



## Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers. Thank you for supporting **Children in Need** today, classes have had their photo taken with Pudsey today. The £525.00 money raised will go towards helping many vulnerable children in need.



We were delighted to be able to take our Key stage 2 pupils to watch the **Armistice parade** on Tuesday having observed the 2 minutes silence at school. It was nice to see so many of our children involved in the parade too. It was particularly moving that one of the pupils who accompanied me to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph was a relative of the late Simon Valentine.

A number of our children participated in an event at All Saints church where they wrote and performed **poems about peace**. They were awarded a certificate for their participation and in recognition of their poems promoting peace and reconciliation. **Well done** to Josie, Maanas, Jaiden, Sydney, Ekam and Deeya.

We would like to sell **pre-loved books at our Christmas Fayre** again this year - if you have any children's books that you are able to donate, please bring/send them into school. We are also after second hand Christmas Jumpers if you have any that your children have outgrown.



We will be gathering for **Forest Church @ School** again next Wednesday, after school. Please stay with your children and encourage them as we all participate in the worship and activities. The session should finish at about 4pm. The weather has been

very wet recently and the temperature is due to drop quite considerably next week - please dress appropriately for our outdoor session in the farm area near gate 1.

Some classes received a dojo message this week that may have caused some confusion. We have had new locks installed on our interior and exterior doors in Reception. This makes the unit more secure for some of our little ones. However, it does mean that children from other year groups can no longer enter Reception. Previously some older siblings would go down to Reception from year 1 or 2 and wait with their younger siblings to help parents with pick up. We are now asking that Reception children are picked up and parents then make their way to year 1 or 2 to pick up older siblings. No child will be collected from another class. Upper school arrangements remain the same, parents who have arrangements to meet at the swing or the bench or the foyer can continue to do so if this works for you. Sorry for any confusion caused.

**Congratulations** to key stage 1 children who took part in the online safety poster challenge, you can see these by clicking this [link](#).

### Dates for the Diary

- Weds 19th to Tues 25th  
Nov - Bookfair
- Thurs 20th Nov - Yr1  
Entertainer
- Mon 1st Dec - Carols at  
the Armshouses (for  
those involved)
- Tues 2nd Dec- Yr3 trip
- Thurs 4th Dec - 2.30pm  
iRock Concert
- Fri 5th Dec - PTA Christ-  
mas Fayre
- Mon 8th Dec - 2.30pm  
Yr3 Concert with Jeremy  
Dibb
- Tues 9th Dec - 9.00am  
Yr3 Christmas perfor-  
mance
- Tues 9th Dec - Yr2 Craft  
Afternoon (Time TBC)
- Weds 10th Dec - Yr4  
Christmas Carols (Time  
TBC)
- Thurs 11th Dec - Recep-  
tion Nativity (Time TBC)
- Fri 12th Dec - Yr6 Christ-  
mas Carol (time TBC)
- Mon 15th Dec - 2.15pm  
Yr5 Christmas Carols
- Tues 16th Dec - Church  
Services
- Tues 16th Dec - 2.30pm  
Yr1 Christmas Craft
- Weds 17th Dec - Panto
- Thurs 18th Dec - Flu Im-  
munisations (more infor-  
mation to follow)

JOIN THE FUN

# There are spaces in bands at your school



iRock

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spaces in iRock bands are available to join now - secure their spot and join the fun!

**What is iRock?** At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly in-school band sessions are open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.

**Music for all.** iRock aims to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong. Each week, children develop their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they work towards exam-free music qualifications; celebrating progress without the pressure of formal exams.

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iRock isn't just about music. It's about helping children thrive cognitively, socially, and academically through the power of music.

**Key information:**

- Hassle-free, rolling **monthly subscription** of £44.49 (no payment taken in July)
- **First lesson money-back guarantee** (and you can cancel at anytime)
- **No experience needed** and all instruments are provided
- Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos

Head to [our website](#) to check availability and start your child's iRock journey!

**Joshua Franklin**  
Founder  
iRock School of Music



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**Our Planet, Our Responsibility: Fun Family Eco Challenges!**

Each week, try one or two small activities at home or outdoors. Learn a fun fact, take action, and see how little changes can make a big difference!

**Home Habits – Small Changes, Big Impact**

Fact: Turning off lights saves energy and money.

**Try this: Play “last one out, switch it off!” in your home.**

Fact: A running tap wastes up to 6 litres of water per minute.

**Try this: Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth.**



**Word of the Week** To get children excited about words the whole school is starting ‘Word of the Week’. Each week we will be displaying an interesting word and setting a small associated word challenge for you and your child. The challenges are small spoken tasks that do not require pen or paper. They just need you and some talk time, so easy to do on the way home or before bedtime. Get involved, have fun, and your child’s vocabulary will grow!



defective

Not working, something is wrong.

Do you have anything at home that is **defective**? What happened to it?

*Words for older children*

*Words for younger children*



discover

When you find something that you did not know before.

Imagine you found an old box in a cupboard. What do you think you could **discover** inside?

**NEW**

**New Lunch Menu**

Week beginning 17th November 2025 — Week 2

Link to new menu [click here](#)

**After school clubs & events**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3.15 - 4.00pm Boys Yr 5/6 Development football (for those with a place)	3.15pm - 4.00pm Choir (For those with a place) 3.15 - 4.00pm Yr1/2 Multi Skills, (for those who have a place in the new group)	3.15 - 4.00pm Girls Yr 5/6 Development football (for those with a place)	3.15pm - 4.20pm Gymnastics (*for those with a place)	



## Our Values Champions of The Week

<b>MAGGS</b> Bodhi Follows Showing respect to the children & adults at school	<b>CHAMBERLAINE</b> Arlo Reid Showing respect & service during our remembrance day learning	<b>EVANS</b> Emily Smith Showing perseverance with reading & writing at school
<b>PICASSO</b> Jax Mainwaring Showing courage to help in collective worship	<b>MONET</b> Polly Hood Showing friendship & perseverance	<b>DA VINCI</b> Kara Montgomery Showing lots of respect & perseverance in class!
<b>MANDELA</b> Tristan Balmer Showing respect to friends and staff all week	<b>NIGHTINGALE</b> Nevaeh Randle Showing perseverance with her writing this week	<b>PANKHURST</b> Sawaira Awais Showing perseverance in phonics
<b>BEETHOVEN</b> Lottie-Mae O'Donoghue Showing perseverance in her tasks	<b>VIVALDI</b> The Whole Class Showing respect during the Remembrance Day Parade	<b>MOZART</b> Jennifer key Always being respectful and kind
<b>RALEIGH</b> Manha Iqbal Showing courage and perseverance	<b>COLUMBUS</b> Mya Tedds Showing forgiveness & maturity when faced with a challenge	<b>MAGELLAN</b> The Whole Class Showing such great respect when watching the parade
<b>NEWTON</b> Illiana Vance Showing courage	<b>FARADAY</b> Mary-Louise McCormick Showing superb all round values	<b>DARWIN</b> Frankie Randle Showing all the school values
<b>PYTHAGORAS</b> Martha Maughan Showing perseverance	<b>ARCHIMEDES</b> Ekam Sandal & Deeya Singh Showing courage, working with a poet at church & performing poems	<b>EINSTEIN</b> Luna Phillips Showing respect, perseverance & friendship

