



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023



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Monday 4th December  
Year 5 & 6  
Christmas Carol Service  
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Tuesday 5th December  
Year R Nativity  
2.15pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday 5th December  
Parent Drop In Session  
Years 1 - 6

Wednesday 6th December  
Years 3 & 4  
Christmas Carol Service  
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Thursday 7th December  
FIRPS Xmas Market &  
Grotto

Friday 8th December  
Years 1 & 2  
Christmas Production  
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 13th December  
Storytelling exhibition  
Years 1 - 6

Thursday 14th December  
Christmas Dinner  
& Jumper Day

Friday 15th December  
End of Term 2



Dear Istead Rise Families,

I am delighted to share in this newsletter some of the recent events at Istead Rise Primary School. Our pupils continue to work extremely hard, fully immersing themselves in the range of activities on offer. From 'Show and Tell', school trips and poetry recitals, every child conducts themselves in a mature and sensible way. Staff and pupils have been working hard in preparation for the forthcoming Christmas services, thank you to parents for supporting their children with learning their lines and supplying some wonderful costumes. We hope that you are able to join us for some of the performances. I would also like to thank FIRPS for their hard work in making last Friday's Elf Workshop such a success - all children had a wonderful time during their visit. We also hope you are able to join us at the FIRPS Christmas market on Thursday 7th December.

Kind regards,  
Mrs M Clark  
Deputy Headteacher

**Nourish**  
contract catering

If you would like your child to receive a Christmas Dinner this year on the 14th December, please book in the usual way via Parent Pay.

**School Lunch Menu**



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
ISTEAD RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
SPONSORED BY ROBINSON, MICHAEL & JACKSON  
**7 DECEMBER**  
15:15 - 18:15  
CRAFT STALLS ★ GAMES ★ FACE PAINTING  
FOOD & DRINK ★ ACTIVITIES  
PUBLIC EVENT ★ FREE ENTRY ★ CASH ONLY  
ISTEAD RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOWNS RD, GRAVESEND, DA19 9HG  
Friends of Istead Rise

**FIRPS XMAS**  
RAFFLE  
TICKET £1  
OVER 50 AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!  
**FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER | AT 10 AM**  
Enter [here](#) or via the QR code below

- Xbox Series S
- Lakeland air fryer
- £50 Amazon voucher
- £50 Bluewater voucher
- £100 one for all voucher
- Family Showcase voucher
- Restaurant vouchers
- Microneedling facial
- Range of beauty vouchers
- Plus so much more

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# SEND & Inclusion



## **NO** Pens Day Show and tell

Thank you to all children and their parents for their contributions and efforts towards No Pens Day. The day was so successful. We were amazed by many of the Show 'n' Tell items that the children brought in; some historical, some rare, personal items and those with significant family stories behind them. If you have not already done so, donations to Speech and Language UK can be made through your Parent Pay account to help raise money to support children who struggle with understanding words and talking.

Mrs M Clark and Mrs Andreou







# SEND & Inclusion







The children had a great time supporting Children in Need this year, thank you so much for all your donations. The winners of the Most Spotty Competition were- Jaynie-Mae of Acorns, Tess of Willow, Jack of Sycamore and Raelie of Palm!





