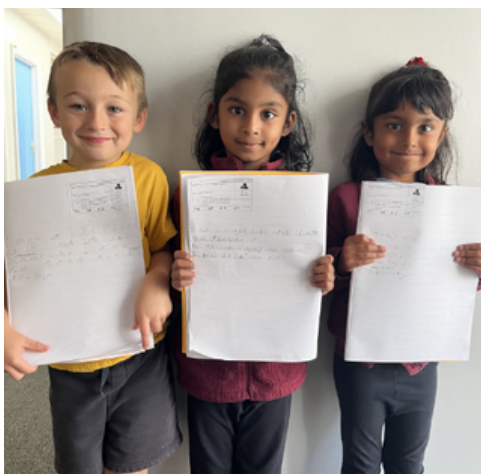


As we have moved to a new scheme, you may notice that your child brings home a book which is a different reading level from what they had last year. This is because Little Wandle not only focuses on decoding, but reading fluency and automaticity when reading. For a child to be secure, they will need to read 90% of the words in the text automatically, that is, without having to overtly segment and blend the word.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher. The Little Wandle website is full of handy resources for parents too:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Let Your Light Shine!



Congratulations to Jack, Rubie and Meera from Year 1 who have been nominated for their fantastic writing on their topic of 'Pirates'. The children demonstrated their ability to use capital letters, full stops, adjectives and the conjunction 'and' in their sentences. Well done, everyone!



Children may face various challenges when returning to school, from social anxieties to academic pressures. Here are some tips to manage their wellbeing:

- Establish a **routine**: Help your child adjust with regular bed times, meal times and time for homework.
- Encourage open **communication**: regularly check in with your child about their day, Ask open-ended questions that encourage them to share their feelings
- Support **social connections**: Try to encourage your child to socialise outside of school and participate in extracurricular activities.
- Recognise signs of **stress**: Be mindful of changes such as withdrawal, irritability, or trouble sleeping. Consider reaching out for support if you notice persistent signs of stress.
- Promote **positive** thinking!

House Captain Highlights



Ruby

The House Captains for Ruby are:

Archie
Holly



Sapphire

The House Captains for Sapphire are:

Finn
Carly



Future Dates

- 25/9 - 27/9 - Year 6 Residential
- 1/10 - 3/10 - Harvest festival donations to be bought to school
- 4/10 - Harvest Festival service at St Andrew's Church (9:30am)
- 8/10 - Y6 STEM day at SVC
- 10/10 - 15/10 - Scholastic Book Fair
- 21/10 - Y6 trip to Duxford
- 22/10 - 23/10 - Parent consultations (3:45 - 6pm)
- 24/10 - SEND parent consultations (3:45 - 6pm)
- 28/10 - 1/11 - Half term holiday



Emerald

The House Captains for Emerald are:

Elisabetta
Stanley



Amber

The House Captains for Amber are:

Barnaby
Max

Fundraising



A note from Mrs Dray:

I am taking part in a skydive day on Saturday 28th September 2024 in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices. EACH cares for children and young people with life-threatening conditions across Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk and support their families. Why you wonder? Well EACH cared for an incredible little boy George, of whom I had the privilege meeting and of being the TA to in September 2023, despite the tumour progressing, the cancer spreading and high doses of pain medication, George joined us for his first day of school, eager and ready to learn. In his short time with us George introduced us to a world of Mr Men, Lego and space. He shared love and gained friends wherever he went. George changed the definition of brave for me. At almost 50 years of age I was yet to understand it's true meaning. I therefore feel doing a skydive seems fitting as it's a way for me to show bravery for him. George and his wonderful family were wrapped in love from EACH during George's treatment, final days and continue to be supported now since his passing. I therefore hold this charity close to my heart and ask for you to sponsor as much as you can. In the hope that families who face this unimaginable turmoil can too be wrapped in the love of the EACH family.

ISLEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>Friday 6th - first tuck shop of the year. Wonka bar pre sales start.</p>	<p>Friday 4th - Tuck shop</p>	<p>Monday 4th - Non school uniform day. All children to bring in a coloured item to fill a Christmas hamper.</p>	<p>Friday 13th - PTFA Christmas fair to be held at the Beeches, 3.30- 5.30pm. There will be games, bouncy castle, stalls, Beeches bar and cakes.</p> 
<p>Tuesday 10th - PTFA meeting at The Beeches, 7.30pm</p>	<p>Monday 21st - Colouring competition. Winner announced on Friday 25th.</p>	<p>Reception - Red Y1- Orange Y2- Yellow Y3- Green Y4- Blue Y5- Pink Y6- Purple</p>	
<p>Friday 20th - Wonka bar afternoon at school. Do you have a golden ticket? Tuck shop after school.</p> 	<p>Friday 25th - Year 2 take over tuck shop</p>	<p>Friday 22nd - Beeches Xmas fair</p>	
		<p>Friday 29th - Year 3 take over tuck shop</p>	

Thank you for reading!

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