



# Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

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Thursday 20th July  
End of Term 6

Friday 21st July  
INSET DAY  
School Closed

Friday 1st & Monday 4th  
September  
INSET DAYS  
School Closed

Tuesday 5th September  
Term 1 Begins



Dear Istead Rise Families,

The summer holiday has arrived! We would like to congratulate all pupils on their fantastic progress this year. In all year groups, we have been so impressed with the high levels of maturity and diligence that children have demonstrated and the considerable steps forward they have taken in their learning. Our pupil outcomes in Reception, KS1 and KS2 are all extremely positive and we have no doubt will prove to be significantly in excess of national averages. This is a wonderful achievement that proves that the hard work of both children and adults across the year has paid off.

Please find a useful guide for parents on how to keep your child safe online  
[Parental Controls Booklet](#)

We hope you enjoy our final newsletter of the year and we wish you all a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you in September!

**Nourish**  
contract catering

From September 2023 our children will be catered for by Nourish Contract Catering. You can find a copy of the lunch menu via this link

[School Lunch Menu](#)

## Attendance Class Awards

W/C 10.07.23

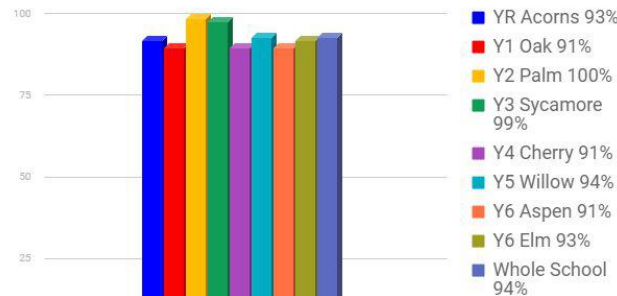
W/C 17.07.23

KS1 - Palm 100% KS2 - Sycamore KS1 - Palm KS2 - Sycamore

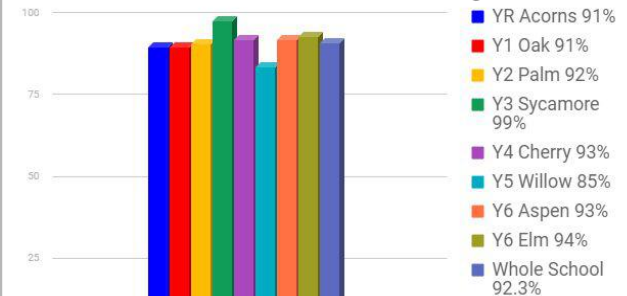


## A guide to Parental Controls

Produced by Knowsley CLCs  
[www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk](http://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk)



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 10.07.23



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 17.07.23

# Attendance Awards



The children have really enjoyed the attendance incentives this year. Our termly attendance shop has been a big hit where children have been able to choose a prize from a large selection of different items depending on how many credits they earned. Cherry & Palm Classes had the best class attendance for the year and were treated to an afternoon of pizza and ice cream. All children with 96% and above attendance were entered into a draw to win a family cinema voucher. This prize was won by Isabella B of Aspen Class. We would also like to acknowledge the following children who achieved an incredible 100% attendance for the whole school year. So congratulations to Brian, Emily & Dylan S of Elm, Oliver F of Willow, Ronak, Lyra & Grace of Cherry, Cooper M of Sycamore, Alicia, Constance & William of Palm, Leo of Oak, Ellie & Sophia of Acorns.





# Colour Run 2023



# Sports Day



## Sports Day Results

1st - St Patricks - 39 Points

2nd - St Andrews - 36 Points

3rd - St Davids - 34 Points

4th - St Georges - 32 Points



Well done to all of our children who competed in our sports day events. The children tried incredibly hard throughout their activities and races to score points for their house teams. Once all of the KS1 and KS2 scores were totalled up, it was St Patricks who ran out winners, with 39 points. Congratulations to all of those in St Patricks.

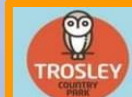
# SEND & Inclusion

As another year draws to a close, we can say with absolute certainty that we are so proud of all the hard work, effort and personal growth shown by our children with SEND at Istead Rise.

