

Dear Ivydale families,

Parents' evening sign up will go live tomorrow evening at 6pm and will close on Monday 10th February at 9am. Please make sure you sign up via the Arbor App.

We are always grateful for donations of OPAL play loose parts – buggies, scooters, bikes, crates, etc. We have a collection of old bikes and scooters in our sheds that we would like to repurpose for OPAL – if you have a bike or scooter in the school sheds, please remove it by Monday 27th January or it will go towards our playground provision. At the moment we are not accepting donations of second-hand books – we already have a mountain of books in our library waiting to be processed. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with this, particularly to help with backing larger books with tacky back, we would be very grateful. Please get in touch via the office if you are able to take some books home to help with this task.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to a change of date on the calendar. The annual ILOF quiz night will be on Thursday 6th March instead of 6th Feb. It gives us all a bit of extra time to revise some general knowledge ready for the event!

Many thanks for your support

Judith Lambert

Head of School

Head lice

There have been several outbreaks of head lice already this term in different year groups.

- Keeping long hair tied back at school is one way to avoid catching head lice
- If everyone checks regularly and treats affected children immediately, we can stop outbreaks spreading.
- It is important that children are checked weekly for head lice by wet combing with a fine-toothed head lice comb and lots of conditioner
- If you find any lice or nits, you can treat them by regular wet combing. If that is not effective, you may need to use medicated lotions or sprays available from a pharmacy or supermarket

The latest NHS advice for parents is here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

NHS Minor Ailment Scheme and Pharmacy First Scheme

Did you know you can now get treatment for seven common conditions directly from your local pharmacy, without the need for a GP appointment or prescription? Conditions they can offer prescription medicine for are:

- impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- urinary tract infections (UTIs) (women aged 16 to 64 years)
- shingles (aged 18 years and over)

Children, people on certain benefits and people with medical exemptions can get free medicine from a pharmacist under the Minor Ailment Scheme.



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2025

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DIARY DATES

Please note: - dates added for the first time will appear in red

Date	Time	Class	Event	Location
Monday 27 th January	All day	KS2 EHCP children	Festival of sport	Bacons College
Tuesday 28 th January	9am	China	Maths Stay and Play for Parents	China Classroom
Wednesday 29 th January	9am	Denmark	Maths Stay and Play for Parents	Denmark Classroom
Thursday 30 th January	9am	Egypt	Maths Stay and Play for Parents	Egypt Classroom
Thursday 6 th February	9am	Y3	Assembly for Parents	Bellwood Top Hall
Friday 7 th February	am	Y5	Benchball Competition	Inverton
Friday 7th February	3.20pm	All	ILOF Bake Sale	Bellwood Y1-3 Playground
Tuesday 11 th February	4-6.30pm	Y4-6	Parents' Evening	Inverton
Wednesday 12 th February	9.15-10.45am	For parents of pupils with Autism	Parenting and Autism Session	Inverton
Thursday 13 th February	9am	Y2	Assembly for Parents	Bellwood Top Hall
Thursday 13 th February	3.45-7.30pm	N-Y3	Parents' Evening	Bellwood
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February	All week	All	Half Term	
Tuesday 25 th February	3.45-6.30pm	N-Y3	Parents' Evening	Bellwood
Thursday 27 th February	4-7.30pm	Y4-6	Parents' Evening	Inverton
Friday 28 th February	am	Y2	Multiskills Competition	Bellwood
Tuesday 4th March	All day	Kenya	Trip	British Museum
Wednesday 5th March	All day	Mongolia & Latvia	Trip	British Museum
Thursday 6 th March	9am	Y4	Assembly for Parents	Inverton
Thursday 6th March NB date change!	Evening	All	ILOF Quiz Night	Inverton Main Hall
Wednesday 12 th March	9.15-10.45am	For parents of pupils with ADHD	Parenting and ADHD session	Inverton
Wednesday 19 th March	All day	Uzbekistan	Visit	Deptford Creekside
Friday 21 st March	All day	Togo	Visit	Deptford Creekside
Monday 24 th March	2:30pm	Y6	Exhibition of Work	Inverton
Tuesday 25 th March	2:45pm	France	Old toys workshop for parents	France Classroom
Wednesday 26 th March	am	China and Egypt	Theatre Trip	Unicorn Theatre
Wednesday 26 th March	2:45pm	India	Old Toys Workshop for Parents	India classroom
Friday 28 th March	am	Denmark	Theatre Trip	Unicorn Theatre
Friday 28 th March	All day	Y4, 5 & 6	Intra School PE Challenge	Inverton