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IVINGSWOOD NEWS

A round-up of recent events at Ivingswood Academy



Year 4 and Year 5 had some time in the Outdoor Learning Area taking part in the 'Mannequin Challenge.' The children, Mrs Dunning and Mrs Flynn had a great time.



As we come to the end of 2025-2026, I am delighted to reflect on all that has been achieved since September. All the staff at Ivingswood Academy have worked incredibly hard for the children in their care, and we are lucky to have such a dedicated team.

We are sad to say goodbye to our Year 6s and wish them all the best in their bright futures.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, parents, children, LAC and Trust for your support this year. I am looking forward to an even better 2026-2027.

Have a restful summer break, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday September 3rd 2026.

Mrs C Flynn
Head of School

Catkin Class - Miss Rose, Mrs Woolnough, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Zain

Nursery have had a fabulous summer term. We have spent a lot of time outside, playing in the garden, making full use of the new paddling pool and gazebo to keep cool. We have learned so much about bugs and how weird and wonderful they are; did you know...

Worms taste through their skin.

Butterflies taste through their feet.

Bees have 5 eyes but they don't have knees.

Frogs can't keep their eyes open when they eat. When a frog swallows food, it pulls its eyes down into the roof of its mouth. The eyes help push the food down its throat!

Moths build cocoons, while butterflies build chrysalises.

The children loved watching our caterpillars develop and change, naming each one, and we were lucky enough to be here when they emerged into butterflies. We have planted so many new flowers and shrubs in the garden they were spoilt for choice when we released them. We have also loved having our very own vegetable patch in the garden, thanks to Arty's Mum. Harvesting and eating, peas, cucumbers, radishes and lettuce has been very exciting. If there are any green fingered parents out there who would like to help with our little allotment, please let me know.

We have worked hard in PE on our ball skills, and the children have enjoyed team games of passing, rolling, throwing and catching.

Our artist of the term was Salvador Dali, the children are naturals at making surrealist pictures. They are also getting very good at drawing accurate representations of real-life animals from our stories and rhymes. Our scribble club is one of our most popular activities and the children love to draw on a large scale and represent emotions and characters with their crayons.

We have been so impressed with how well the children have progressed with phonics and are beginning to blend, please keep up the videos and practice in the holidays. They all loved their time in Reception, and we look forward to watching them move up and flourish in September.

Thank you to all the parents who came to our end of term picnic, we wish you all a happy, sunny holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September. To those moving on, we will miss you and wish you all the best.



Snowdrop – Mrs McKenzie and Miss Hayes

What a wonderful and memorable final half term we have had together. It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the school year. The children have grown so much in confidence, independence and kindness, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

Our topic this half term was **Moving On**, and we explored what it means to travel, discover new places and embrace new adventures. Through our stories, the children became adventurous travellers, imagining journeys by plane and by ship as they explored different parts of the world. They also transformed into brave pirates, where they discovered the importance of teamwork, loyalty, courage and never giving up. Along the way, we learned lots of exciting new vocabulary and enjoyed using these beautiful words in our own conversations and storytelling.

In Mathematics, we explored maps and discovered why they are useful. The children learned how maps help us find places, created their own maps and began recognising familiar local landmarks. It was wonderful to see them developing their understanding of where places are and how maps represent the world around us.

In Understanding the World, we investigated **pushes and pulls**. Rather than simply talking about these forces, the children experienced them first hand through practical activities including tug of war, push ups and other active games. These hands-on experiences helped the children understand new scientific vocabulary in a meaningful and memorable way.

During our music sessions, we continued developing our listening skills by exploring **rhythm, tempo and beat**. The children enjoyed moving, singing and performing together while learning how music can change in speed and feeling.

Throughout the half term we also shared stories that encouraged us to think positively when things do not always go as planned. We continued talking about our feelings, celebrating our achievements from this year and reflecting on how much we have grown. The children have loved sharing what they are proud of and talking about all the exciting things they are looking forward to in Year 1.

As we come to the end of Reception, we would like to say what an absolute pleasure it has been to watch your children learn, grow and flourish. They are now ready to take their next exciting step into Year 1 with confidence, curiosity and enthusiasm. We know they will continue to shine as they begin their next adventure.



Thank you for all your support, encouragement and kindness throughout the year. We wish you all a wonderful summer holiday filled with fun, laughter, special family memories and plenty of well-deserved rest. If you have a few moments, we would be very grateful if you could complete our short [parent survey](#), as your feedback helps us celebrate what has gone well and continue to improve the experiences we provide for future children and families.



