



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday Monday
School Closed

Monday 8th May
Bank Holiday Monday
King Charles Coronation
School Closed

Friday 5th May
Year 6 SATs breakfast

Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th
May
KS2 SATs (Y6)

Tuesday 23rd May
Parent Drop In Session

Friday 26th May
End of Term 5

Monday 5th June
INSET Day
School Closed

Tuesday 6th June
Term 6 Begins

Thursday 15th June
Parent Consultations
Details to follow

Tuesday 4th July
Sports Day
Details to follow

Dear Istead Rise families,

I am pleased to be sharing another action-packed newsletter with you; it's been a very busy two weeks since the last one. There have been many varied and fun learning opportunities taking place both in and out of school. Key Stage 1's trip to Wingham Wildlife Park was a great success, children and animals were very well behaved. We have been visited by a popular children's author, Jenny Pearson, who not only led assemblies and workshops, but also signed copies of her books. There are more trips booked for the coming months, so look out for more updates. I echo what the year 6 teachers have written. Well done to year 6 for working hard in preparing for the KS2 SATs, all your hard work and perseverance will pay off. We wish you the best of luck!

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you manage to enjoy the long weekend.

Mrs M Clark
Deputy Headteacher

This link will take you to the Istead Rise Primary School website, which contains all up to date information, letters home and links to online forms for medication, child's absence etc.

[Istead Rise Primary Website](http://www.isteadrise.org.uk)

Attendance Class Awards

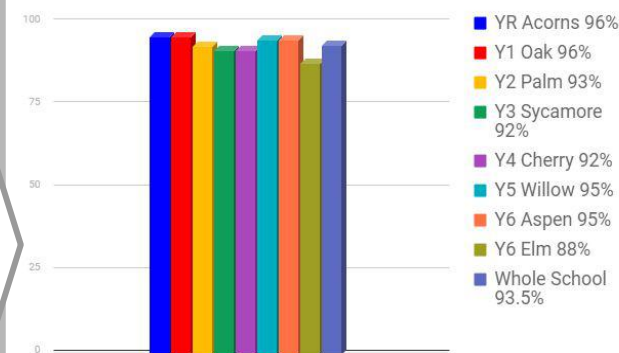
W/C 17.04.23

**KS1 - Acorns & Oak
KS2 - Willow & Aspen**

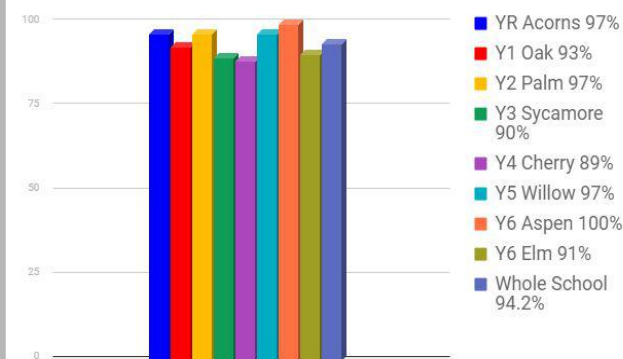


W/C 24.04.23

**KS1 - Acorns & Palm
KS2 - Aspen**



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 17.04.23



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 24.04.23



George, Nathan, Charlie D, Jacob, Oliver F & Jack M represented the 1st Istead Rise Scout Group at the St George's Day Parade in Gravesend last Sunday.

Well done boys from all of us at Istead Rise Primary!



Scarlett & Millie C of Cherry Class took part in the Fleet Gymnastics Cup Competition last Saturday, with Scarlett winning two gold and a silver and Millie winning two silver and a gold for their individual floor, bar and beam routines.

What a fantastic achievement girls! Congratulations from all of us at Istead Rise Primary.



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**HOME
START**

North West Kent

FREE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Home-Start are recruiting new volunteer parents of any age, background, culture or gender to attend a free 40-hour course of preparation beginning

Friday 12th May 10.00 – 2.00

[then a further nine Fridays until 21st July]

Subjects covered include **ADDICTION, DEPRESSION, LISTENING SKILLS, LOSS, PARENTING SKILLS, LEARNING THROUGH PLAY, CHILD PROTECTION, SPECIAL NEEDS**

Following training (plus DBS checks + references) individual volunteers will be 'matched' with isolated vulnerable local families with pre-school children to home visit for 2-3 hours per week offering emotional and/or practical parent-to-parent support.

