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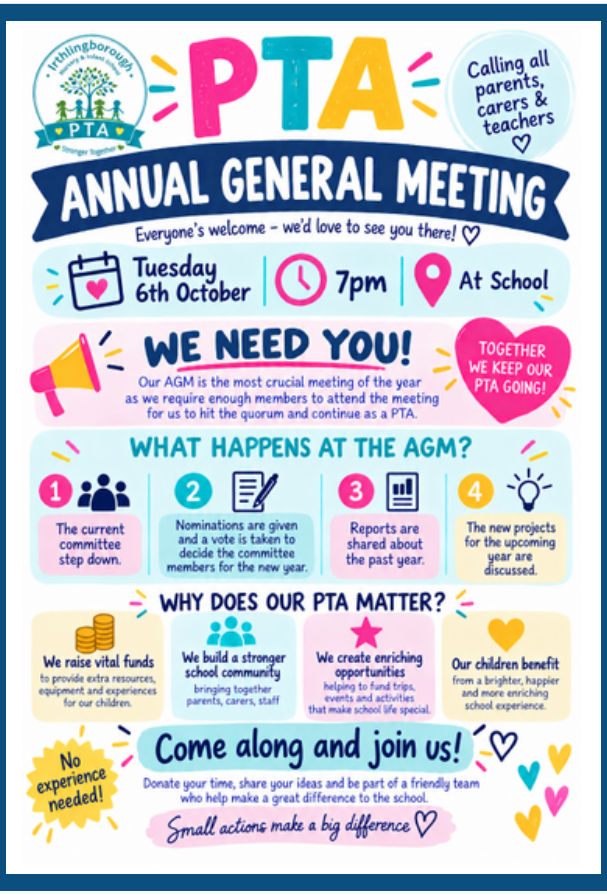
We had two well attended phonic workshops for our Reception parents and carers this week. The feedback was very positive and those parents/carers are looking forward to seeing the phonic lessons in action. Please read the information in the newsletter about phonics and check out our website to help your child at home. This is definitely an area that will have changed since parents were at school themselves! **Phonic support link**



Mrs Marshall

A MESSAGE FROM MRS MARSHALL

- We are very pleased to announce that we had an application for our Parent Governor position. Mrs Broome will be our new Parent Governor, we welcome her into our school community.
- We have visit dates arranged for children starting Reception in September 2027. We welcome all families for these informal visits.
- Please can I remind parents/carers not to allow children to scoot or use bikes in the playground at drop off and pick up as we have had some accidents.
- School photos on Monday 5th October for Reception to Year Two- bring your smile!
- Please phone INIS before 9.15am if your child is off school.
- Check out the Christmas dates and Workshop dates further down the newsletter.



Essential for all families

- The government has changed the rules to support families on lower incomes. All families now need to apply to receive their entitled Pupil Premium support.
- Pupil Premium supports children within school to ensure they get the academic, social and emotional support they need.
- All families can check eligibility. Please check as soon as possible by following **this link.**

UPCOMING DATES

- **5th October - Individual School photos for Reception to Year Two. Nursery photos will be after Christmas.**
- **5th October -** Start of our Harvest collection for the local food bank. We require tins, cans, packets etc and no fresh food. Thank you
- **6th October 7pm in school - PTA AGM all welcome.** This is a vital meeting as we need to have enough parents to carry on with this group.
- **9th October -** Celebrating World Mental Health Day with mindfulness activities in school/nursery.
- **Parent partnership meetings -** Please sign up on Arbor:
- **14th October** 3.30pm - 5.50pm
- **21st October** 3.30pm - 5.50pm

This is an opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher. Sign up on Arbor.

- **23rd October - Autumn half term break**
- **3rd November - Return to school**
- **13th November - World Kindness Day** and Children in Need - more information to follow as our Kindness Ambassadors are organising this.
- See below for Christmas dates!

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We are looking forward to our choir performing at a community event on 7th November at St Peter's church. They are learning songs for rememberance and will be singing a song with the IJS choir too!





Phonic support link on the school website.

Wake up Wednesday!

Wake Up Wednesday is a fun and energetic dance workout at playtimes, where the children get to choose the songs they would like to dance to. Miss Stewart starts by leading a dance workout together, helping everyone get moving, smiling and ready for the day. The children then finish with a dance party, where the children can let loose, show off their moves and dance however they choose!