Lavender Class - Mrs Bacon , Mrs Gomm, Mrs Evans, Miss Adams and Miss Pervaiz

What a jam-packed half-term it's been — we honestly don't know where the time has gone! We've been busy little bookworms in English, starting with the short film "Marshmallows," where we got right into character by writing letters explaining how the characters were feeling — some really thoughtful writing came out of that one! We then moved on to "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth," which turned us all into instruction-writing experts. To round off the year, we'll be reading "Augustus and His Smile" by Catherine Rayner and having a go at retelling the story ourselves.

In maths we've covered a lot of ground. We've learned to tell the time to the hour and half-hour, worked out days in a week, hours in a day and minutes in an hour, and our Year 2s have been getting to grips with quarter-to and quarter-past too. This week we moved on to mass, getting hands-on with balancing scales and learning words like heavier, lighter, and equal to.

Science has had us watching the world change around us — we've finished learning about the four seasons and all the differences we notice throughout the year, and we've been keeping a close eye on our sunflowers and runner beans as they grow. We've also been learning about the equator!

In DT we've turned into smoothie makers, thinking all about healthy eating along the way. And in art, we read "Silly Billy" and made our own worry dolls out of dolly pegs and fabric, just like the character in the book — they were such a hit.

A real highlight was our recorder concert, where we showed off our new skills playing the notes B, G and A. It was wonderful having parents and the rest of the school there to watch us perform.

We also had a brilliant archery day, getting to grips with bows and sticky arrows — a firm favourite with the children!

It would be impossible to write this without mentioning the heat — it's been absolutely scorching, and at times we've taken our learning under the shade of the trees to keep cool. The children have been troopers about it, and plenty of ice-pops have been enjoyed to help everyone cool down — grown-ups included!

The biggest "wow" of the half-term has to be our trip to West Wittering beach. The journey took a little longer than planned, but it was so worth it — who knew paddling in the sea would beat an ice lolly hands down? A brilliant day had by all.

As we come to the end of the year, a huge good luck to all our Year 2s as they move on to Year 3 — we know you'll be brilliant. And we're already looking forward to welcoming our current Reception children into Bluebells!

As for our Year 1s, you're more than ready to step up to Year 2, and you're clearly relishing the thought of being the oldest in KS1.



Rose Class - Mrs Liggins, Miss Daley and Miss Akhtar

What a busy and fun-filled final half term we have had in Year 3! Although it has been a very hot few weeks, it has also been an exciting and rewarding end to the year. The children have worked incredibly hard and should all feel proud of everything they have achieved.

In English, we have enjoyed reading *Charlotte's Web*, the heartwarming story of Wilbur the pig and his loyal friend, Charlotte the spider. We explored the characters, their relationships and the choices they made throughout the story. Inspired by the novel, the children wrote their own additional chapter, imagining how Charlotte might save Wilbur's life. Along the way, they developed their writing by using fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, dialogue and conjunctions to add detail and make their stories engaging and exciting.

In Maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, angles, directions and turns before moving on to our final unit on statistics. The children learnt how to read, draw and interpret pictograms and bar charts. They even carried out their own class survey to discover Iivingswood Academy's favourite ice cream flavour. After collecting data from across the school using tally charts, they created their own pictograms and discovered that bubblegum was the most popular flavour!

In History, we travelled back in time to explore the lives of the Ancient Romans. We investigated what it took to become a Roman soldier, how the Roman army was organised and why it was so successful. The children even put their teamwork to the test by recreating Roman battle formations, including the wedge and the famous tortoise formation. It proved much trickier than they first expected!

Following our DT project, where we designed and built castles, we moved on to our Art unit, *Sculpture and 3D – Abstract Shape and Space*. The children experimented with combining different shapes and explored a range of techniques for joining materials together to create their own sculptures. Although some of the construction was quite fiddly, they showed great perseverance and produced some fantastic pieces of work.

In PE, we have been developing our tennis skills. The children have practised their forehand and backhand shots and have become increasingly confident at controlling the ball and improving their accuracy. Who knows—perhaps we have some future Wimbledon champions in Year 3! We also loved our experience of archery to end a great year of sport and PE. Thank you to Mr Kevin who led this for everyone.

It has been a fantastic half term and a wonderful way to end the school year. We are incredibly proud of everything the children have accomplished and wish them all a happy, restful and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in Year 4!



Maple Class – Miss Race and Mrs Weedon

What a fantastic half term!