Travel expenses are paid
and ongoing supervision / training provided

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Acorns



Expressive Arts

After learning all about Ladybugs, we used different materials to make our own. They look amazing on display in our learning areas. Don't worry though, we will send them home at the end of the year for you all to treasure.



Minibeasts

Our theme this term is Minibeasts.

We have been learning facts about ladybugs. Acorns class asked questions such as:

- Do ladybugs sleep?
- Why do they have spots?
- Do ladybugs have teeth?
- How do ladybugs fly?
- Is a ladybug a bug?

The children found the answers to these questions by using range of media to help them. They then created some lovely fact files!



Nutrition

As we have been learning all about ladybugs, we thought it would be such a good idea to make a ladybug using healthy food. Whilst learning about healthy food choices, we also learnt about unhealthy food choices. Take a look at our ladybugs.

Acorns

The children had so much fun on their school trip to Wingham Wildlife Park last week. They saw lots of different animals from all over the globe such as meerkats, lemurs, tigers, pandas, tarantulas and beetles. They watched the otters being fed and saw just how clever they were when they were asked to jump onto a log, stretch up tall and touch the end of a long pole with their nose. After the otter feeding, the children visited minibeast land where they were shocked to see the minibeasts were in fact larger than them! A fun day out was had by all, with singing on the coach to complete the day.



**WELCOME TO
WINGHAM
WILDLIFE
PARK**



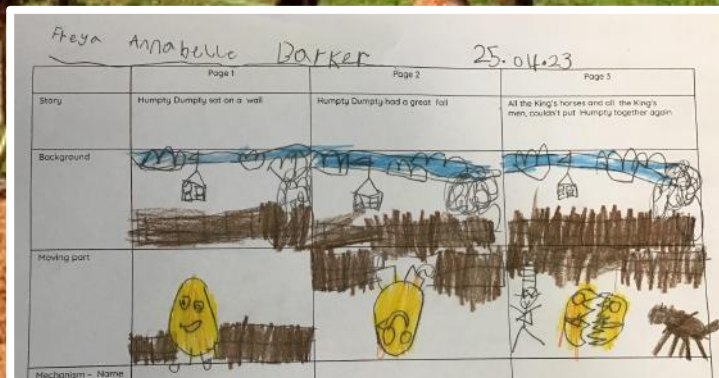
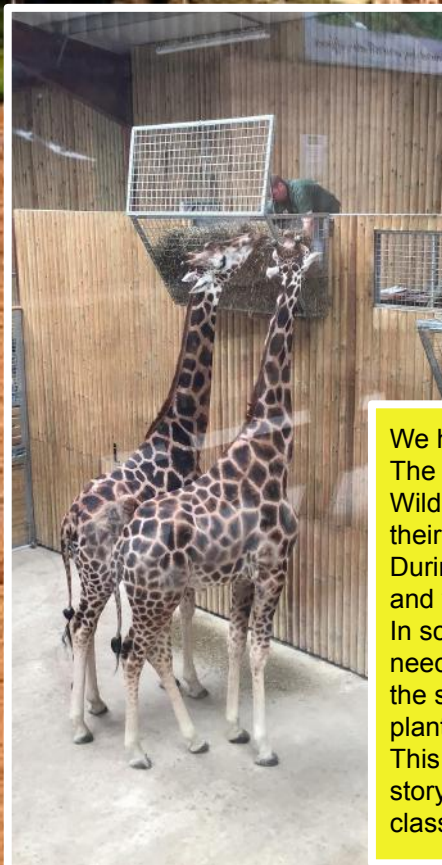
Acorns



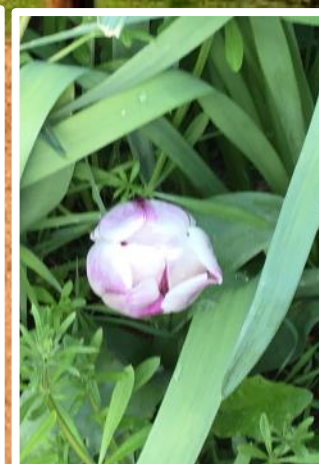
Bikeability

The Bikeability Trust is an organisation that has the vision to ensure everyone has the confidence to cycle and enjoy this skill for life. This week the children in Acorns class have been attending Bikeability's cycle training in order to gain independence, confidence and social skills. It was lovely to see the children having a great time.