Next year, we will continue to strive to make our SEND provision part of everything we do in each class. True inclusion - where all children have the same learning goals and high expectations, where the support we all give enables them to achieve fully, reaching their full potential.

We wish you an enjoyable summer break and look forward to greeting the children on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

The SEND and Inclusion Team



## ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Kent Country Parks

THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST

£8 per child  
£2 per adult



For more information and to book please visit  
[kent.gov.uk/Countryparks](http://kent.gov.uk/Countryparks)



## Lego Club

Limitless fun

Join us for a creative play Lego session. Lego bricks and trays will be available for imaginations to run wild!



Every third Thursday of the month\*  
6pm-7:30pm

16/02/23, 16/03/23, 20/04/23, 18/05/23,  
15/06/23, 20/07/23, 21/09/23,  
19/10/23, 16/11/23 & 14/12/23

\*Except August & December

£2.50  
per child

BOOK NOW  
[AUTISMSEUK/LEGOCLUB](http://AUTISMSEUK/LEGOCLUB)

Suitable for ages 5-16 years.  
Pre-diagnosis and siblings welcome.  
Parents are required to remain throughout.  
Drinks will be available for a donation.

The Meeting Place  
Orchards Shopping Centre  
Dartford  
DA1 1DN

## Ifield School run SEND training courses and workshops for parents and carers.

Courses for 2023/24:

- Exploring and Improving Communication Skills - 18th October 2023
- Basics for Behaviour - 16th November 2023
- Starting the Autism Journey - 7th December 2023
- Autism in the Early Years - January to May - 5 week course.
- Sleep Solutions Forum - 12th January 2024
- Understanding Dyslexia - 23rd January 2024
- Anxiety and Autism - 19th March 2024
- Autistic Girls, Exploring Difference - 15th May 2024

To book, please email the Smile team at:  
[smile@ifield.kent.sch.uk](mailto:smile@ifield.kent.sch.uk) or visit [Ifield School's web page.](#)

MAIDSTONE MUSEUM

## SEND Family Craft Sessions



Book online or drop in,  
just £3.50 per child per activity.  
2 Sessions 10.30-11.30, 1.30 - 2.30 on  
Friday each week of the holidays.

Friday 28 July – Bugs and  
Minibeasts



Friday 4 August – Birds



Friday 11 August – Furry  
creatures



Friday 18 August – Bugs  
and Minibeasts



Friday 25 August – Birds  
and Furry Creatures



Scan for  
activity  
info and  
booking



# SEND & Inclusion

Kent PACT and the SEND Information Hub invite you to

## PACT IN THE PARK

Thursday July 27th 11am– 3pm  
DARTFORD CENTRAL PARK  
DARENTH ROAD, DARTFORD, DA1 1LP

Kent PACT and the SEND Information Hub invite Parent Carers and their families with SEND to our free event in Dartford Central Park on Thursday 27th July 2023.

- Fully accessible 'Buccaneer Bay' adventure play park
- Fully accessible water park
- Fully accessible café
- Changing rooms
- Children's fair
- Local organisations, stalls and more!
- Free parking



Registered Charity Number 1194016

## Children & Young Persons Services

Some of our services include:

- 1:1 Coaching
- Group Workshops
- Parent /guardian drop in
- Training



## AIR-SOFT COMBAT SESSIONS

Future Survival run bi-weekly Air-soft sessions. Although these sessions aren't exclusively for autistic people, they are formed of smaller groups in an autism-friendly environment. Great for under 18s and family as well as beginners.



