



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

WELCOME BACK - Thursday 3rd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year, I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break. A very warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families, we hope that they all settle quickly into school life and enjoy their time at Ivington.

We will continue to meet and greet each morning, with the school gate being opened at 8.30am and closed at 8.50am. The end of the school day is 3.30pm. The bell will ring at **8.40am for Willow and Rowan classes** to register and will ring again at **8.50am for Cherry and Maple Classes** to register, all children are expected to be punctual.

If you completed the 'Read to the Beat' Summer Reading Challenge, please bring in your certificates by Monday 7th September.

Staffing

Please find below an overview of our staffing for this coming year:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Cherry - Year R	Mrs Davies	Miss Rounds
Maple - Year 1 & 2	Mrs Haggart / Mrs Yeomans	Miss Bliss, Miss Layton, Miss Smith, Mrs Weaver
Willow - Year 3 & 4	Mr Norgrove	Miss Lanman, Mrs Gurney, Mrs Hurdidge
Rowan - Year 5 & 6	Mrs Blake / Mrs Blewett	Miss Harris
Headteacher	Mrs Smith	
Deputy Head	Mrs Blake / Mrs Yeomans	
SENDCO	Miss Thomas	
Student and Family Support Manager	Mrs Bray	
Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Smith	
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Bray / Miss Thomas	

Breakfast Club and After-school Chill Club

Breakfast club will continue to run from 7.55am each day costing £3.00 per morning (breakfast NOT included). Mrs Weaver will open the front door to school at 7.55am each day.

Our after-school Chill club will continue to run daily from 3.30 – 4.30pm costing £5.00

To help us plan staffing effectively, all bookings for our after-school chill club must be made with at least 24 hours' notice. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept same-day bookings or requests for places on the day.

Please contact the school office to book your places.

Attendance/Absence and Holidays in Term Time

Attendance in school remains compulsory and our policy on attendance, reporting children's absences and holidays in term time needs to be followed. **If your child is too ill to attend school, then parents must phone the school office by 9.00am to let us know the reason why their child is not in school - unexplained absences are recorded as "unauthorised"**. If you are unable to contact the school office via phone, please email in by 9.00am with the reason for your child's absence: admin@ivington.hereford.sch.uk.

If a child is absent and we have not been informed, the school office will telephone you at home to enquire as to the child's whereabouts. This ensures that every day we can fulfil our statutory obligations in order to safely account for all the children in our care.

Our policy reflects the government's stance on holidays in term time. Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) for a leave of absence in term time, if it fulfils the local authority's criteria, will be issued by the local authority. Please can parents/carers be aware of this when booking any holidays, trips etc. Please also note that school do not benefit from these fines – they are from the local authority.

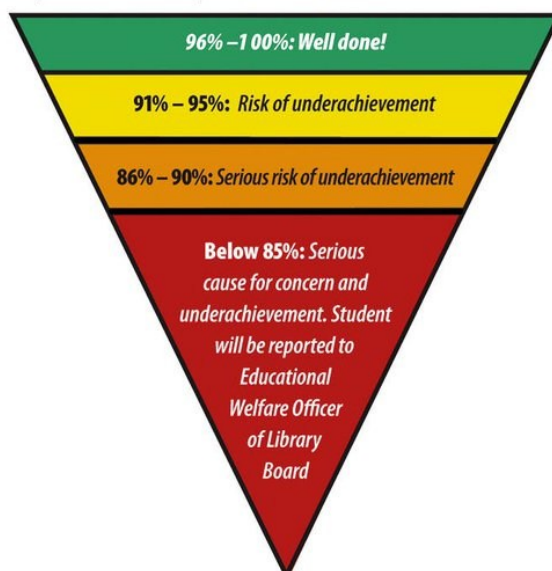
EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	EXCELLENT
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	SATISFACTORY
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	POOR
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	UNACCEPTABLE
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	UNACCEPTABLE
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	UNACCEPTABLE

For some parents 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly four school weeks.



School Uniform

As a school we are proud of our school uniform, it plays a valuable role in contributing to our school ethos and we very much appreciate your support in upholding our values; the children looked marvellous arriving at school this morning.

To confirm, uniform is as follows:

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

PE: Red T-shirt, navy hoodie, black shorts / skort / 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

A few reminders regarding uniform:

- ◆ Plain black shoes must be worn; trainers are not acceptable
- ◆ We **do not** allow the wearing of jewellery other than one pair of stud earrings (children will need to remove or cover these during PE lessons and after school sports clubs)
- ◆ Large logos and slogans are not allowed
- ◆ Please ensure that all uniform is **clearly labelled**

School Milk

If you would like your child to have milk each day. Please order through the school office, the cost this term is £25.20. Please note that milk is free if your child is under 5.

Further Correspondence you will receive during the next few days:

- ◆ This year's parent information pack.
- ◆ Your child's class welcome letter and Autumn Term Curriculum. These will provide you with detailed information regarding the topic and curriculum which your child will engage with during the Autumn Term and suggestions of how you are able to support your child from home should you wish.
- ◆ Attendance information update.
- ◆ The Autumn Term after school club letter (this letter will be sent out as soon as sessions are confirmed).

Term and Holiday Dates 2026/27

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

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

As a staff, we are extremely keen to continue to build upon our already positive partnerships between home and school, to ensure that children can thrive and make the most of their learning opportunities, if you wish to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office.

Warmest regards,

Mrs M Smith
Headteacher