



Ivington CE (VA) Primary and Pre-school

Reaching together with the fruits of the spirit (Galatian 5:22-23)

NEWSLETTER: Tuesday 30th June 2026

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 1st July:

- Rowan Class - School games at Hereford
- Willow Class Swimming
- Open Evening for new Reception children

Thursday 2nd July:

- Y6 Transition Day - Herefordshire Schools

Monday 6th July:

- **Last week of Clubs**
- Reptomania in school for EYFS and KS1
- Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 7th July:

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Wednesday 8th July:

- Y6 Transition Day - Worcestershire schools
- The Great Big School Clean
- Cherry and Maple classes Medieval Banquet
- Rowan Class Swimming
- Governors Meeting

Thursday 9th July:

- Optional Year 5 Taster Day at Weobley High school

Friday 10th July

- 9.00am Chestnut Class Book Club
- 2.00pm Ivington Church & School Fete at Ivingtonbury Farm

Wednesday 15th July:

- Rowan Class Swimming
- 3.30-4.30pm - Drop in parents evening

Friday 17th July:

- 10.30am Year 6 Leavers' Service at St. John's Church
- Picnic lunch provided by [AIP](#)
- Summer Term ends

Thursday 3rd September:

- Autumn term begins

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your generous donations towards our summer raffle. The hampers are currently being put together. Further information about the raffle – including how to purchase tickets and details of the prizes – will be sent out later this week.

A huge thank you must go to Viktoria's and Theodore's mum at [Cozy Crumbs Bakery](#), who kindly made all the delicious cakes and cookies for last week's cake stall. We raised an incredible £222.00 for school funds.

Rowan class are having a fantastic time at Laches Wood. We're looking forward to hearing all about their adventure when they return.

We have a busy few weeks ahead, so please keep an eye on the dates listed to the left, as they may be updated regularly.

Following on from the successful project last year, I am pleased to say that Ivington will be taking part in the 'Great Big School Clean' campaign run by Keep Britain Tidy, on Wednesday 8th July. As a school, we are going to be taking part in a litter pick and tidy within our school grounds and also some of the surrounding areas. We will be working hard to keep our environment beautiful and free of litter. Please can all children wear old clothes that you don't mind getting a bit dirty. If your child has PE on this day, please can they bring it with them to change in to.

With the new Free School Meals eligibility guidance coming into effect this September, we encourage all families who receive Universal Credit to apply. If your child is eligible, you could save over £500 per year on school lunches. Please complete your application [here](#) as soon as possible to ensure you receive any support you are entitled to.

With warmest wishes,
Mrs Smith

Attendance for last week:

Whole School Attendance: 85.41%



Term and Holiday Dates

Autumn Term 2026

Term Starts – Thursday 3rd September
Half-term: Mon 26th – Fri 30th October
Term Ends – Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027

Term Starts – Tuesday 5th January
Half-term: Mon 15th – Fri 19th February
Term Ends – Thursday 25th March

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts – Monday 12th April
Half-term: Mon 31st May – Mon 7th June
Term Ends – Tuesday 20th July

Autumn Term 2027

Term Starts – Monday 6th September
Half-term: Mon 25th – Fri 29th October
Term Ends – Friday 17th December

Spring Term 2028

Term Starts – Wednesday 5th January
Half-term: Mon 14th – Fri 18th February
Term Ends – Friday 7th April

Summer Term 2028

Term Starts – Monday 24th April
Half-term: Mon 29th May – Mon 5th June
Term Ends – Thursday 20th July

Please note: these dates differ slightly from those published by the Local Authority.

We Value Self-control

No man knows how bad he is until he has tried to be good. A great many people think they are good because they have no temptation to be bad.

Reminder:

Please ensure that uniform and belongings are labelled with your child's name - it makes it easier for us to reunite them with their owners.

Rewards and Achievements

Congratulations to the following children.

Handwriting - Jax in Cherry Class, Scarlett T in Maple Class, Lillah in Chestnut Class, Grace & Masie in Willow Class and Lily in Rowan Class.

Reading - Connie, Dylan, Emily, Jax and Kristian in Cherry Class.

