



# Ibstock Junior School

## June Newsletter

As we approach the last few days of term, it is great to reflect on what a wonderful year it has been at Ibstock Junior School. We are so proud of everything our pupils have accomplished all year. Even recently, we have been able to celebrate super outcomes in the Year 4 Multiplication Check and great team spirit and success at the Saffron Lane area sports. What an ACE team of children we have in school! Thanks must go to Mr Colver for the work he puts into organising this and many other sporting events. We also have some very exciting news regarding our Beyond Bullying Award, which you can read more about below. Thank you to Mrs Collishaw, for her extremely hard work in this area. What an ACE team for staff we also have!

Although we were disappointed to postpone the Summer Fair due to the extreme heat, we know it was the right decision in order to keep everyone safe. We have now reorganised the date and are looking forward to holding it on Tuesday 8th September starting at 3:45pm. We would love to see as many people as possible attend, including our families whose children have started their secondary school journey.

We are delighted to share some happy news—Mr Carte and his family welcomed the safe arrival of baby Orlaith (pronounced Orla) and Miss Starkey and her husband have also recently celebrated the birth of their baby girl Sophie. We send them all congratulations and are looking forward to meeting the new baby girls. As mentioned in previous communications, we will be saying farewell to a number of staff at the end of term. We wish Mrs Bremridge, Mrs Wagstaff, Mrs Taberner and Mr Hinsley all the very best. We thank them for their years of dedication to our school and will miss them all immensely. There is still lots to pack into our final week, Year 6 have their Leaving party next Monday and we will also be enjoying assemblies produced by all 3 classes on the final day of term. On the last day of term we will, in our now traditional manner, be sending our Year 6 leavers on their way out of the bell tower entrance and applaud them out of school for the last time. Please join us if you can. Please also be aware that if picking up younger children, the bell tower door and amphitheater section will be inaccessible. Please pick up younger children at 3:15 on Thursday 9th July, in order to allow for this special send-off to occur.

Thank you, as always for your continued support of Ibstock Junior School. The collaboration between school and home allows us to ensure the very best for your children. On this note, please remember to register your child for the summer reading challenge—we have a 3 year-running title to hold onto! Register here: <https://www.readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/QGPF-QMV7-2YYH>

It is with great pleasure I can announce that Ibstock Junior School has successfully completed Leicestershire County Council's Beyond Bullying Award. The award demonstrates and recognises our positive and proactive work we do in school to prevent and tackle bullying behaviour and to create a happy, inclusive school environment for all of our pupils. The award has three categories, bronze, silver and gold status and lasts for three years. Whilst initially we set out to achieve silver in our first year, we have actually achieved gold! Thank you to all members of our school community, who have all played a valuable part in our achievement. Special thanks must go to Shim Gooch as our EDI Governor and our Vice Parliament children, who have been instrumental in driving and achieving the award. Watch this space for further exciting updates on our EDI journey; I have lots of plans for next year! Mrs Collishaw EDI Lead Teacher



Some of our classes were very fortunate to be asked to take part in pilot lessons delivered by volunteers for the RNIB. The aim of the session is to raise awareness of

sight loss and how we can all support and be inclusive to those with visual impairments. During the session, the children wore simulation specs that gave them an idea of how conditions like Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma affected their vision. They then attempted everyday tasks like reading and writing and learning how to guide and be guided. The session was further enhanced by having a volunteer discuss their own lived experience of sight loss and the adaptations she used daily in order to live an independent life.

The children were polite, respectful and asked interesting questions. We are very lucky that Carol Hughes, who has volunteered regularly at IJS for 4 years now, is also a RNIB volunteer. Thank you Carol, both for this and all that you do to help us as a school.



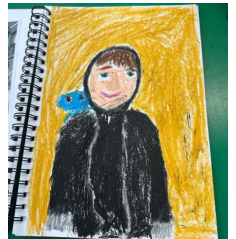


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**Curriculum updates:** Year 3 have been writing an entertaining myth, based on the Greek tale of Bellerophon and Pegasus, who have to defeat the hideous chimaera - a three-headed beast! Children have used a range of key features, including expanded noun phrases and relative clauses, to describe the revolting creature and how our hero manages to defeat it. In maths, we have been looking at how to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks, learning Roman numerals and how to interpret different types of charts, such as pictograms. We have really enjoyed our topic, Greeks and Forces so far. We have made Top Trumps cards for famous Greeks, learned about the different ranks of soldiers and the Battle of Marathon. Did you know that the length of a marathon (approximately 26 miles) is actually the distance Pheidippides (an Athenian soldier) ran to tell Athens of their victory? In science, we have also turned our attention to science and forces. What a busy few weeks!



Year 4 and 5 have had a great term. All of their hard work during times tables sessions has finally paid off and they tried so hard in the Multiplication Tables Check. We are very proud of them. We have also started to explore decimals in maths, which has consolidated their addition and subtraction skills, whilst also learning more about dividing and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. They have created beautiful shape poems in writing and also wonderful portraits in art as we learnt about Expressionism. They even got to experiment with taking photographic portraits, which led to some emotive expressions. The physics part of our topic, Scream Machine, had them bursting with enthusiasm for the natural world. Children have also been developing the ability to write a balanced argument on a specific topic: should children wear school uniform to school? The recent heat helped to provide some of the content inspiration!