We have had another very busy two weeks of school. The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Wingham Wildlife Park and are busy writing a recount about their trip...look out for this in the next newsletter! During maths, we have been learning about capacity and volume and working out how we could measure. In science, we are looking at plants and what they need to grow. The children have been walking around the school grounds, taking photos of their favourite plants. This week we have also started designing a moving story book which we will be testing out on Reception class.



Palm



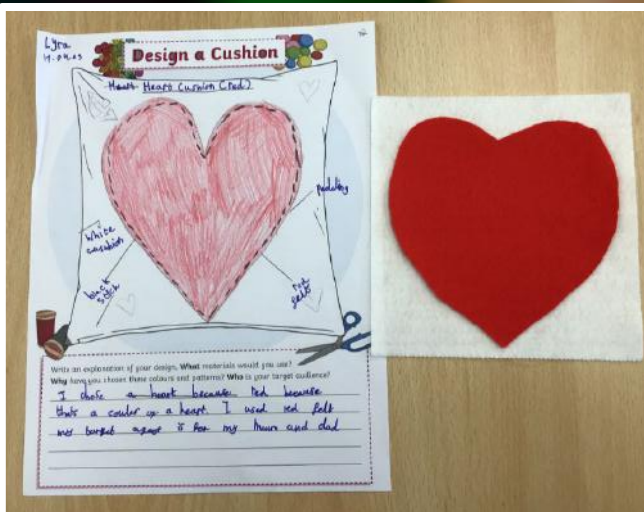
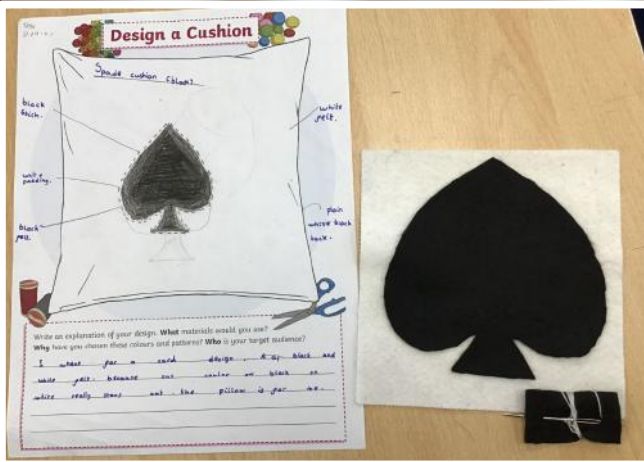
Last week, Year 2 had a fantastic time at Wingham Wildlife Park. We enjoyed seeing all of the different animals that were there and being able to take some time out of the classroom to have fun together. Some of our favourites were the cheeky meerkats and the penguins who were out on a walk, so could some right up to our feet!

The children were all amazing during the day and all of the adults were very proud of them! Since being back at school this week, we have been using our knowledge and experiences during the trip to write a recount in English lessons. We have worked hard to put events in chronological order and will start to add time conjunctions to our writing too.

In Science, we have been learning all about animals and their habitats. This week, we sorted different animals into their habitats by placing them on picture mats before discussing why they were suited to living there over the other choices.



Cherry



Cherry have made a fantastic start to Term 5 working hard in all lessons. Mrs Baker and Mrs Flatman have been particularly impressed with their commitment to do well in times table challenges. In history the children used computers to research information about why Dover Castle was built (1066). Our design technology project this term is to design and make a cushion. The children enjoyed choosing their materials and cutting out a pattern to go on the front. In science we are learning about light. Our investigation - What's in the box? saw the children place 8 objects under a box and slowly make holes in different positions to allow light to travel in. We concluded that darkness is the absence of light and we are dependent on light to see. As part of our English this term we are learning a poem to recite called 'Rap Connected'. In our learning sequence we are writing a poem based on the Cheshire cat from Alice in Wonderland. In maths we have just finished our work on decimals and will move onto money next week.

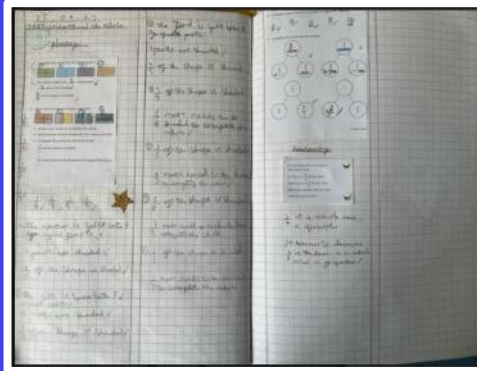
Sycamore

Sycamore has settled back into Term 5 really well and have been working extremely hard.