**Mondays and Wednesdays  
5pm-6:30pm**

Autism South East followers use the code **southeast** for a £5 discount

**autismse.uk/airsoftfs**  
(redirects to Future Survival booking)

**Future Survival**  
51-53 New Road  
Gravesend  
DA12 0AD  
(Use rear entrance)

## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL



### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

### PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

### TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns



## **Bronze Peg Up Points**

W/E 14.07  
Alisa of Cherry

## **Silver Peg Up Points**

W/E 14.07  
Abigail, Ruby, Rohan, Maisey, Lily & George of Willow

## **Gold Peg Up Points**

W/E 14.07  
Mary Kate & Ava of Oak, Carlyle of Willow, Poppy & Jacob of Cherry & Kai of Sycamore

## **Platinum Peg Up Points**

W/E 14.07  
Martin, Cooper G, Arabella of Sycamore, Millie H & Lyra of Cherry  
W/E 21.07  
Josh, Samuel Yanis, Samuel L, Oliver M, Louie & Leah Marie of Sycamore

## **Diamond Peg Up Points**

W/E 14.07  
Katelyn of Sycamore  
W/E 21.07  
Matilda, Lucas, Emilia, Cooper M & Delphine of Sycamore



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



**Week Ending 14.07**

**Acorns Class**

**Adriana for Respect, Jacob F for Independence  
& Daisy for Self Reflection**

**Oak Class**

**Henry & Amber for Respect, Ashiya for Self Reflection  
Palm Class**

**Jack E for Self Reflection, Saskia for Perseverance  
& Bradley for Respect**

**Sycamore Class**

**Josh for Respect & Martin for Independence**

**Cherry Class**

**Mila & Charlie for Self Reflection**

**Willow Class**

**Charlie W & Nathan for Independence  
& Charlie C for Self Reflection**

**Elm Class**

**Kamahni, Maisie & Max for Respect**

**Aspen Class**

**Isabella B & Martha for Respect, Isabella T for Perseverance**

**Week Ending 21.07**

**Sycamore Class**

**Arabella for Perseverance & Samuel Yanis for Respect**

## **Gold Athletics**

W/E 14.07  
Edward of Sycamore  
& Keira of Palm  
W/E 21.07  
Kai of Sycamore

**Congratulations  
for all your  
hard work!**

## **Times Tables Rock Stars**

W/E 14.07  
**Most Valuable Player**  
1st Edward of Sycamore  
2nd Grace of Cherry  
3rd Kai for Sycamore

W/E 14.07  
**Winning Class**  
1st Cherry  
2nd Sycamore  
3rd Willow

# Lingotot Spanish Holiday Club



Come and learn Spanish  
in our Holiday Club!

7th-10th August  
9am - 3pm  
5-11yr olds

Longfield Hill Scout Hut  
DA3 7AN  
10 mins from Gravesend

Our club is crammed full  
of fun activities, games,  
food crafts, indoor and  
outdoor play, and art...all  
whilst learning Spanish!

£28 per day  
£100 for 4 days

Book via our website:  
[www.lingotot.com/centre/gravesend](http://www.lingotot.com/centre/gravesend)



A big well done to Jack of Palm who for part of his personal challenge badge at Beavers. He completed at least one chore a day for two weeks and alongside this was sponsored so that he could help the Born Free charity by adopting a rare silverback gorilla called Chimanuka.

Jack did lots of things to help at home including laying the table, watering the garden, tidying his room and helping make dinner.

A big well done & congratulations Jack from all of us at Istead Rise!



**Guitar Lessons**  
**At Istead Rise Primary**  
**Year 3 To Year 6**  
**Please call Chrís for**  
**full details on**  
**07940 046124**



# MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB



Monday 24th July to Friday 1st September

Our fun and inclusive holiday club provides children aged 5-12 a great opportunity to remain active during the holidays, whilst having fun and making new friends.

Each day will have a specific morning & afternoon activity, alongside, Sports, Games, Arts & Crafts, our Giant Inflatable & much more!

