



Dear Ivydale families,

As we come to the end of a very busy Autumn term, I would like to thank all of you for your support and engagement this term. It is hard to comprehend how many trips, workshops, events and activities we have packed into this term since September, on top of all the core learning that has taken place. It feels like it has been non-stop! We are looking forward to an equally exciting Spring term after a chance to recover and recharge over the holidays.


A huge thank you to ILOF for organising the Winter Festivities that took place last Thursday night. It was lovely to see so many of you there, enjoying the community spirit and raising money for the school at the same time.

Congratulations to River group, China class, Mongolia class and Togo class who all won a very special prize for their Christmas Door competition entry this week. Every child in the school contributed to the displays by learning a sewing technique and making a textile element to the decoration. It has really helped make the school look festive and cheerful.

Attached to the same email as this newsletter, you will find a FAQ Sheet that we have compiled to address the questions you raised following our meetings about the planned refurbishment project at Bellwood and the decision to consolidate the school back onto one site. The powerpoint from our meetings in March is now saved on our website. More information on the project will follow in the new year.

We are aware that for some of you the holiday period may be a challenging time, particularly given the cost of living crisis. If you are in need of food vouchers for the holiday period, please email our Pastoral Support Manager, Terri Cowdrey – tcowdrey@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk

I would like to wish you all a peaceful holiday and a happy 2025!



Many thanks for your support,
Judith Lambert
Head of School



A message from Southwark Council:

We want Southwark to be a safe place for everyone, but sadly, we know too many women don't feel safe when they're out and about on our streets.

We'd like to hear the experiences of women and girls in Southwark to understand how safe you feel living, working and travelling in our borough.

[The Women and Girls Safety Survey](#) is open until 20 February 2025, and we want to hear from as many women and girls as possible. This follows up previous surveys in 2021 and 2023.

The 2021 survey identified a number of places of particular concern, so we have also set up location-specific surveys where you can tell us about your experiences in those places. These places are:

- Peckham (Rye Lane)
- Surrey Quays (Canada Water)
- Walworth (Burgess Park)
- Tooley Street
- Elephant and Castle.

All these surveys can be found in the same place - <https://engage.southwark.gov.uk/en-GB/folders/vawgs-safety-survey-2024> - please do the main survey first, then one of the local surveys if relevant to you.

The results of these survey will help us plan community safety initiatives to tackle violence against women and girls in Southwark.



UNDER 8s & 9s GIRLS OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS

**ATHENLAY FOOTBALL CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS
IN YEARS 3 AND 4 TO JOIN A NEW U9 GIRLS TEAM.
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST ENTHUSIASM!**

**FREE WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS
FOR INTERESTED GIRLS WILL START
ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS
FROM 14TH JANUARY, 4.30-5.30PM.**

ATHENLAY FOOTBALL CLUB, HOMESTALL ROAD, SE22 ONP

DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Class	Event	Location
Monday 23 rd December - Monday 6 th January		All	Christmas Holidays	
Monday 6 th January	All day	Whole School	INSET Day - School Closed to Children	
Tuesday 7 th January	8.45am	Whole School	Start of spring Term	
Wednesday 8 th January	10am	Prospective Parents	Open Morning	Bellwood
Tuesday 14 th January	pm	Y2	Great Fire of London Workshop	Bellwood
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
Thursday 6 th February	Evening	All	ILOF Quiz Night	Inverton Main Hall
Friday 7 th February	am	Y5	Benchball Competition	Inverton
Tuesday 11 th February	4-6.30pm	Y4-6	Parents' Evening	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
Thursday 6 th February	9am	Y4	Assembly for Parents	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