



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024



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Wednesday 2nd October  
3:15pm Parent Drop In's  
Years 1 - 6

Thursday 10th October  
9:00am FIRPS AGM KS2 Hall

Friday 18th October  
Show Racism the Red Card Wear  
Red Day  
Details To Follow

Wednesday 23rd October  
Flu Vaccinations  
Whole School

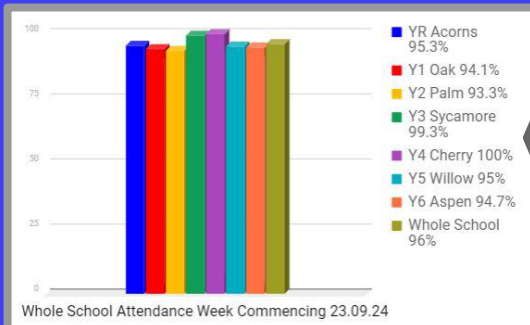
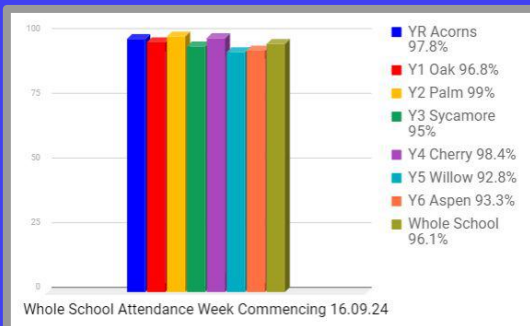
Thursday 24th October  
School Photographer  
Individual & Sibling Photographs

Friday 25th October  
End of Term 1

Monday 4th November  
Term 2 Begins

Friday 15th November  
Children In Need  
Details To Follow

Friday 20th December  
End of Term 2



## Attendance Class Awards

**W/C 16.09.24**  
**KS1 - Palm**  
**KS2 - Cherry**

**W/C 23.09.24**  
**KS1 - Acorns**  
**KS2 - Cherry**

If you would like your child to have guitar lessons in school on a Friday, please contact Chris on 07940 046124  
**Years 3 - 6 only**

Friends of Istead Rise Primary School  
**(FIRPS)**  
**AGM**  
 Annual General Meeting

**Everyone is welcome.**  
**Stay informed and get involved.**

Please join us for refreshments and support FIRPS at our AGM.

**9am - KS2 Hall**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Please complete the link below to confirm your attendance or to sign up to the committee.  
<https://forms.gle/2VKKZ6zToNo5CUTa8>

Parentkind  
 Member Association

**FIRPS AGM Thursday 10th October 2024, 9am - KS2 Hall. Please complete the attached form if you would like to attend or sign up to the committee**

**[FIRPS AGM](#)**

**Nourish**  
 contract catering

**School Lunch Menu**

Stanley of Cherry really wanted to run his own lemonade stand during the summer holidays. He wrote a letter, copied it 200 times and hand delivered it around the neighbourhood. In his letter Stanley promised to donate a percentage of his earnings to an animal charity!

He sold his lemonade for 4 hours and met lots of people and dogs. The stall went down so well Stanley even had a visit from Kent Fire & Rescue who donated £20!

Stanley had so much fun that he has decided to make this an annual event during the holidays! The next day, as promised Stanley went to Battersea to donate his earnings of £100. Stanley received a certificate and a badge!

Stanley's family are so proud of his kindness and generosity and hope that by sharing this with everyone it will inspire others to do something similar. Stanley, this is an amazing thing to do for such a worthy cause, you should be very proud of yourself. A big well done from all of us at Istead Rise Primary!



*Core Values  
Congratulations To All  
Our Winners*

**W/E 20.09**  
**Most Valuable Player**  
1st Ronak of Aspen  
2nd Leo D of Sycamore  
3rd Nihaal of Willow

**Winning Class**  
1st Aspen  
2nd Sycamore  
3rd Willow

**W/E 27.09**  
**Most Valuable Player**  
1st Edward of Willow  
2nd Ronak of Aspen  
3rd Nihaal of Willow

**Winning Class**  
1st Willow  
2nd Aspen  
3rd Sycamore



**Week Ending 20.09**

- Acorns Class**  
George B for Perseverance, Adrik for Independence & Mason for Respect
- Oak Class**  
Rosie for Perseverance, Ava for Independence & Joshua for Respect
- Palm Class**  
Neda for Self Reflection, Ellie for Respect & Frank for Independence
- Sycamore Class**  
Darcy for Perseverance, Sophie for Respect & Leo H for Independence
- Cherry Class**  
Darcey & Amaia for Independence, George for Perseverance
- Willow Class**  
Josh & Oliver M for Perseverance, Shae for Self Reflection
- Aspen Class**  
Anais for Self Reflection, Lyra for Independence & Carter for Respect