## Attendance Class Awards

**W/C 20.11.23**

**KS1 - Palm**

**KS2 Cherry & Aspen**



**W/C 27.11.23**

**KS1 - Acorns**

**KS2 - Aspen**



**Excellent**

**98%  
Or  
Above**

**0 - 3  
Days Of  
School  
Missed  
Per  
School  
Year**

**Good**

**96% -  
97.9%**

**4 - 8  
Days Of  
School  
Missed  
Per  
School  
Year**

**Poor**

**90.1% -  
95.9%**

**9 - 18  
Days Of  
School  
Missed  
Per  
School  
Year**

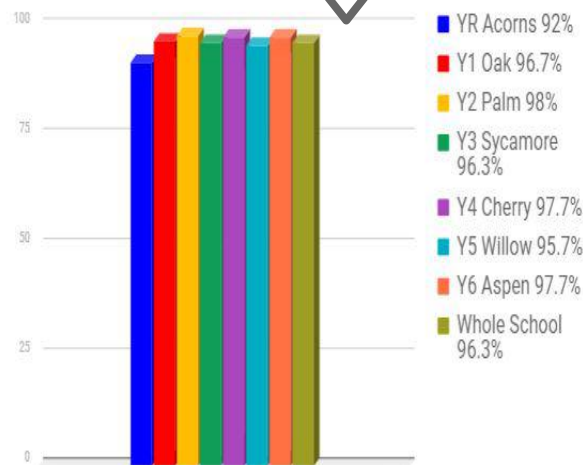
**Cause For  
Concern**

**90%  
Or Less**

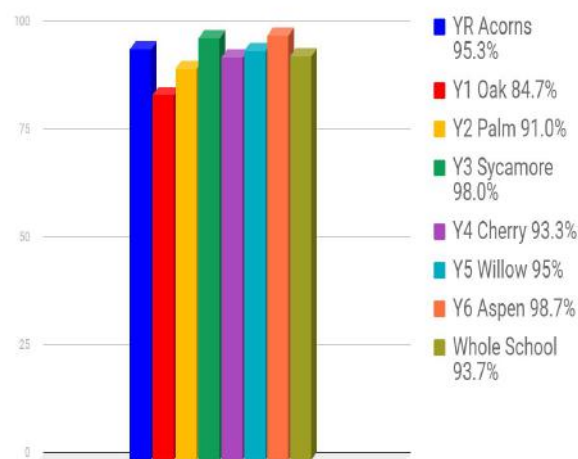
**19 Days  
Or More  
Of  
School  
Missed  
Per  
School  
Year**

Calling all future Karate champions!  
There are now spaces available in the  
beginners Karate class on  
Thursday at 5pm at Meopham Fitness and  
Tennis Centre.

The class is taught by Sensei Scott Forshaw  
of Meopham Karate Academy, pictured here  
with his son Jaxon of Oak and Molly of  
Willow. Learn Karate through fun games and  
activities - suitable for all. To book a free  
taster session, contact Meopham Fitness  
Centre on 01474 814199 or if you have any  
questions call Scott on 07905 575738.



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 20.11.23



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 27.11.23





# Acorns



Stay and play  
Yet another wonderful stay and play session! Some of the feedback was exceptionally heart warming and I am so delighted that all our parents and grandparents had such a super time. We hope you like some of the photos taken.





During the week, the children enjoyed attending and listening to the anti-bullying workshop. We completed some tasks in class related to being kind to others.



The children have been having fun this week writing their own poems. We read *Commotion in the Ocean* with our partner to practise reading with expression. In History, we have been researching facts about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.



Diving into the deep blue ocean  
On his own.  
Leaping through waves  
Peeping for his food.  
He loves to swim  
In the ocean  
Next to his family.



You can watch the children reciting their poetry via this link  
[IRP Videos Poetry Reading](#)

In maths, Palm are learning all about 2D and 3D shapes, as a team they are recognising their properties and having fun while they learn!



Palm Class had an absolute blast during the Great Fire of London workshop! Transported back to the year 1666, they fully immersed themselves in the historical drama, acting out scenes and experiencing life during that significant period. The hands-on activity not only made learning about history enjoyable but also proved to be an effective way to gain more knowledge of the event!





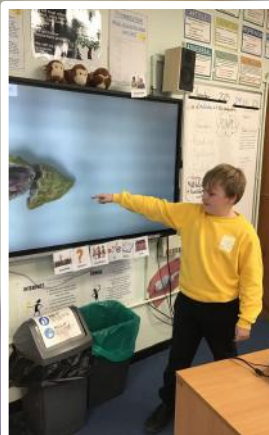
## Forest School Palm Class



Year 2 had another great week of adventures in the forest. The Sugar Plum Fairy was our guest behind the elf door this time. The children listened with anticipation when I read them a story. Following this, the class used plums to make bird feeders. The class also used the reef knot they have been learning to tie, so they could hang them up in the trees for the birds to enjoy.



# Cherry



It's been a very busy two weeks! We have now completed our instructions on how to operate the Time Booth from Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure. We have now moved on to our next narrative, which is based on the race towards the Clock Tower from Back to the Future. Our school trip last week to see Back to the Future the musical has really enthused the children in this writing. In maths we are continuing to work through our unit on multiplication and division and are continuing to complete our daily MTC check each morning. Please continue to encourage your child to keep learning their tables, especially any that they are still unsure of. In science we are continuing our work on electricity, and have looked at conductors and insulators in a circuit. In history we have now finished our work on Alfred the Great and Edward the Confessor which leaves us the Battle of Hastings in 1066 still to cover next week. In art we are continuing to look at tints and shades in painting and the children have produced some excellent paintings using tints and shades of a colour in a 3D object. We are continuing to learn our Christmas carols and rehearse for the carol concert and look forward to welcoming you to the church next Wednesday afternoon. No Pens Day was a huge success, with the children talking about a huge range of different topics based on the items they brought in. Thank you for your encouragement in this.