Year 4 have had another busy and exciting few weeks, packed with lots of wonderful learning experiences. We were delighted to finish our work with The Country Trust alongside Sam. Our Harvest Feast gave us the chance to enjoy some of the produce we had grown, and we loved taking part in our market, where we shared what we had learnt throughout the project. A huge thank you to Sam for all her support this year! We also had a fantastic trip to the farm, where we learnt even more about where our food comes from and enjoyed exploring the countryside.

In History, we continued our learning about the Anglo-Saxons, discovering what life was like during this fascinating period and how they helped shape Britain. The children enjoyed exploring the lives of these early settlers and making links to our previous learning. In Writing, we have produced some fantastic pieces of writing inspired by *How to Train Your Dragon*. We have written exciting narratives full of adventure as well as informative non-chronological reports. In Reading, we thoroughly enjoyed reading *How to Train Your Dragon* together and loved following Hiccup's adventures.

In Maths, we finished the year by exploring graphs and charts, telling the time and working with coordinates. The children have shown great determination throughout the year and have worked incredibly hard to develop their mathematical understanding.

Our Science learning focused on Living Things and Their Habitats, with a particular emphasis on conservation. We explored important environmental issues such as air pollution, water pollution and deforestation, while also discussing the positive actions humans can take to protect our planet. The children shared some thoughtful ideas about how we can all help to make the world a better place.

In Design and Technology, we enjoyed designing and making mechanical cars. It was wonderful to see the children's creativity and problem-solving skills as they experimented with different mechanisms to make their vehicles move successfully.

Well done to all of Year 4 for your enthusiasm, resilience and hard work throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved and know you are more than ready for the exciting challenges of Year 5. We wish you all a happy, relaxing and safe summer holiday!



Cherry Class – Mrs Twyman and Miss Walker

Our last half term in Year 5 has been our best yet! The children have really understood the importance of their learning journey here at Ivingswood and are really looking forward to their last year with us.

This half term we have spent time immersing ourselves into our narrative text of 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver. This is a prehistoric, fantasy adventure novel where our main character, Torak, finds out about his past, how important he is to the future and makes some unusual friends along the way. Over the last 4 weeks, we have continued becoming authors and have been focusing on writing our own chapter for the book. We chose our characters and settings while basing it on what we already have learnt from the book itself. This meant that the vocabulary that we have used is accurate to the historical time frame and effective in painting a picture in our reader's minds. We have also been working on our stamina for writing using first drafts and revision of ideas to create a brilliant, final written piece. These will be photocopied and sent home with your children on the last day as they are so proud of their final pieces.

In Maths, we have been focusing on negative numbers, converting units and volume. Over the last few weeks, we had come to the end of our statutory curriculum so have using the time to plug gaps in our knowledge. We have had fun consolidating our understanding of prime numbers, squared numbers and cubed. We have enjoyed drawing arrays to help our understanding.

We have also had the opportunity to turn into geographers this half term with our topic of Our Local area. We have loved using real ordnance survey maps of Chesham and the surrounding area to understand the physical and human features that we often overlook day to day. We started looking at the Chilterns and where we are positioned and lesson by lesson moved closer to look at Chesham itself and then the school and surrounding roads. We have learnt to read 4 and 6 figure grid references to help us navigate to places that we find significant such as our places of worship, houses, parks and historical landmarks that we didn't know existed such as Jacob's ladder. We then decided to look at how safe our local area is by conducting two separate fieldwork studies; one on litter and our local green spaces and the other on road traffic on Greenway. We used the data we collected to create bar charts on MS Excel and also summarised our findings so that other people could understand our geographical work. Well done Year 5!

Unfortunately, due to the stonking heat our Trust Rounders match had to be postponed (more information to follow in the new academic year) but we did get to go Chiltern Hills Academy for an afternoon of athletics. After a rather warm walk up the hill, we participated in high jump, long jump, javelin, shotput, discus and sprinting. Our group leaders were so knowledgeable and we had a fantastic time. We even realised some talents that we never knew we had!