Full day (8am-5pm)- £25  
Half day (8am-1pm or 12pm-5pm) - £15



Please pop in or call 01474 814199 to book your space  
Please provide a packed lunch and refillable water bottle

# MEOPHAM LEISURE CENTRE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB PROGRAMME

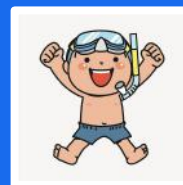


DATES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>24TH - 28TH JULY</b>	Trampoline Start of Summer Disco	Planting Seeds Nerf Wars	Womens Sports Day World sports Football World Cup	Gymnastics Tennis	Karate Snooker Table Games
<b>31ST - 4TH AUG</b>	Australia Day Australian Sports Australian Arts & Crafts	Zumba Football World Cup	Nerf Wars Snooker Table Games	Circus Day Circus Skill workshops	Cooking Trampoline
<b>7TH - 11TH AUG</b>	Basketball Nerf Wars	Snooker Table Games Painting	Cooking Karate	World Day African drumming	Football World Cup Disco
<b>14TH - 18TH AUG</b>	Football World Cup Creepy Claws Animal Display	Zumba Nerf Wars	Basketball Ceramics Painting workshops	America Day Disney Morning American Sports	Cooking Disco
<b>21ST - 25TH AUG</b>	Space Day Paper Mache Globes	Nerf Wars Basketball	Character Day Create your own Comic Character appearance	Gymnastics Bowls & Badminton	Karate Disco
<b>28TH - 1ST SEPT</b>	CLOSED Bank Holiday	Cars Day Cardboard Car Making Go Karts	Zumba Painting	Cooking Nerf Wars	Basketball End of Summer Disco

IN ADDITION TO THE KEY ACTIVITIES ABOVE EACH DAY WILL INCLUDE OUR GIANT INFLATABLES, ARTS & CRAFTS, SPORTS & GAMES, MOVIE TIME AND MUCH MORE!

TO BOOK ONTO OUR HOLIDAY CLUB OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL US ON 01474 814199

## Summer Swimming Courses at Istead Rise Primary



3 classes a week Tues-Thurs £27 per week  
One to one classes £60 per week

Starting Tues 1<sup>st</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> August  
& 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023

RING/TEXT Margaret Fuller  
07881275120 to secure your place!

## Acorns

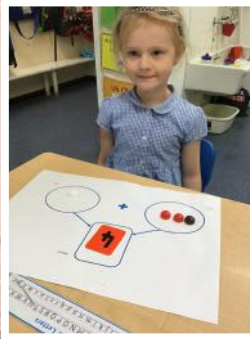


We are very proud this week of Frank who was awarded a trophy for football, Ellie who had a trophy for dancing and Olivia who was awarded the under 8's best all rounder in dance.

# Acorns



In Maths, we discovered the parts to make a whole number using our number cards and counters.



This week Acorns Class have enjoyed Forest School with Mrs T Clark. We were able to do arts and crafts using natural resources, make clay models and explore the outside environment.



To further our knowledge of prepositions, we played a describing game. We had to describe where the objects were in our beach picture and our neighbour had to copy without looking. It was lots of fun, but very tricky!



For our Music lesson this week we have been singing Incy Wincy Spider and using instruments to represent different parts of the song.



Inspired by our beach learning we used our art skills to create a beach scene. We sponge painted the sky on the page then layered the sea and sand. We also used real sand to add texture.



# Oak



Year 1 enjoyed their trip to Cobham Hall School for the Balance Festival. Team Istead Impalas came 3rd! Well done!



This week, the children have finished their DT topic of Food by making yummy pizzas. We hope they tasted as good as they looked!



Some of the children from Oak class had a dancing show at the weekend "Come fly with me". They bought in their trophies and delighted us with a dance from Jailhouse Rock which we all thought was fabulous!





The end of the year has come round so quickly and Year 2 have continued to work hard in all of their learning!

In computing, we have been learning about how computers and other technology is used in space to help the astronauts survive and scientists conduct experiments. We found out that it is very important for the temperature of the International Space Station to be right and that a computer is able to measure and control this. We went around the school with our own thermometers to measure the temperatures of different places.

We have continued to work on position and direction in maths this term. Using the language of forwards, backwards, left, right, clockwise and anticlockwise. We worked in groups to direct someone around a grid. Their goal was to collect the coloured pieces of card using the quickest route possible. Everyone worked well as a team and made sure their instructions were clear and concise.