# Aspen

Year 6 have been busy as always.

In Science recently, we made sundials, continuing our work with shadows and light. Sadly, it wasn't a very sunny day so we couldn't test them out very well!

Year 6 have been working extremely hard in English recently. They have created some fantastic stories for part of Storytelling term. They really enjoyed typing these up, designing them and seeing the finished product. Myself and many school staff were very impressed with the diary entries that Year 6 have also just finished. These were written from the point of view of a Victorian child and really captured the poor conditions that children lived in, as well as the feelings and events associated with this. Great work Year 6!

In Spanish, Year 6 have been learning how to talk about what they do at the weekend. There have been some great conversations going on during the lesson and the class are really progressing with their Spanish speaking skills.





# Willow



Willow class had a fabulous time at Leeds Castle on 24th November. They spent time making Tudor 'roundalls' and exploring the castle, which had been transformed into Narnia. There was also time to see the birds of prey, which the children loved!









The children who attend F.O.F. are incredibly proud of themselves as am I, for building a Christmas tree. The group used knots and lashings to tie the branches together. After decorating it with twinkling lights they added their pewter decoration that they made over the fire in the first week of F.O.F. Please pop down to the outdoor classroom when you pick up/drop your child off and take a look at the fantastic job they did.



## Forest School





Mathletics

# Gold Mathletics

Mathletics

W/E 24.11

Thomas, Scarlett, Jace, Tess & Harvey of Willow, Tyler of Palm

W/E 01.12

Charlie, Mille H, Thomas, Scarlett, Jace, Tess, Molly, Lillie & Harvey of Willow, Harry of Sycamore, Nihaal, Matilda, Samuel-Yanis, & Lucas of Cherry



***Congratulations for all your hard work!***

W/E 24.11

Most Valuable Player  
1st Edward of Cherry  
2nd Samuel Yanis of Cherry  
3rd Kai of Cherry

W/E 24.11

Winning Class  
1st Cherry  
2nd Willow  
3rd Aspen

W/E 01.12

Most Valuable Player  
1st Edward, Gooper M & Nihaal of Cherry  
2nd Samuel Yanis of Cherry  
3rd Charlie of Sycamore

W/E 01.12

Winning Class  
1st Cherry  
2nd Aspen  
3rd Willow

## ***Bronze Peg Up Points***

W/E 24.11

Oliver M & Shae of Cherry, William, Samuel, Rosie, Lyla, Henry, Dolly, Constance, Charlotte & Jack L of Sycamore

W/E 01.12

Louie, Joshua & Leah Marie of Cherry



## ***Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners***



**Week Ending 24.11**

**Acorns Class**

**Evie & Teddy for Independence**

**Oak Class**

**Rei for Self Reflection & Frank for Independence**

**Palm Class**

**Theo H for Respect, Ashiya for Perseverance & Emily for Independence**

**Sycamore Class**

**Amaia & Teddy for Respect, Dolly for Perseverance**

**Cherry Class**

**Katelyn for Self Reflection, Sam L for Perseverance & Oliver F for Independence**

**Willow Class**

**Lyra for Perseverance, Tess for Respect & Thomas for Independence**

**Aspen Class**

**George, Olivia & Jim for Independence**

**Week Ending 01.12**

**Acorns Class**

**Jaynie Mae for Self Reflection & Mya for Respect**

**Oak Class**

**Sophia for Respect, Benjamin for Self Reflection & Olivia for Independence**

**Palm Class**

**Sophie for Perseverance, Bobby for Respect & Emily for Self Reflection**

**Sycamore Class**

**Darcey for Independence, Constance & Stanley for Respect**

**Cherry Class**

**Leah Marie, Freddie & Martin for Respect**

**Willow Class**

**Scarlett & Mila for Independence, David for Self Reflection**

**Aspen Class**

**Nathan & Parsen for Perseverance, Jack for Respect**