Year six have been busy at work preparing for their final assembly; singing songs, rehearsing lines, and having a giggle whilst doing it. We can't wait for the rest of the school and the parents to see it. It's not just all about the rehearsals though, year six are working hard on their final piece of writing: Dia De Los Muertos, which is about a child's experience of the festival Day of the Dead. In maths, year six have been applying the skills they have learnt over the year to new, exciting projects, such as planning an expedition to the Galapagos Islands. The next project is sure to create some excitement as we use our maths skills to explore the football world cup! In topic lessons, we have created sugar skulls, alebrijes, located the country of Mexico and found out what it is like to be a child living in Mexico. In art, we have also studied the artwork of the incredible Frida Kahlo and have investigated electricity in science.



Saffron Lane Area Athletics was yet again, an incredible afternoon! We came away with 7 golds, 3 silvers & 3 bronze. As well as this, our pupils were consistently competing in finals and for medals and we had a number of 4th place finishers too. Their attitudes and behaviour were a credit to the school. We witnessed such immense kindness from a number of our pupils towards each other and the other schools too. Thank you to parents who supported and the staff who helped it run so smoothly. Mr Colver is not sure about the football, but athletics is definitely coming home!



Earlier this month, Year 4 children completed their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), which gives the children 25 random times tables, with only in 6 seconds to answer each question. They have worked tirelessly to learn all of their facts throughout the year and have done incredibly well. Not only did 55% of our children score 25/25, but 86% scored over 20, which is absolutely fantastic. Knowing these times tables facts will also allow them to access their Year 5 and 6 maths curriculums with a better multiplicative understanding and they will find that they are more efficient when multiplying and dividing larger numbers. We are so proud of them and their hard work, so please celebrate them! We are also so proud of our teachers' hard work in this area. Thank you to all involved in this.

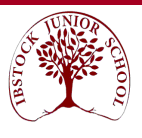
We recently hosted Ellistown & Woodstone for a friendly round-robin of tag-rugby. The children in Year 3&4 have been working during lunchtimes to develop their skills of catching, attacking, defending and staying on-side. It was great afternoon with lots of laughter and rugby! We hope to repeat this and more like this soon.

Our Year 5/6 girls cricket team represented our school at the regional "Kwik Cricket" competition at Ibstock Town Cricket Club. Winning three of their four games - including a 101-run win over another school - the girls finished second overall. Some of our cricketers were playing for the very first time! Runs aplenty were scored, everybody took at least one wicket, and there was some fantastic work in the field! Well done to Esmé B, Anaya C, Ella-Grace H, Thea C, Enya F, Ell-J T, Ellie K, Imogen C, Layla S, and Skyla-Lilly T!

## Dates to note.

02.07.26 Transition day at St Denys, IJS and IS  
06.07.26 Year 6 Leaving Party (after school)  
09.07.26 Year 6 Leaving Assemblies am  
09.07.26 School closes for summer to pupils

10.07.26 Teacher training day in school for staff  
24.08.26 Teacher training day in school for staff  
25.08.26 Return to school for children  
28.08.26 Class theme dress-up day.



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## Need more support?



If things feel tough this summer, you can use these services for extra support.

### HEALTH:TEENS



**Health for Teens** is a website, written by NHS staff, that shares information on health and wellbeing. It covers lots of different topics. This website also has articles created by CAMHS staff, providing advice on topics including mental health conditions, self care and healthy living.  
[www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)



**Health for Kids** is a website, written by NHS staff that shares information on health and wellbeing. It covers lots of different topics. This is written for primary school aged children.  
<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/>



**Tellmi** is an online safe and anonymous space for young people (11 years and older) to discuss their feelings, seek support and receive counselling when necessary. It is available 365 days a year.  
[www.tellmi.help/what-is-tellmi](http://www.tellmi.help/what-is-tellmi)

If you need urgent mental health support, 24/7 support is available over the phone. Call **NHS 111**, selecting the mental health crisis option 2. This number is open 24 hours a day and is totally free and confidential. You can also text 0748 063 5199 and they will get back to you within 4 hours. If there is an immediate threat to life, dial 999. If you are deaf and have urgent mental health needs, you can use the NHS 111 British Sign Language service:  
[www.signvideo.co.uk/nhs111](http://www.signvideo.co.uk/nhs111).

## Summer Holiday 2026 1:1 Swimming Lessons

During the Summer holiday, we are running our most popular 1:1 intensive booster swimming lessons

- ✓ Personalised to meet the needs of the swimmer
- ✓ Available to everyone 3 years and over of any swimming ability
- ✓ Quiet, focused learning environment



### Dates and Times

- Week 1: 14-16 July
- Week 2: 21-23 July
- Week 3: 28-30 July
- Week 4: 4-6 August
- Week 5: 11-13 August
- Week 6: 18-20 August

Our 3 days courses are £49.65

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<https://ibstock.schoolactivity.co.uk/>  
Or scan the QR Code above and select **Holiday Crash Courses**

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13<sup>th</sup> Jul - 31<sup>st</sup> Jul

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## Summer Holiday Clubs

mesports East Midlands Satellite Centre, Measham Road, Oakthorpe, DE12 7RG

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August  
10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> August 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August

**Girls & Boys 5-12 years**

Morning Session: 9:00am - 12:15pm  
Afternoon Session: 12:45pm - 4:00pm

Half Day = £12.00 Full Day = £22.50 Hot Lunch = £4.00

A Mixture of Activities Available Each Day:

- Sports & Games
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