After a brilliant year with us at Ivingswood, Miss Walker will be leaving us to further her own learning at university. Thankyou Miss Walker for always being there for our children; we will miss you. Another staff member leaving our class is Mrs Dunning. The children have loved their Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with you and all the interactive learning opportunities you give them. I know they will always remember dissecting an egg, being new mothers to plant cuttings and making a delicious bolognese. Thankyou for everything! Although, we say goodbye to some of our staff, we are really excited to carry on our learning in Year 6 with Mr O'Callaghan. The academic year ahead is packed full of fun so make sure you come back refreshed after your Summer break. Be safe, make good choices and remember that you always belong with us at Ivingswood 😊



Oak Class – Mr O’Callaghan and Miss Sample

Our Year 6s have had a very busy last half term, practicing for their end of year performance of Buggy Malone, as well as preparing their last ever assembly. We have had the opportunity to work with The Theatre Shed, an inclusive theatre company based in Chesham, to develop part of this assembly, and the children are looking forward to sharing this with everyone.

Although a considerable amount of time has been dedicated to perfecting our performances, we have also explored elements of climate change in science and solved real-life problems in maths. The children were amazing during our White Rose Futures Topic and they researched what happens to our salaries on pay day. It is safe to say, they were shocked at how much income tax, national insurance and bills adults have to pay, so we hope they turn off the taps and switch off the lights without reminders now.

The children have worked incredibly hard this year, showing resilience and an excellent attitude and doing so with kindness towards their classmates. We have made many memories which they can recall with fondness as they move into Year 7 and the next stage of their educational journey. Some highlights of the year have been the Leap of Faith on the PGL residential, as well as the excitement about the food hall (especially the salad bar), exercising our sporting prowess at Chiltern Hills and being excellent role models for our younger children. Having the responsibilities of Head Pupil, House Captains, Sports Captain, Peer Mentors, School Council and being Reading Buddies with Reception were not taken lightly and they have conducted themselves with the utmost dignity.

Mr O’Callaghan and Miss Sample could not have been more proud when you performed Buggy Malone. There were a lot of lines to learn and numerous tricky songs to sing, but you conducted yourselves brilliantly, made the audience laugh and cry (for good reasons) and it was definitely a memorable performance. Let’s hope your drama and music skills can continue moving into Secondary School!

Although we will miss them enormously at Ivingswood Academy, we wish all the pupils the very best as they move onto their new schools. Keep working hard, show your new teachers what you can do, be passionate about your learning and enjoy all the new experiences and opportunities that will be on offer.

Year 6, your hard work, dedication, character and uniqueness will take you so far in life. Please continue to make good choices, be kind to other people and be respectful. You can be anything you want to be if you put your mind to it. I am so unbelievably proud to have been your teacher this year. You have made my 1st year at Ivingswood Academy very special, and I will hold Oak Class of 2025-2026 deep in my heart! Go on everyone, go and smash Secondary School out of the park!

Thank you for an excellent Year 6, and good luck in year 7!



Summer Water Safety – Have Fun, Stay Safe!

With the summer holidays just around the corner, many families will be heading to the beach, lakes, rivers, or swimming pools to cool off and have fun. Water is a fantastic place to play, but it's important to stay safe.

Top Water Safety Tips:

-  Always swim with a grown-up watching you.
-  Wear a life jacket when boating or taking part in water sports.
-  Swim at lifeguarded beaches whenever possible and follow the safety flags and signs.
-  Walk—don't run—around pools, as wet surfaces can be slippery.
-  If you see someone in trouble, tell an adult or lifeguard straight away.

Never go into the water to rescue them yourself.

Did you know?

Even on a warm summer's day, the sea and open water can be surprisingly cold. Cold water can make it difficult to move or breathe.

Remember: Float to Live!

If you ever find yourself struggling in deep water:

- **Tilt your head back** with your ears in the water.
- **Relax and try to control your breathing.**
- **Move your hands and legs gently** to help you stay afloat.
- **When you're calm, call for help or swim to safety if you can.**

Have a fantastic summer, make wonderful memories. Remember: **Stay safe, have fun, and make every splash a safe one!** 

Staffing in September

Year Group	Class Teacher	Learning Support Assistant
Nursery	Miss Rose	Ms Zain, Mrs Woolnough, Mrs Richardson
Reception	Mrs McKenzie	Ms Hayes
Year One and Year Two	Mrs Bacon	Mrs Gomm, Mrs Evans, Miss Parviaz
Three	Miss Daley (M) and Mrs Liggins (T-F)	Mrs Weedon
Four	Miss Adams	Miss Akhtar
Five	Miss Mclean	Miss Jacobs and Miss Adams
Six	Mrs Twyman (M) Mr O'Callaghan (T-F)	Miss Sample

Other News

Social Media

Please follow us on social media @ivingswood on Twitter/X and Ivingswood Academy on Facebook. We post regular updates on the children's learning throughout the school!

