



Ivington CE (VA) Primary and Pre-school

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

NEWSLETTER: Tuesday 7th July 2026

DIARY DATES

Last week of Clubs

Wednesday 8th July:

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

Thursday 9th July:

- Optional Year 5 Taster Day at Weobley High school
- Year 6 Bikeability

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,

Yesterday, we welcomed [Reptomania](#) to school with their fascinating selection of reptiles and insects. Our EYFS and KS1 pupils had an exciting hands-on learning experience. Both children and staff showed great courage and enthusiasm as they had the opportunity to hold and learn about the creatures. It was a memorable visit that inspired curiosity and helped bring learning to life.

Tomorrow is our 'Great Big School Clean' 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. Please can all children wear old clothes that you don't mind getting a bit dirty. If your child has PE tomorrow please can they bring it with them to change in to.

Cherry and Maple Classes are looking forward to their medieval banquet tomorrow afternoon. Please ensure that your child brings their medieval costume to school so they can get changed into it before the event.

Rowan Class have now finalised their stalls for the Church and School Fete on Friday. Ivingtonbury Farm has kindly offered the use of their barn should the weather be too hot. Rowan Class will walk to the farm during the school day to set up their stalls in advance of the event. All other children can be collected from school at 1.45pm by a parent, carer or grandparent and accompanied to the Fete. The school gate will open at 1.40pm to allow for collection. Please note this is a cash only event, A reminder that there will be no school bus service on Friday afternoon and Chill Club is cancelled. If your child is not attending the Summer Fete, they can be collected from school at the usual time of 3.30pm.

Don't forget we're encouraging all families who receive Universal Credit to apply for Free School Meals. 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: 92.92%



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.

Friday 17th July

All children will enjoy a picnic lunch. You can either order a picnic box from [AIP](#) or provide your child with a packed lunch from home - please note, there will be no hot dinners available on this day.

We Value Self-control

In the midst of movement and chaos keep stillness inside of you.
Deepak Chopra

Rewards and Achievements

Congratulations to the following children.

Handwriting - Joshua in Cherry Class, Mollie in Maple Class, Charlie in Chestnut Class, Grace & Masie in Willow Class and Clark in Rowan Class.

Reading - Charlotte in Willow Class



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our stars of the week were:

Cherry Class: Tripp

Maple Class: Brody

Chestnut Class: Charlie

Willow Class: Lexi-Jane

Rowan Class: Lily

Headteacher's: Rylee-Rose

CONGRATULATIONS!



Lumi Nova – Supporting Children with Worries

Lumi Nova is an engaging digital game designed to help children aged **7–12 years** explore and manage worries while building confidence and resilience.

Through fun, interactive adventures inspired by Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), children learn practical coping strategies and are gently encouraged to face everyday challenges at their own pace. The game is designed to support emotional wellbeing in an enjoyable and accessible way, with parents and carers able to encourage children along the journey.

Lumi Nova may be a helpful resource for families looking to support children experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or worries.

Find out more at: <https://luminova.app/>

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.

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

If you have any items to donate, please send them into school with your child or drop them at the school office.

Thank you for your support!



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!

School Uniform

Girls: Red polo shirt and grey skirt / pinafore / trousers with a navy cardigan or sweatshirt

PE: Red T-shirt, navy hoodie, black shorts / skirt / tracksuit bottoms and trainers

Boys: Red polo shirt, grey trousers / shorts with a navy sweatshirt

PE: Red T-shirt, navy hoodie, black shorts / tracksuit bottoms and trainers

Large logos and slogans on sportswear must be avoided.

For health and safety reasons, jewellery (other than a small stud) is not allowed in school. Studs must be covered before coming to school on PE days.

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.

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased online from School Trends at:

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/collections/ivington-cofe-primary-and-pre-school-hr6-0jh>

Pre-loved and some new school uniform items are still available to purchase from the school office.

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Ivington C E Primary and Pre-school Summer Raffle Wednesday 15th July 2026



Our Summer Raffle gives you the opportunity to choose exactly which prizes you would like to win, with tickets costing just £1.00 each.

You can purchase tickets for as many prizes as you wish. Each ticket provides one entry for one specific prize, so the more tickets you buy for a prize, the greater your chance of winning.

Please use the attached sheet of tickets. Additional tickets are available from the school office if required.

We have a fantastic selection of prizes on offer, with something for everyone to enjoy. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards supporting school funds and enhancing opportunities for our pupils.

Please return all completed tickets and payment to the school office by midday on Wednesday 15th July 2026.

Every ticket purchased helps make a difference and we look forward to making this year's Summer Raffle a great success!

1. Children's Balance Bike - Phil Protheroe
2. G C Valeting - £35.00 Mini-Valet Voucher
3. Freshly Cut Lawns – Voucher (1 free Mow & Edge for a garden up to 200m2)
4. Outdoor Children's Hamper
5. Alcohol Hamper
6. Children's Hamper
7. Pamper Hamper
8. Snack Hamper
9. Children's Hamper
10. Surprise Hamper





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BID FOR:

2 ADULT TICKETS
+ 4 CHILD TICKETS

for

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SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST



SUBMIT YOUR SEALED BID TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE

BY MIDDAY – WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY

The highest bidder will win
this fantastic family
ticket package!



Good luck!





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