In English we are learning about poetry and the children have been developing skills to help them write their own. The metaphors they all came up with this week were absolutely amazing! We are also learning a poem called 'Jaguar' off by heart to help the children understand how poetry should be spoken or performed.

In maths we have been working on fractions and even though it has been a bit challenging at times, they have all persevered really well.

We have also started DT this term and the children are working towards making their own flying toy.



Elm & Aspen

Another busy week for Year 6!

SATs are fast approaching and we have been continuing with our revision. Mrs Brown and Miss Waters have been very impressed with Elm and Aspen's dedication and hard work. For our Maths revision, we have been focusing on remembering and practicing key methods for the arithmetic paper. We have also been practicing reasoning papers - looking at how to answer 2 and 3 step questions and remembering how to break down each question. We have also been recapping how to accurately measure angles with a protractor.

For our reading revision, we have been looking at past papers and really picking apart what the questions are asking us to do. We have also been practicing answering '3 mark' questions; ensuring our answers have enough evidence from the text and a clear explanation.

In our current English sequence, we are writing a persuasive formal letter. So far, we have looked at the features of a persuasive formal letter, recapped and used persuasive techniques and will soon be drafting our own persuasive letters. Watch this space!

Please continue with revision at home - even just 20 minutes a day will be beneficial. Well done for your hard work, Year 6.



Willow



So far this term, we have been working through our first English sequence of a narrative journal, based on a planet similar to Pandora in the movie Avatar. The children have really enjoyed this unit and have produced some excellent descriptive writing. In maths we have been learning about angles and how to measure and draw them with a protractor, and how to calculate a missing angle around a point and also on a straight line. In DT we have been designing a flying toy that will need to have a propellor powered by an elastic band, which has been quite a challenge! This week we took part in a writing workshop with our visiting author, and worked through the planning of a story around a main character.



W/E 28.04
Scarlett & Harry of Cherry

Congratulations for all your hard work!

Silver Peg Up Points

W/E 21.04
Jiya, Sienna & Isabella T of Aspen

W/E 28.04
Theo B, Ava, Chase & Mary Kate of Oak



Gold Peg Up Points

W/E 21.04
Lyra, Grace, Finn & Brody of Cherry, Esme & Ava of Sycamore

W/E 28.04
Emilia, & Leo H for Oak, Ruby WN, Cooper G, Abril, Esme & Ava of Sycamore

Congratulations to you all!



Times Tables Rock Stars



W/E 21.04
Winning Class
1st Sycamore
2nd Cherry
3rd Willow

W/E 21.04
Most Valuable Player
1st Edward of Sycamore
2nd Freddie of Sycamore
3rd Samuel of Sycamore

W/E 28.04
Winning Class
1st Sycamore
2nd Aspen
3rd Cherry

W/E 28.04
Most Valuable Player
1st Nihaal of Sycamore
2nd Edward of Sycamore
3rd Jeremiah for Sycamore



Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners



Week Ending 21.04

Acorns Class

Arlo & Frank for Respect, George for Independence
Oak Class

Ashiya & Ava for Respect, Henry for Self Reflection
Palm Class

Lyla for Respect, Constance for Independence
& Jack E for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Elvie Rose for Independence, Maya for Self Reflection
& Cooper M for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Brody & Lyra for Perseverance, Carter for Independence
Willow Class

Isaac, Charlie W & Nathan for Perseverance
Elm Class

Lilly for Respect, Rylan for Perseverance & Max for Self Reflection
Aspen Class

Alfie for Respect, Sienna for Perseverance & Poppy for Self Reflection

Week Ending 28.04

Acorns Class

Oscar & Daisy for Independence
Oak Class

Sophie for Independence, Pixie Belle for Respect
& Theo B for Perseverance

Palm Class

Harry for Respect, Margaret for Perseverance & Nyla for
Independence

Sycamore Class

Ava & Summer for Self Reflection, Kai for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Alisa for Independence, Harvey for Perseverance
& Charlie for Respect

Willow Class

Jude, Holly & Abigail for Perseverance

Elm Class

Brandon for Perseverance, Masen & Beatrix for Independence

Aspen Class

Charlotte, Harry & Kian for Perseverance

Let's see what's for lunch...

