

# Ibstock Junior School

## June Newsletter

As we enter the final stretch of the academic year, it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown! This term is always a busy and exciting one, and June is no exception. June has been packed with activity—from ACE sports events and our Summer Fair, to open evenings and preparations for the year ahead, some of which you will read about below. Our teachers have been hard at work putting together end-of-year reports, celebrating all the wonderful progress your children have made. These will be sent out during next week. With so much still to come in the next few weeks, including special trips, Year 6 leaving events and classroom projects, there's no slowing down just yet! As we head towards the end of the year, we'd like to thank parents for your support, especially those that have been in touch recently to praise us regarding some of our events and organisation. Such emails and messages always get shared with staff and can be a real boost. Working in schools is a rewarding, but difficult job. We know we can't please everybody, all of the time, but we always make decisions based on what is best for all of our children and it is a difficult balancing act. With that in mind, please be conscious of the manner in which you approach staff, particularly our office staff. We will always endeavor to help you find the best solution for your concerns and understand the strong emotions that wanting the best for your child can sometimes cause. We will not tolerate behaviour that is not in line with our parental Code of Conduct, but I am glad to say this is only a reminder to a small minority. Please remember, our procedures are that parents should email in queries, as these can be dealt with in a timely manner and can be forwarded the right person. On a happier note, thanks to the amazing Friends of Ibstock Junior School (FIJS), I can let you know that our summer fair raised over £1400! This is incredible and will really help us to provide for the children over the next academic year. It was a really enjoyable evening with so much to enjoy for all including: many well-aimed sponges thrown at Mr Lewin and Mrs Stott in the stocks, some fabulous stalls and a performance from the ACE Ibstock Scout Band featuring some of our pupils. Thanks to all who came and also those who volunteered time, especially Sally Ann Whotton for her incredible organisation.



### Sports'morning

We had a super time this week watching all children compete in and enjoy sporting activities. It was superb to welcome so many parents onto site in order to support. Thank you to Mr Stott and Mr Colver for the many hours of organisation that go into this event. Miss Holman also spent many hours organising groups for the event. We had received some super feedback regarding the event:

"very well organised, lovely to see so many children getting involved"

"I saw children looking reluctant before it started, a couple with their heads down but since they started the circle (multisports), they have been looking very happy and giving everything a good go"



### Swimming

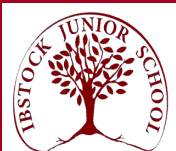
Current Year 4 children who have not yet completed their 25 metres will be attending swimming lessons from January 2026. Organising and staffing these sessions can be quite difficult, so we are already making a start on collecting certificates for children who have already completed their 25 metres.

If your child has a certificate or a badge evidencing their 25 metre achievement, please could you bring it to the office, or send it in with your child, so that we can photocopy them.

### Eco Council

For the eco-council, each year group created a piece of art to demonstrate the effects environmental issues are having on our planet. Mercury class used plastic to demonstrate how much plastic is used just in their stationery for the year. Mrs Johnson-Dale our governor was particularly impressed and thought the artwork was thought-provoking and made her consider how much plastic would be used across the whole school.





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## Curriculum updates:



Year 3 had a great day learning all about the Greeks. The children looked fabulous dressed up as different Greek individuals! During the day, they played Greek games, learnt interesting facts about different famous Greeks and solved Archimedes puzzles! In the afternoon, the pupils had a look at some Greek soldiers' uniform and weapons and the children asked some thought-provoking questions to the Greek expert. Then we finished the afternoon with some Olympic games style activities. All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was a great way for them to explore all about Greek history!



Year 4 recently enjoyed an exciting visit from 'The School of Noise', where they took part in a range of fascinating sound experiments. Back in the classroom, the learning continued as pupils explored pitch, volume and how sound travels using a range of musical instruments. It was a hands-on, noisy and thoroughly enjoyable experience for all!



Y5 continue to work incredibly hard and we are very proud of their attitude to learning even in this last block of the year. We have really been challenging the children in maths, asking them to think about representing decimal numbers and they have aced this challenge! Great job year 5! We've also been very creative and created some phenomenal Eco art, with each piece being linked to the issues around plastic pollution. Children's ideas and thoughtful comments around this topic were fantastic. Additionally, the 22 children that went to Saffron lane showed tremendous team spirit, enthusiastically supporting each other and performing to their absolute best ability. ACE!



