



INIS Newsletter

September 2023 - Issue 1 Head Teacher Welcome



Mrs Marshall- HeadTeacher

Welcome to all our returning families and also to our new families. We have had a fantastic start to the new school year. We welcomed two new teachers to our school Miss Baker in Year One and Miss Basnett in Year Two. The children are all settling well and getting used to their new classes, teachers and TAs. I will be out and about at the beginning and end of the day to meet children and parents, either in the playground or at one of the gates. We always value your views and are keen to work with all our families. We had our Ofsted inspection at the end of the school term in July. We hope that the report will be out next week, so we can share with all our families.

Meet the teaching team

We want you to be able to easily contact your child's class teacher. You can talk on the door, if you both have time, phone the school on **01933 654900** to make an appointment or email on the class email address. Teachers may not get back to you straight away as they may be teaching, have training, preparation to do or be doing something else with their own family but they will get back to you usually within a couple of working days.

Contact Emails for teachers

Nursery

Mrs Luke - Nursery Lead Teacher

bluegroup@iflt.org.uk

Mrs Underwood

yellowgroup@iflt.org.uk

Miss Knibb

greenegroup@iflt.org.uk

Year One

Miss Smart

pandaclass@iflt.org.uk

Miss Baker

dolphinclass@iflt.org.uk

Mrs Steventon

lionclass@iflt.org.uk

Reception

Mrs Hurley - Year R Lead teacher

monkeyclass@iflt.org.uk

Miss Paige

leopardclass@iflt.org.uk

Mrs Grocock and Mrs Mason

llamaclass@iflt.org.uk

Year Two

Miss Lees - KS1 Lead teacher

penguinclass@iflt.org.uk

Miss Garrett

slothclass@iflt.org.uk

Miss Stewart

elephantclass@iflt.org.uk

Miss Basnett

tigerclass@iflt.org.uk

Upcoming Dates



[Click here for a full calendar of dates](#)

20th September - National fitness Day- activities in school.

21st September - Pyjama day - Children in Reception classes wear PJs. Please ensure your child has outside shoes as they will still be having an active day.

3rd October 9am and 5.45pm - Phonics and reading workshop for Reception parents. This is an important meeting to discuss the learning style, support and expectations for reading in Reception.

26th September 3.15pm- PTA meeting all welcome. Come to the main office.

27th September - Book a Kingswood lunch if you haven't already for a special Superhero lunch on **5th October**. Children will be eating their school lunches with their teachers on this day.

Reception 2024

If you have a child ready to start school in September 2024 please come on a school visit. These are small group tours for parents (with or without children). The visits are with the head teacher so parents can ask questions and find out information about the school.

Tuesday 26th September @ 10:30

Thursday 5th October @ 13:30

Monday 9th October @ 10:00

Thursday 19th October @ 10:00

Thursday 2nd November @ 16:30

You may also see Mrs Parsons-Moore and Mrs Morris in Nursery, particularly on a Monday when Mrs Luke doesn't work.

You can contact Mrs Marshall, the head teacher through the office email

INISoffice@iflt.org.uk

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the school on 01933654900, the local authority following the link [report a concern](#) or NSPCC [report a concern to NSPCC](#)