**Week Ending 27.09**

- Acorns Class**  
Harry & Anaya for Respect, Lyla for Perseverance
- Oak Class**  
Cara for Independence, Kaspia for Perseverance & Florence for Respect
- Palm Class**  
Sophia for Independence, Milan for Perseverance & Lennon for Self Reflection
- Sycamore Class**  
Henry for Self Reflection, Aria for Respect & Freya for Independence
- Cherry Class**  
Stanley for Respect, Evelyn for Independence & Charlie for Perseverance
- Willow Class**  
Cooper M & Nihaal for Respect, Elvie for Perseverance
- Aspen Class**  
Thomas, Ronnie & Blake for Respect

# STEM Craft Club



Last week in STEM club the group were tasked with fitting their whole body through a celebration card. At first they did not think it was possible and looked puzzled. With perseverance they all managed to complete the task. And went on to try smaller pieces of card and still managed to do it - well done everyone. This week, we started our Halloween STEM activities by melting chocolate to cover spooky apples with. I think they look great and very tasty.



# Acorns

Acorns have really settled well into their new routine of school life. They have shown great perseverance in new challenges and are continuing to impress Acorn's staff with their confidence in such a new environment. We are very proud!

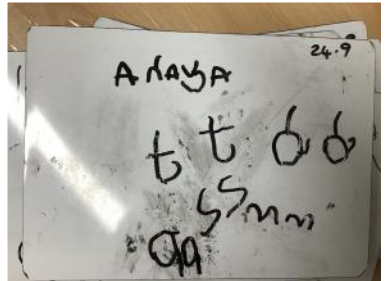
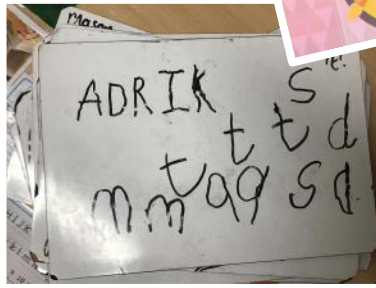
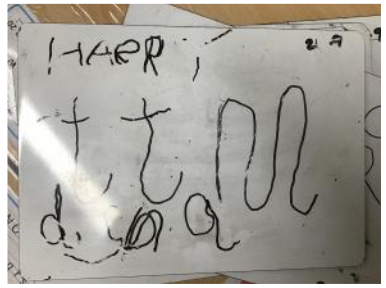
**Maths**  
We have been very busy in Maths and have been learning the terms 'fewer' and 'more'.



**Topic - All about me**  
We have been using paint to create a self portrait. We have their creations proudly displayed in the classroom.



**Physical Development**  
Fine motor skills are extremely important to support children with their developing writing skills. We have been working on this development with lots of scissor activities and fine motor play.



**Phonics**  
Acorns have begun their phonics sessions and have already shown us their fantastic writing skills. We have been working on letter formation and so far have learnt the sounds 'm,a,s,d,t,i,and n'.

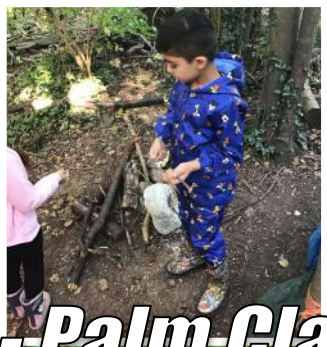


**P.E**  
Acorns class enjoyed their first PE session. We have been practising turn taking and ball skills.





Year 2 have been learning all about habitats at Forest School. They went on a scavenger hunt to find mini beasts and then searched for micro habitats in logs and under rocks. We were also luckily enough to look up close at a real bird's nest. Some of the class made clay snails to consolidate some of their learning.



# Forest-School - Palm-Class



# Oak



Oak class has been exploring the world of computers in their computing lessons. They've learned how to use their school Chromebooks and successfully logged in to their accounts. After that, they have experimented with clicking and dragging clipart on Sketchpad. Working together, they created some fantastic artwork that they're really proud of.



# Palm



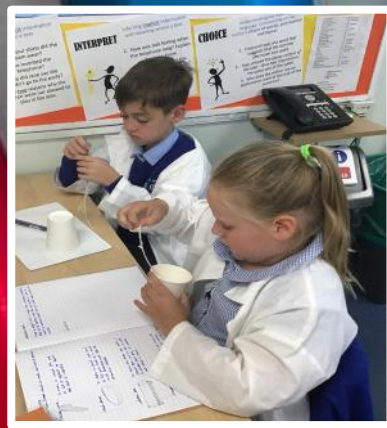
This week two very brave children volunteered to take part in a science experiment! We have been learning about Charles Mackintosh's waterproof fabric invention and we covered two children head to toe in waterproof clothing and threw water at them to see what would happen! Children in Palm also wrote in their Writing Portfolios for the first time ever. They all did a fantastic job!