The end of year has come round quickly and the children have continued to work hard. They finished their English sequence, a recount about our Harry Potter themed day and three children Mila, Poppy and Alisa were awarded a headteacher sticker for their amazing detailed writing up. In Spanish, computing and geography the children were learning about the weather. They finished the geography sequence of work by presenting a weather forecast. Much fun was had in the final science lesson about sound. The children investigated our ability to hear sound and carried out their own investigation into ear defence. They used different materials to find the best and most suitable for making ear defenders. We all enjoyed our superclass mini disco and attendance prize treat of pizza and ice-cream. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching Cherry class and I wish you all an amazing summer.

# Sycamore

It seems like only yesterday year 3 began their journey in Sycamore class. The year has passed by so quickly! Every child has achieved so much both academically and personally during our time together. We've had some amazing school trips and some memorable and amusing moments in class.

It's been a busy term and the children have enjoyed various activities like Sports Day and the Colour Run. They have continued to work hard in lessons and have been learning about statistics in maths and have written a letter about deforestation in English. We've spent time reminiscing about everything we've learnt in geography, history and science this year. The science experiments seem to be a particular highlight for the children.

It has been a pleasure to be a small part of your child's journey and I wish them all the very best in year 4.



# Willow

It only seems like we just started Year 5 and suddenly it's the end of the year. Looking back at the fantastic learning that Year 5 have completed this year, some of it seems like much longer ago! Academically, Year 5 have worked hard to succeed this year, and that hard work has continued over the past few weeks.

We have now completed our final full writing sequence (a narrative) and are using what we have been learning in reading this term, through dystopian texts, to create our own city of the future. We have completed our final units in maths on converting units of measurements and volume, and as usual the children have worked hard on their understanding and problem solving abilities, knowing that the work completed in Year 5 will be extremely important for them next year. We have completed our work on forces, looking at surface friction (including how the different tyres in F1 racing are affected by friction for speed and wear) and water resistance.

It has been a very busy and active end of the year, and I would like to thank all of the children for their hard work, and you the parents for your continued support, hoping that you have a fantastic summer and that the children are ready for their next set of challenges when they return to school in September.

# Elm & Aspen



A huge well done to all the year 6 children for their performances in our production of the 'X Factory'. We are super proud of all the hard work and effort you put into it.



Year 6 had a great afternoon taking part in their very own sports day. Taking on the egg and spoon race, hurdles, netball shootout and football dribble.

## Year 6 Sports Day Results

- 1st St David
- 2nd St Andrew
- 3rd St George
- 4th St Patrick



The time has finally come for you all to start the next chapter of your schooling journey. You should all feel exceptionally proud of all you have achieved in your time at Istead Rise. Keep working hard and always keep dreaming big.  
Mrs Brown and Miss Waters

Thank you to all the parents/carers and other family members who joined their child in the Hub for Tea and Cake. It was really lovely to see so many of you enjoying some cake, read a book or play a game with them. I know the children were grateful that you could come in and join them too. Have a lovely summer everyone.





Forest School was a little different this term for Acorn Class. Due to the weather we were able to use the outdoor classroom for our sessions. The Outdoor classroom/area gives the children different levels of opportunities to explore. The children were able to use the pond to look for frogs, compare the size of pinecones and use the stick tunnel that Year 4 made as part of their STEM week. Also this term children in Acorns have enjoyed reading on the reading logs as well as looking after the squirrels by making sure their feeders were always full. Some children were really confident at using the peeler to whittle a carrot. The cuttings from the whittling were then used as an ingredient in pinecone bird feeders. Wow, the children in Acorns have packed so much into their sessions this year I know that like me they will be looking forward to more exciting times at Forest School next Year.

The children in F.O.F have worked independently this term and remained sensible whilst using tools. They have used the Bow Saw, the Bill Hook and our core value of perseverance to saw, bash and sand down a piece of wood to make a hammer. I am so proud of what they have achieved. Mrs Flatman was our Forest School Ranger this term who also had fun whilst making her own hammer too.



# *Friends of the Forest*