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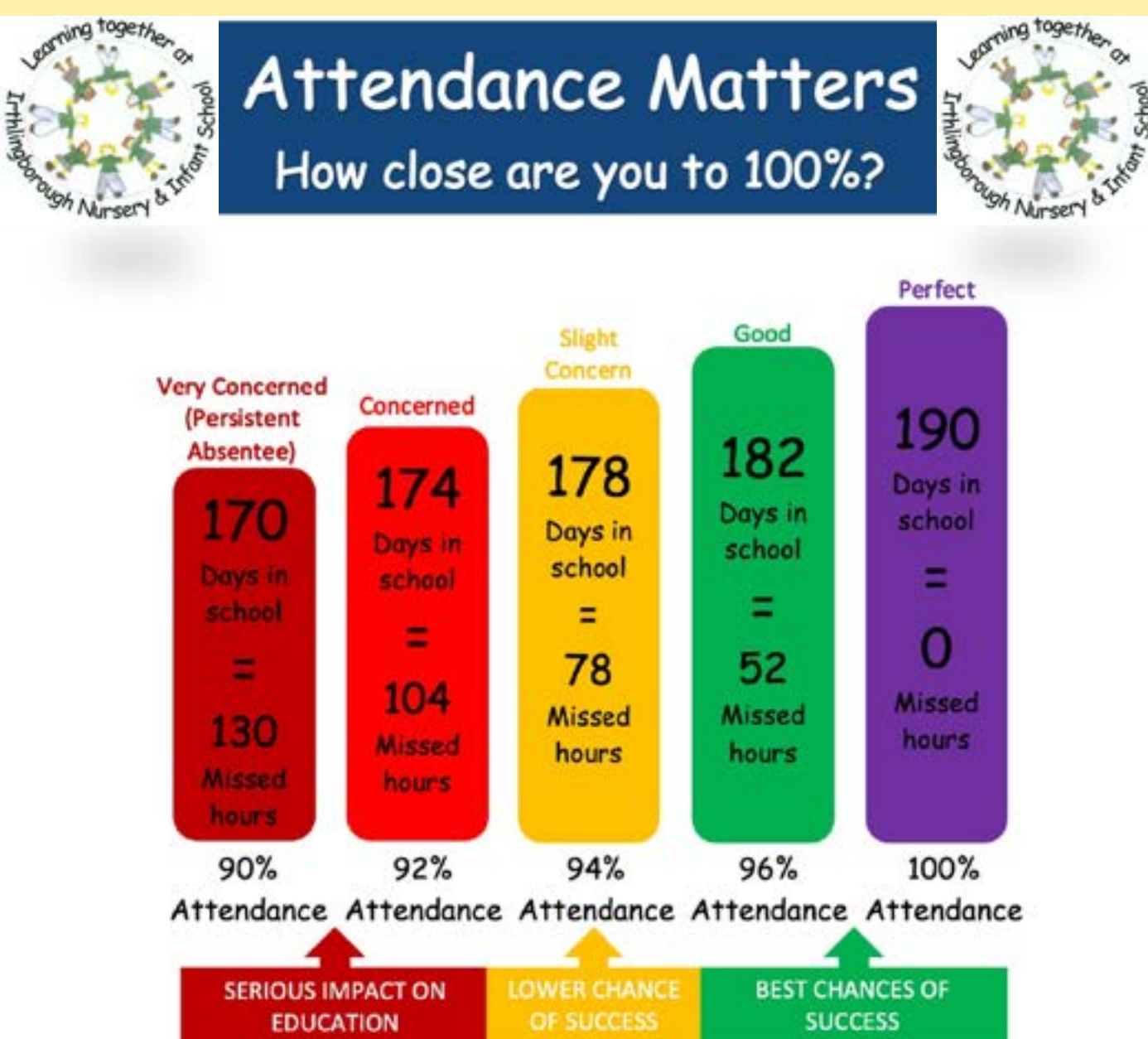


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Attendance is important

- If your child is unwell, please inform the office by 9.00am on the days that they are absent. There is an absence answer phone on option 1 when you call or press 2 to speak to Miss Parker after 8:15am. Our phone number is 01933 654900.
- If your child is regularly absent due to a medical condition, you will need to bring in medical proof to support the absence.
- Please avoid making routine dental/medical appointments for your child during the school day; if an appointment is absolutely necessary, please show your appointment card (preferably in advance) to the office as evidence for this absence.
- Holidays during term time will not be authorised. School does need to be informed of any absences, please ask the office for a form if you have a planned absence coming up.
- Any unauthorised absences such as holidays, may result in an immediate penalty notice of £60 per parent per child from Northamptonshire's Educational Improvement and Partnership Team. The Local Authority have become stricter recently.
- If your child's attendance falls below 90%, the school may invite you to a meeting to discuss this.
- If you have concerns about getting your child to school please phone the school office to talk to one of our supportive family workers, Mrs Cummins or Mrs Richardson.