Office

Please book lunches via parent pay by Thursday for the next week. If you do not book lunch, your child cannot be fed.

PTA News

Wow — what a fantastic year it's been!

A huge thank you for all your support - whether you've attended a Fayre, a disco, bought an ice lolly, donated, volunteered - the list goes on!

Because of you, we've raised an incredible £4,000+ since September for our children — which is absolutely amazing!

This year, we've been able to provide:

- Ice creams for all the children
- A contribution towards pantomime tickets
 - New books
- A shelter for the Early Years playground
 - Bikes and scooters
 - SEN equipment
 - PE equipment
 - Leavers' hoodies
 - Football kits
- Christmas gifts for all the children

We're so proud of what we've achieved together — and we couldn't have done it without you!

If you're able to help at any of our events, we'd love to have you involved — please let Miss Adams, Miss Sample or Mrs Flynn know.

Thanks again for helping make it such a brilliant year for the children!

Best wishes, The PTA



Dear Parents and Carers,

With the summer holidays approaching, we know it can be a challenge to keep children active, engaged, and entertained—especially on a budget. We're pleased to share a selection of free and low-cost activities happening in and around Borehamwood this summer.

Here are just a few ideas:

Buckinghamshire Council Family Information service

Look out for free family events, sports sessions, and creative workshops hosted by local parks and community centres. Visit [Things to do in Buckinghamshire | Family Information Service](#) for updates.

Chesham and Amersham Librarys/ Chiltern Lifestyle Centre

Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, join free craft sessions, and explore storytime events. Great for all ages! More details can be found at [Libraries | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

Parks and Green Spaces

Buckinghamshire is home to lovely outdoor areas like Wendover Woods, Bletchley Park, Waddesdon Manor and many more. Many have play areas, open spaces for picnics, and free outdoor gym equipment. Have a look on [Parks and outdoor spaces | Family Information Service](#) for more ideas

Local Museums

Why not visit Amersham Museum, The Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden or Discover Bucks in Aylesbury. Enjoy free entry to explore local history and fun family activities. Perfect for a rainy afternoon.



Outdoor Activities

1. Picnics in the Park – Bring homemade snacks and a blanket.
2. Nature Walks or Hikes – Explore local trails or woodlands.
3. Garden Camping – Set up a tent in the backyard for a mini adventure.
4. Bug or Nature Hunt – Make a checklist of things to find in the garden or park.
5. Free Local Events – Check your community calendar for fairs, festivals, or music nights.
6. Visit a Playground Crawl – Try out different local parks and playgrounds.



At-Home Activities

1. DIY Obstacle Course – Use cushions, chairs, and hula hoops.
2. Movie Night – Make popcorn and turn off the lights for a cinema feel.
3. Craft Day – Use recycling for painting, paper crafts, or homemade games. [37](#)

Easy Recycled Kid Crafts – Reuse Recycle Crafts - Earth Day - A Crafty Life

4. Backyard Water Play – Sprinklers, buckets, or even water balloons.
5. Baking Together – Simple cookies, cupcakes, or homemade pizza. Following recipes helps your children with their Numeracy and Literacy skills too, who knew learning could be so yummy.
6. Scavenger Hunt – Indoors or outdoors with themed clues.
7. Story Time or Read-Alouds – Pick a new book each week or start a series.



Free Community Resources

1. Library Visits – Many libraries offer free summer programs and activities.
2. Museum Free Days – Some museums have monthly or weekly free entry days.
3. Community Centers – Look for free family workshops or open playtimes.
4. Farm Visits or City Farms – Many allow free visits to see animals.
5. Restore Hope – Many Summer activities to book, click on the link to see them all; <https://www.restorehopecharity.org/summer-events>



Creative Fun

1. Build a Time Capsule – Fill it with drawings, letters, or summer memories.
2. Make a Summer Journal – Each family member can draw or write about the day.
3. Learn a New Skill Together – Origami, juggling, or a simple magic trick.
4. DIY Science Experiments – Try volcanoes, slime, or rainbow jars with home ingredients. Google for more fun ideas.
5. Music Jam Session – Use pots, pans, or instruments and make a family band.

Whatever you decide to do, we hope you all have a safe, happy and wonderful Summer.

**Stephanie Dalton
Family Support Worker
Ivingswood Academy**

Chiltern League

This term has seen us compete in our 5th and final competition between local Chesham schools. This time we were cricketers. Unfortunately, we didn't have much of an opportunity to play matches after school because they were either rained off or it was too hot to play. This meant that we went to the finals' day, having only played Chesham Bois. However, the children were fantastic and did themselves proud. We played 5 matches throughout the day and even won 2 of these. Great job, especially when some players had never played a cricket match before. It was a great afternoon and we finished 7th out of 9 schools. The players then voted for their player's player, who was.....Didi!!

