

28th March 2024

Dear families

As we approach the end of term and eagerly anticipate the Easter break, I am pleased to share the latest updates and highlights from Ilsham Academy. Our students and staff have shown incredible dedication, embodying our school values every step of the way. Let's celebrate our achievements and look forward to a well-deserved break.

Stronger Together

Parent Partnership

We are thrilled to celebrate the strong partnership between parents and the school community here at Ilsham Academy. Recently, some parents joined us for an open classroom event to celebrate home learning achievements, demonstrating their active involvement in their child's education. Additionally, many parents participated in our times tables workshop, engaging with Miss Grimes, our school Maths Lead, to gain insights into our teaching approaches and explore collaborative opportunities. Thank you to all parents for your continued support and dedication to our students' success.

Sense of Belonging

Easter Service

We're delighted to share the joyous celebration of our Easter Service, held on Monday at Ilsham Academy. Children filled the atmosphere with beautiful songs and heartfelt poetry readings, complemented by the charming Easter gardens on display and the cheerful Easter bonnets adorning their heads. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents for their unwavering support and enthusiastic engagement in this special event. Special thanks to our dedicated staff for their commitment to empowering children and fostering a sense of community spirit. We also express our appreciation to St. Matthias Church for their ongoing partnership and support. Together, we create memorable experiences for our students that foster joy, creativity, and spiritual growth.



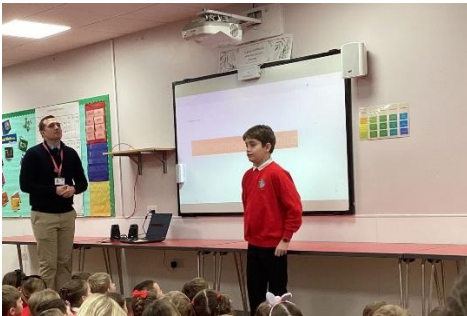
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FLOURISHING FUTURES

Removing Barriers

We are incredibly proud to highlight the remarkable courage and inspiration demonstrated by one of our Year 6 students, Charlee, here at Ilsham Academy. Charlee exemplifies our school values by advocating for support for the charity Smile, working tirelessly to remove barriers for other children. Recently, Charlee prepared a heartfelt presentation, sharing his passion with the entire school community. We are excited to announce that Charlee is organising an upcoming event after Easter to raise funds for this worthy cause. Let's rally behind Charlee and show our support for their dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.



Realising the Possible

In the pictures below, you'll find a vibrant tapestry of the incredible experiences our children have encountered just in the Spring term alone. From immersive learning adventures to joyful moments of creativity and discovery, these snapshots capture the essence of our students' enriching journey at Ilsham Academy.



Brian Pollard visit for Art



Introduction of new clubs for our children



Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra



Choir performances



An extraordinary amount of author visits



Residential



Y3/4 and Y5/6 football team fixtures



Climate change workshops for all children



Road safety talk for KS1



Y4/5 Legally Blonde Spies visit



Introduction of Reach Outdoors



Kinetic cluster team building



World Book Day and Number Day





School discos



Ongoing sessions with Turning

Enjoy the Easter break,
Mr Grinsill and The Ilsham Team

School Awards

Class	 Star of the Week	 Presentation Award
Willows	All the Willows for working so hard this term and being such a wonderful, kind and caring class.	Leon, for always taking his time and care in his drawing, colouring and in his models he makes.
Rowans	All of the Rowans demonstrated exemplary behaviour during our school trip and truly represented our school with pride. It was wonderful to see them showing genuine awe and wonder as we explored the museum.	Martha - for proving, drawing or explaining your methods when solving problems in maths.
Beeches	Poppy – excellent reading and understanding of learning.	Matilda – beautiful presentation across the curriculum.
Maples	Ethan – outstanding behaviour and exemplifying our school values on our school trip.	Indie – brilliant sewing in Design and Technology lessons.
Hollies	Mason - taking care over his work ensuring it is the best it can be.	Ryan - who has been working on his letter size and spacing.
Oaks	William R - showing brilliant focus and increased speed during our mathematics assessment.	Harvey - presenting every piece of work in his excellent joined writing.
Monkey Puzzles	Faith – consistent effort and attitude to all learning.	Jacob – consistent and high quality presentation of work across the curriculum.

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance %
The Willows	100
The Rowans	92.2
The Beeches	94.4
The Maples	96.9
The Hollies	97.9
The Oaks	99.5
The Monkey Puzzles	94.6
Whole School	96.5

Diary Dates

First week
back after hols

18th April - Phonics Screening Check Parent Workshop, 2.40pm

18th April x 5 weeks (Thursdays) - Year 5 Swimming

22nd - 25th April - Year 5 Bikeability Level 2

17th May - School Choir performs at the Devon County Show

10th and 11th June - PTFA Superhero Stall for Father's Day

4th July – Y6 Secondary Schools Transition Day

19th July - PTFA Summer Fair at St Matthias Church