ABRSM Initial Grade Piano Award - Charlie in Chestnut Class and Bianca & Ralph in Willow Class.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our stars of the week were:

Cherry Class: Maisie

Maple Class: Aiden

Chestnut Class: Darcy

Willow Class: Archie

Rowan Class: Wyatt

Headteacher's: Isaac

CONGRATULATIONS!



Can You Help?

We're looking ahead to September and would love your support in building our construction and flight-themed learning resources.

We're seeking donations of:

- Lego, Duplo or other building toys (any condition)
- Toy aeroplanes and model aircraft
- Books or pictures about flight and aviation

We are also seeking the following resources:

- Atlases
- Maps
- Books relating to maps and geography
 - Globes

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Junk modelling plea

We'd be grateful for any donations of clean recyclable materials for our classroom activities. Items like yoghurt pots, washing liquid/softener bottle lids, cereal boxes, small food boxes, egg boxes and active yoghurt bottles would be particularly useful if you have any to spare. They can be dropped in at the office.

Thank you!

Do you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals?

To apply is quick and easy with the result of your enquiry being decided in minutes. Please click [here](#) to enquire.



Ivington Church of England (VA) Primary and Pre-School

30th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, we are doing something a little different for our Summer Fete.

You are invited to the Ivington Church and School Summer Fete, which will take place on Friday 10th July at 2.00pm on the lawn at Ivingtonbury Farm.

The fete will feature a variety of stalls and activities for both children and adults, making it a wonderful opportunity for the Ivington community to come together and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Parents and carers are welcome to collect their children from school at 1.45pm and accompany them to the fete. Children not attending the Fete will stay in school and can be collected at 3.30pm as usual.

Please note the following arrangements for the day:

- There will be no minibus home
- There will be no after-school Chill Club

Rowan Class pupils have been working hard to organise and prepare their stalls and we hope that as many families as possible will be able to come along and support their efforts.

Please also note that this is a cash-only event.

We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a very enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs Smith





Ivington Church of England (VA) Primary and Pre-School

22nd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of important changes to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility that will take effect from September 2026.

The Government is expanding FSM eligibility criteria. From September 2026, all pupils from households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals, regardless of their household's annual income.

From September 2026, there will be two categories of benefits-based FSM:

1. Targeted Free School Meals

This category is based on the existing income threshold. Your child will be eligible if your household:

- Is in receipt of Universal Credit **and** has an annual household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits).

Only pupils eligible for Targeted FSM will qualify for Pupil Premium funding, which provides additional support for your child's education.

2. Expanded Free School Meals

This new category applies to school meals only and covers pupils who:

- Live in households receiving Universal Credit **and** have an annual household income above £7,400.

Pupils eligible for Expanded FSM will receive free school meals but will not attract Pupil Premium funding.

If your child already receives Free School Meals: You do not need to take any action. Herefordshire Council will contact you directly if there are any changes to your child's eligibility.

If you think your child may now be eligible: Please do not miss out on support that could benefit your family. School lunches for a full year would cost over **£500** – by completing the application form, you may receive this at no cost.

You can apply by completing the online application at: herefordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

If you have any questions about these changes or need support with your application, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs M Smith
Headteacher



Ivington Church of England (VA) Primary and Pre-School

22nd June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish to gauge interest in our Wrap Around - Chill Club for our pupils.

Chill club runs daily during term time from 3.30 - 4.30pm. The cost will be increasing to £5.00 per session from September 2026.

To help us plan and allocate spaces fairly, we kindly ask you to let us know if you would be interested in booking a place for your child/ren from September and approximately how many sessions per week you may need.

Please complete and return the 'Expression of Interest' form below to the school office by Wednesday 1st July 2026.

Once we have collected responses, we will confirm arrangements and send out further details and the registration form for you to secure your child's place.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss your requirements, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Smith
Headteacher

Wrap Around - Chill Club

Expression of Interest Form for September 2026

Child's Name:

Number of sessions per week:

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I wish to use Chill Club on an ad hoc basis.

Please return this form to the school office by Wednesday 1st July 2026