Attendance

Please can we remind parents of the importance of good attendance and punctuallity. We are getting to the season of coughs and colds, so wanted to say we all have mild coughs and colds and it is fine for children to attend with these mild syptoms. If you are unsure please use the NHS guidance in this link or phone the office to speak to a member of our team, who keep the guidance close at hand.

Please ensure that you phone the school if your child is off for any reason and complete an absence form for any known absences such as hospital appointments. We have a legal responsibilty for your child so this information must be shared with school. We have an absence line where you can leave a message at anytime so we can adjust our records accordingly.

Main Office: INISoffice@lflet.org.uk

Main Telephone number: 01933 654900

- **The Big Bean Boost**
- From next week we will be promoting this campaign to encourage children to eat more beans and include more fibre in their diet.
- Click **here** to find out more about the campaign and for some big bean recipes to try at home.
- We will also be giving the children stickers at school to encourage them to eat beans as part of their lunchtime meal.

THE BIG BEAN BOOST

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Learn • Grow • Achieve Together

Working together for your child's success

Teacher Led Workshops for all year groups

English
Maths
Phonics

Join us for our upcoming teacher led workshops to find out how we support your child's learning in English, Maths and Phonics at INIS.

Workshop dates

30th September 9am and 6pm	English workshop for Reception
9th November 2.15pm and 6pm	English workshop for both Year One and Year Two parents
23rd November 2.15pm and 6pm	Maths workshop for Reception, Year One and Year Two
27th January 2027 9.10am and 5.45pm	Nursery phonics and maths

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to support your child's learning.

The same workshop is repeated to support all families to attend.

School visits for families starting school September 2027

A chance to come into school see the amazing learning environment and meet the Head Teacher or Deputy Head and her fantastic team.

- **15th October – 10am**
- **23rd November – 1.30pm**
- **1st December – 5pm**
- **13th January – 10am**

We look forward to meeting parents and carers for our school tours.

Safeguarding Support

We are here to help. You can contact any member of our school safeguarding team on our usual school number **01933 654900.**

If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen.
Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900.


Mrs Parsons- Moore


Mrs Luke


Mrs Marshall


Mrs Cummins


Mrs Richardson

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays or weekends, please contact the local authority on 0300 126 7000 or phone 999, if you feel the child is in immediate harm.

Pupil Premium to support your child

It is **essential** that parents check if they are eligible for Pupil Premium, which is a fund to support children in school. If you are receiving a low income, on any benefits, receive Universal Credit or at least one parent works for an allied military service in the UK, you may be able to support your child in school further with Pupil Premium. Check the local authority portal to see if you are entitled to this. If you have been in receipt of Pupil Premium previously, you still need to reapply. Please follow **this link to check** and apply/check before **1st November** as this has recently been extended by the local authority.
We think that more of our families are eligible than we have so please check as the additional funding can support your child's development.

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Across our Trust we check attendance on a weekly basis for every child.

1. We send bi-weekly attendance report to all families so they can monitor their own child's attendance.
2. We send a letter when attendance drops below 93%
3. We send another letter if this does not begin to improve.
4. We arrange a meeting with the head teacher if there is not significant improvement and your child is missing lots of the fantastic curriculum we offer here.
5. We have a duty to report low attendance to the local authority if the attendance continues to decline or there is a sudden long absence.

Christmas dates

It may seem early to be talking about the "C" word but in a Nursery and Infant school we need to plan this carefully as we don't want to talk to the children too early about this special time of year.

The chilldren have already made Christmas/Winter cards which can be purchased nearer the time, once the company have produced the samples.

Tues 8th Dec - Nursery West Lodge farm visit and Christmas experience at the farm

Friday 11th Dec 2pm – Reception Christmas crafts with parents in class

Mon 14th Dec 2pm - Year 2 Christmas play

Tues 15th Dec 9.10am - Year 2 Christmas play

Weds 16th Dec 9am and 2pm - Year 1 Singing in hall

Thurs 17th Dec 2.30pm - Rocksteady concert in the hall, for those with children in the bands!

Workshops to support families at INIS

We work closely with all the NHS through their mental health support team. They can offer a number of strategies to support at both home and school. Many families have found these group sessions helpful and supportive in the past.

17th November 2pm - Supporting your child through anxieties at home and school. This could be separation anxiety, worries about going out or unsual worries your child may have. There will be time to talk to professionals after the meeting.

19th January 2pm - Supporting your child's behaviour. This will support a number of families and also meet other parents who maybe have individual challenges. There will be time to talk again at the end of this session. We know our parents do a great job but we all need support at times.

21st June 2.30pm - Transition workshop for Year Two parents moving into Year Three.