Well done to EVERYONE involved in our matches this year – football (mixed and girls) netball, tag rugby and cricket. You have shown excellent sportsmanship and improved so much throughout each of the competitions. And a big thank you to parents and carers who have supported the children, either by giving lifts to and from matches or by coming to cheer us on!



Staff Goodbyes

Mrs Dunning first joined Ivingswood Academy in September 2023 where she was SENDCo for both Ivingswood and Waterside. In September 2024, she then became Deputy Head of School and SENDCo at Ivingswood. She has been a vital part of ensuring our pupils receive the pastoral care and support they need. She will be greatly missed at Ivingswood and I would like to take the opportunity to thank her for all she has done for me personally and all our children. She is however, still working locally and I am sure we will keep in touch.

We also say goodbye and good luck to Miss Walker who is continuing her education at university. Miss Walker has been a superb Learning Support Assistant this year and has lead turn-taking interventions. Thank you.

Wraparound Care



Dear Parent/ guardian,

Premier Education has been delivering High quality PE lessons at Ivingswoods Academy from the start of January 2025 and we are delighted to announce that, from September 2026, we will be extending our provision to include a daily after-school wraparound club.

Starting **Monday 7th September 2026**, our new after-school provision will run Monday - Thursday afternoon, offering a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment for children beyond the school day.

Key Details:

- Start Date: Monday 7th September 2026,
- Operating Days: Monday to Thursday
- Available Hours: 3:15pm - 5:30pm
- Ages: for Children in Reception to Year 6 students
- Booking Flexibility: Parents can make ad-hoc bookings up until 1:00pm on the day or opt for block days/week bookings.

Pricing Information: *Introductory offer, with a review in April 27.

3:15pm - 4:15pm

~~£6.50~~ £4.50 per session

4:15pm - 5:30pm

~~£7.50~~ £5.00 per session

3:15pm - 5:30pm- Snack provided from 4:15pm

~~£14.00~~ 9.50 per session

Siblings get 15% off! Automatically applied at checkout when booking them under the same the order.

Our Wraparound Club is designed to provide a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment for your children beyond regular school hours. It will offer a variety of enriching activities, supervised homework sessions, and exciting playtime, ensuring your child's well-being and development are at the forefront.

Term Dates 2026-2027



Ivingswood Academy Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December

Half-term – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January -Thursday 25th March

Half-term -Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Summer Term

Monday 12th April – Wednesday 21st July

Half-term –Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

INSET Dates (School is closed)

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September

Friday 23rd October

Friday 4th December

Monday 4th January

Friday 9th July

Uniform

Reminder that all our uniform requirements are on our school website. To support our families, we host pre-loved uniform sales each half-term. If you have something to donate, please hand into the school office. PE kit can be worn on PE days – you will be notified which days in September.

[KL Schoolwear](#) are our uniform providers should you need to order anything. Remember your child needs a coat in school every day as we play out in all weathers and want to use all our outdoor space. Please also have some additional footwear (old trainers/ wellies) for them to use when they are outside.

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As you are aware, attending school every day is important for your child to make good progress in school. This academic year, several families have received fines for taking term time absences. All information regarding attendance can be found on our school website.

We monitor attendance and offering support to anyone who fails to meet the expected standard of above 95% attendance. If families fail to engage with us or fail to improve attendance, Buckinghamshire County Council's attendance team will be informed. This could then lead to fines. Lateness counts against attendance marks so all pupils must be present for morning registration. When pupils are late, including those in our nursery class, this has a huge impact on the running of learning sessions for the whole school. All our pupils deserve the best start to each day of learning. If you have issues getting your child to Ivingswood Academy for 8.45am each day, please use our breakfast club which is open from 8am or make arrangements so your child can be present on time each day.

If children are unwell during the day, we will contact you if they need to go home, however keeping your child at home because they have a little cough, or they had a late night, a sibling or parent is unwell or it's their birthday are not sufficient reasons to keep them home.

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Medical Needs	
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All children will return home on Wednesday with any medical we have for them including inhalers and Epipens. Miss Smith has been in contact with you about renewing the information we have to ensure it is up-to-date for every pupil. In September, when medication is brought into school, parents and carers will need to complete a Health Care Plan.