In Year 6, time appears to have sped up as we prepare for our end of year events. Preparations are now well underway for our leavers' assemblies with children sharing memories, learning lines and practising songs. We are confident that parents and carers will enjoy celebrating their child's time at IJS with us and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. The children were excited to receive their leaver's hoodies and are wearing them with pride - thank you to FIJS for organising this. FIJS also kindly organise a Leaver's party for the children, where there will be inflatables and music and a chance to take photographs with friends. Of course, there is also work around transition to secondary schools being completed, as well as the transition day

(s) themselves. This is a bittersweet time for everyone in Year 6, but as teachers, we are confident the children are prepared and ready for life beyond Ibstock Junior School. They are ready to embark upon the next stage of their journey. On the last day of term, we send our Year 6 leavers on their way out of the bell tower entrance and applaud them out of school. Please join us if you can!

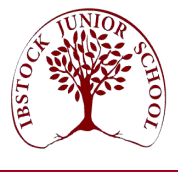


## Dates to note.

03.06.25 Transition day at St Denys, IJS and Ibstock School  
03.06.25 FIJS Summer Disco  
07.06.25 Year 6 Leaving Party (after school)

09.06.25 Year 6 Leaving Assemblies am  
10.06.25 School closes for summer to pupils  
11.06.25 Teacher training day in school for staff  
26.08.25 Return to school for children  
29.08.25 Class theme dress-up day.





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Our ACE Pupils! We are so impressed with the range of activities that our pupils take part in and excel in. Well done to...

Anaya because Anaya competed in her first big tumbling competition. She brought her medal and we couldn't be prouder. She placed 3rd in the whole of England!!



Isabella who competed in her first big tumbling competition, the English's he's only been tumbling for 4 months after moving for Artistic. Isabella is now the English Champion in the under 13 age category!



## Transition

We plan our children's transition to next classes really carefully. All children will have met with their next year's teacher informally and we hold our main transition day on Thursday 3rd July. This will also involve children from St Denys coming over to IJS and children from Year 6 visiting Ibstock School. We feel delighted that there are really strong links across the 3 schools in Ibstock. The three headteachers were present at our open evening for Year 2 parents and we are constantly finding ways to work with each other to support all the children at schools in Ibstock.



Makes sure you visit Ibstock Summer Safari in August and see our contribution, a Hawksbill Turtle made by some of our wonderfully artistic children! It will be displayed on our school gates.

**Ibstock Summer Safari**  
at  
**the Palace Community Centre, High st, Ibstock**  
**Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August**  
**10am until 4pm**  
**A FREE, FUN EVENT FOR ALL AGES**

Collect your trail map and questionnaire during the event from The Palace 'Base Camp' on the High Street and start your expedition!

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!  
Prizes for **THE BEST ANIMAL CREATION/POSTER** (by public vote)  
Prizes for the most correct trail answers (in several age categories)  
Prizes for the best dressed explorers!

Our students have had fantastic time on their transition days at secondary schools and are excited about the new opportunities they will experience in Year 7.







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**IBSTOCK SCHOOL**

**CENTENARY FUN DAY  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

● Sunday 14th September 2025  
● Ibstock School  
● 12pm - 3pm

Can you help with any of the following?

 <b>STALL HOLDERS</b> Have a product craft, or activity? Book a stall for just £25 - everything you make beyond that is yours to keep!	 <b>RAFFLE PRIZES</b> Donate a prize and help us boost the excitement (or funds),	 <b>TOMBOLA DONATIONS</b> Bottles, sweets, toys, toiletries - we'd be grateful for anything suitable.
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Every contribution makes a difference and helps make the day unforgettable!

♥ To book a stall or donate, please contact:  
Liz Weston - l.weston@ibstockschool.co.uk



Looking for something different to do this holiday time for children aged 4-12 years old?

Experience the fun of discovery, explore the wonders of the universe, investigate light and colour and encounter robots and artificial intelligence. Discover how the God behind all of it wants to get to know them

Why not let them join us at Churches Together holiday club?

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> and Tues 29<sup>th</sup> July  
10am-3pm each day

Wesleyan Reform schoolroom on Central Avenue.

For further information and booking details please contact  
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• WEEKLY CLUB NIGHT  
• NATIONAL LEAGUE

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