



Ivington CE (VA) Primary and Pre-school

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

NEWSLETTER: Tuesday 14th July 2026

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 15th July:

- Rowan Class final swimming session.
- 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 for your support and for braving the hot weather on Friday. Our Summer Fete was a great success, raising over £800 for the school. If you have any tickets for the summer raffle, please ensure they are returned to school by midday tomorrow.

On Friday we say goodbye to our Year 6 children who are moving on to their secondary schools in September. We are very proud of everything they have achieved and wish them success and happiness in the future. This week we also say farewell to several valued members of our staff. Miss Pattison is leaving us to begin an exciting new chapter in Germany, while Mrs Crump and Mrs Taylor are moving on to new opportunities. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication...good luck everyone!

I would like to thank our volunteers who give their time so generously - Mr Bernard Ashley, Mrs Pam Smith, Mr Steve Walter, Mrs Lynsey Hunting, Mrs Polly Minton, Mrs Jo Cresswell, Miss Grace Dyer, Mrs Sue Jones, Mrs Karen Morris and the 'Open the Book' team.

Our leavers' service is on Friday at 10.30am in St. John's Church, followed by the picnic lunch for all children and Year 6 parents. Don't forget to book a picnic for your child [here](#).

A reminder to please settle any outstanding payments on ParentPay as soon as possible.

I would like to finish with a prayer for Year 6:

Dear God,

Thank you for our wonderful Year 6 children and for the time we have shared together. As they prepare to begin a new chapter, fill their hearts with courage, kindness and confidence.

Guide them in the choices they make, help them to be good friends and remind them that they are loved wherever they go. Bless them with happiness, new opportunities and the strength to overcome any challenges they may face.

May they always remember that you are with them, today and always.

Amen.

I wish you all a lovely summer. We look forward to seeing you again on Thursday 3rd September.

With warmest wishes,
Mrs Smith

Attendance for last week:

Whole School Attendance: 88.57%



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

FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US
a spirit of fear but of
**POWER, LOVE AND
SELF-DISCIPLINE.**

2 TIMOTHY 1:7



Rewards and Achievements

Congratulations to the following children.

Handwriting - Emily in Cherry Class, Brody in Maple Class, Rylee-Rose in Chestnut Class and Parker in Willow Class.

Reading - Theo in Willow Class

Lillah in Chestnut Class - Blue belt in Kick boxing

Brogan in Willow Class - Green belt in Kick boxing

Darcy in Chestnut Class - Performed in a dance show at the weekend.

100% Attendance at school - Emily & Kristian in Cherry class, Scarlett in Maple class, Amelia in Chestnut Class and Masie in Willow Class.

99% Attendance at school - Jax in Cherry Class, Aaron & Dylan in Maple Class, Phoebe in Chestnut Class, Ralph in Willow Class and Finley, Hedd & Odin in Rowan Class.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Our stars of the week were:

Cherry Class: Olivia

Maple Class: Dylan

Chestnut Class: Lillah

Willow Class: Bianca

Rowan Class: The whole class

Headteacher's: Dylan P

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

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!

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IVINGTON CE PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

FRIDAY 17TH JULY

CHOOSE FROM

A HAM SANDWICH WITH SAUSAGE ROLL, CUPCAKE AND FRUIT

OR

CHOOSE FROM

A CHEESE SANDWICH WITH CHEESE AND ONION ROLL, CUPCAKE AND FRUIT

BOOK NOW AT

<https://parents.schoolfoodunited.com/login>

School Lunches September

AIP will be updating their class lists during the summer holiday, when they have done so an email will be sent asking you to place your lunch orders for September.

Any current Year 2 pupils going into Year 3 in September will need to pay for lunches if they wish to continue having them. Payment will be requested by AIP before the order is placed.

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.

Your School Uniform

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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**





WIN BEEFSTOCK TICKETS!

HIGHEST BID WINS!

BID FOR:

2 ADULT TICKETS
+ 4 CHILD TICKETS

for

BEEFSTOCK, BROMYARD

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

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