# Sycamore



It has been a very busy couple of weeks in Sycamore Class. The children are trying hard and engaging with their learning. They have just finished the first sequence of learning in English and have successfully written an information text about tigers using subheadings. In maths they have also just completed work on place value (hundreds, tens and ones) they are now just beginning a unit on addition and subtraction. In science they have just completed an investigation to protect a chocolate covered teacake from cracking if dropped. They had lots of fun making and then dropping the chocolate teacake. They concluded that a strong, supportive structure is key to preventing cracks.





It has been another busy fortnight in Cherry. We have now completed our first English sequence on Hansel and Gretel and will next be moving on to report style writing about the 'real' tooth fairies. In Maths we have continued working on place value, looking at comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000. We carried out an investigation in Science to continue our work on 'sound' - looking at how sound is able to travel along and through solid objects by creating string telephones. This also involved looking at how tying a knot in the string affects the sound and the difference made by changing the length of the string. It was great fun with some in-depth learning! It also involved creating a mini Mexican wave to explain how sound travels in waves vibrating the molecules in the air around us, which vibrates the next molecule, then the next... In PE we have continued working on our skills for tag-rugby and football, looking this week at defence and the ways in which taking an opponent's tag can be increased. In music we have continued learning Mamma Mia, including an instrumental section on the glockenspiels, which focuses on timing and rhythm. In Art, we created pictures using scissors and combining images, and these will form the plan for our next few lessons. On Wednesday we took part in the first round of the MTC world cup, with everyone making a tremendous effort - by the time you read this I am sure your children would have told you how we did!



# Willow



Year 5 have begun their next English sequence and are creating a travel brochure on either France or Italy, we have all found it really interesting learning about the range of historical landmarks that are in each of the countries, as well as discovering some of their delicious delicacies.

The children have continued their learning about materials in Science this week and have been carrying out an experiment to find out which material was the most absorbent. Unfortunately, our results were not entirely accurate as we had a few spillages when trying to transfer the water from the materials to the measuring cylinders.

We have continued learning new invasion game skills in tag rugby and football with coach James, which everyone has enjoyed and had lots of fun doing.

On Thursday we took part in an e-safety workshop, acting out different scenarios, learning different ways to stay safe online, and what to do if we don't feel safe.



# Aspen



Year 6 have been working hard in English recently. Their first sequence of learning is now complete and I had some wonderful descriptive narratives to read. We have now started the second sequence of learning – designing and writing a travel brochure. The children have just started to carry out research and will soon be collating their research into full paragraphs, before creating a final version.

In Maths, we have focused on rounding, decimal numbers and arithmetic.

PE has been lots of fun so far this term! We have worked on tag rugby and football; learning the basic skills and then building on these each week.

You will find all our up to date letters and lots of other information on our website.



Letters to Parents

This link will take you to the September letters home section.

[Letters Home](#)  
[September 24](#)

# NHS

## Flu Vaccinations



# BACK TO SCHOOL

OFFER FROM 1ST-30TH SEPTEMBER

Gymnastics Karate Basketball

Trampolining Pickleball

**HALF PRICE FIRST MONTH ON ALL SPORTS COURSES**  
THEN JUST £28.95 FROM OCT 1ST

**PARENTS FIRST MONTH FREE GYM MEMBERSHIP**  
THEN JUST £21.05 FROM OCT 1ST



NEW OFFERS

01474 814199 info@meophamleisure.org

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO NOW!



Elliott Holmes Memorial Fund  
**EHMF**  
Mental Health Support For Young People

# ISTEAD COLTS 'FUN CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT'

## IN MEMORY OF ELLIOTT HOLMES

### SAT 12TH OCTOBER

7pm to 11pm

The Hall, Istead Rise Community Centre  
Worcester Cl, Istead Rise, Gravesend DA13 9LB  
(non members are welcome)

**ENTRY FEE- £60 PER TEAM (UP TO TEAMS OF 6)**  
**18+ ADULTS ONLY**

Raffle & prizes  
Bring your own snacks and cash for raffle  
Bar is open

SCAN ME



All proceeds will go to EHMf - supporting young people with mental health issues in the Gravesend Borough



# Halloween Party

Istead Rise Community Centre

Sunday  
27th  
OCTOBER

4pm till  
8pm



£3 per child  
£2 per adult  
under 2s free

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Children's Entertainer show at 6pm, Disco,  
Fairground games, Food and Drink

Tickets sold through the Community Centre Office/Bar



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## Volunteers Needed

- Do you want to make a difference to a family's life?
- Do you have parenting experience?
- Do you have 2-3 hours a week to spare?



We need enthusiastic volunteers in the Gravesham area.  
Of all ages, cultures, backgrounds and gender.  
To offer emotional and practical support to local families  
with pre-school age children.

Free 40 hour preparation course begins  
Wednesday 2nd October in Dartford.  
Please call 01322 225100 or email [office@homestartnwkent.org.uk](mailto:office@homestartnwkent.org.uk)  
Scan QR code for further information.