Week 1

Monday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Baked Jacket Wedges	Sweetcorn Ve
	Margherita Pizza with Baked Jacket Wedges V	Dessert
	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake V

Tuesday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Peas Ve
	Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti Ve	Dessert
	Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Carrot Cake V

Wednesday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Seasonal Greens Ve
	Macaroni & Cheese V	Dessert
	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise	Vanilla Ice Cream V

Thursday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Chicken Fajita Wrap	Steamed Carrots Ve
	Vegetable & Bean Burrito Ve	Dessert
	Pasta with Roasted Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve	Maryland Cookie V

Friday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans Ve
	Vegetable & Bean Chimichangas V	Dessert
	Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Chocolate & Courgette Sponge V

Freshly Baked Bread: Pesto Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 1:

20th February, 13th March, 3rd April, 24th April, 15th May, 5th June, 26th June, 17th July, 28th August, 18th September, 9th October

Available Every Day:
Fresh Fruit **Ve**
Yoghurt **V** or Jelly **Ve**

Pabulum Salad Bar

Children can help themselves to an unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salads. Our new salad bar features all of the children's favourites, is completely free of the 14 recognised allergens, is suitable for vegetarians and vegans and packed full of fibre and nutrients.

Week 2
Week Commencing 1st May

Week 2

Monday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Beef Burger in a Bun with Baked Jacket Wedges	Carrot Sticks Ve
	Vegetable Burger in a Bun V with Baked Jacket Wedges e	Dessert
	Wholewheat Pasta with Arrabiatta Sauce Ve	Lemon Drizzle Sponge V

Tuesday is now Monday's options see above

Wednesday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Green Beans Ve
	Ratatouille Pasta Bake Ve	Dessert
	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Orange Shortbread Biscuit Ve

Thursday Star Wars Menu (see next page)

Friday Coronation Menu (see next page)

Freshly Baked Bread: Tomato & Herb Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 2:

27th February, 20th March, 10th April, 1st May, 22nd May, 12th June, 3rd July, 4th September, 25th September, 16th October

Week 3

V - Suitable for vegetarians
Ve - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians

Monday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Chicken and Beef Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Peas Ve
	Vegan Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy Ve	Dessert
	Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Apple & Carrot Flapjack Ve

Tuesday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Beef Chilli with Steamed Rice	Steamed Carrots Ve
	Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice Ve	Dessert
	Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie V

Wednesday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Sticky Glazed Chicken	Spicy Potato Wedges Ve & Coleslaw V
	Margherita Pizza V	Dessert
	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce Ve	Cherry Cornflake Cake V

Thursday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta	Green Beans Ve
	Vegetable Pasta Bake V	Dessert
	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Vanilla Ice Cream V

Friday	Main Meals	Vegetables
	Breaded Fish Fingers	Chips & Baked Beans Ve
	Vegetable & Bean Stuffed Pitta Pocket Ve	Dessert
	Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce Ve	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit Ve

Freshly Baked Bread: Garlic & Rosemary Bread **V** Wholemeal Bread **V**

Week 3:

6th March, 27th March, 17th April, 8th May, 29th May, 19th June, 10th July, 11th September, 2nd October



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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

BM2 Istead Rise
February 2023
All products are subject
to availability

PABULUM **MAY THE 4TH** **BE WITH YOU**

PRINCESS LEIA'S CHICKEN PASTA BAKE

OR

PAD MAY'S VEGETARIAN TERIYAKI NOODLES **V**

VADER'S LIGHTSABER CARROTS **VE**

YODA'S LITTLE GREEN TREES **VE**

ASTEROID FIELD CAKE **V**

ALSO AVAILABLE: JACKET POTATO WITH BAKED
BEANS **VE** OR CHEESE **V**

BM1, BM2 & BM3

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CORONATION DAY MENU

Friday 5th May

King Charles III, Right Royal Wrap
(Fishfinger & Chips Wrap)

Or

**Camilla, Queen Consort, Right Royal
Garden Wrap**
(Vegetable Goujon & Chips Wrap) **Ve**

Served with

Commonwealth Baked Beans **Ve**

Dessert

**Coronation Sponge with Celebration
Sprinkles** **V**

Also Available

**Baked Jacket Potato with
Baked Beans** **Ve** or
Cheese **V**

V - Suitable for vegetarians

Ve - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians



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