How can you help your child's attendance?

- Develop good sleep and morning routines.
- Be firm: send your child to school every day, unless they are sick.
- Be reassured that teachers will contact you if your child is too poorly to be in school.
- Schedule appointments such as routine dental checks and extra-curricular activities outside of school times.
- Not taking holidays during term time.
- Seek help early before your concerns become serious.
- Talk to staff about any issues getting your child to school as they may be able to support.

Parent Governor

We are looking for a new parent governor to join our strong dedicated team. If you are interested in education and providing the best for local children, have capacity for at least six evening meetings starting at 5.45pm and day time school visits please apply now by filling in the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/LkXwyvt0qS>

Did you know?

When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves
- Learn how to be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

A two-week holiday in term-time means the **highest** attendance your child can get is **94.7%**. This is 65 hours of missed school time.

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Cleaning position

We are looking for a wonderful cleaner to join our fantastic team at INIS. This is a vital role in our school and will be mainly working in our nursery. We can offer you a friendly team and a worthwhile role. For more information on how to apply please follow [this link](#). This could either be an early morning role or after school role. If you know of someone this may suit, please forward the information.

Dogs are not allowed on site

We love dogs at INIS but unfortunately we can't allow dogs on site other than our Reading Dogs which have been risk assessed and assistance dogs. If you have an assistance dog we would ask on it's first visit to school it comes to meet the head teacher and she will take the necessary paperwork.



We look forward to Star and Monty joining for some reading sessions this term.

Starting school checklist

- A named drinking bottle for water.
- All uniform to be named, we have lots of children wearing the same things! It is vital children's names are in their clothes.
- School book bag for reading books, information and work to come home to you. (No large Key rings on bags please)
- PE kit - Year One and Two need both indoor and outdoor kit.
- Sign up to Kingswood Catering even if you don't use it everyday.
- Know the name of your child's class teacher and class animal.
- Ensure the office have the correct phone number, address and email. All our letters go via email so it is vital this is correct.
- Clothing appropriate to the weather as we go outside every day.
- Appropriate shoes for active play.



If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen. Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900.



Mrs Parsons- Moore



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Luke



Mrs Cummins



Miss Ratcliffe



Mrs Richardson

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays or weekends, please contact the local authority on 0300 126 7000 or phone 999, if you feel the child is in immediate harm.

Games and Puzzles

If anyone has any old games and puzzles that they are looking to rehome, we are always very grateful for donations in school. These will be used for playtimes.

Snack money (Reception, Year One, Year Two)

We ask for a voluntary contribution of just £10 per long term or £30 per year to help buy snacks such as plain biscuits, bread sticks, ingredients for cooking, treats. We try and ask for very little other funds unless it is for a charity, such as our own PTA, Children in Need, Red Nose Day, Cransley Hospice etc. It is an important funding stream for those classroom resources and snacks to help children remain focused. We offer the children daily fruit and water too.

Half term = £7

Whole Autumn term = £10

Whole year = £30



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Ten Books for Autumn Term

Nursery's
Ten Books for Autumn



Reception's
Ten Books for Autumn



Year One's
Ten Books for Autumn



Year Two's
Ten Books for Autumn



Each year group has carefully selected 10 high quality books to share in class and for the children to read independently as they become more familiar with the stories.

For Spring term we will be asking for donations on our Amazon wish list so we can have ten new books per class.

Volunteer Readers - We need you!

We need ten volunteer readers to work with each class in school. We will offer training and support for our helpers. We need our volunteers to be able to commit to a regular half a day a week, to provide consistency for the children and staff. Please email the office if you are interested at INISoffice@iflt.org.uk. We would love Mums, Dads, Grandparents to be involved in school life if they have the time. We follow safer recruitment guidelines for our volunteers as we do with our staff.

Reading at School

All our children will be learning to read at school. The children start a formal phonics programme straight away in Reception to support their word decoding knowledge and we extend the learning as they move through the school. Our nursery children start with the pure phonics skills so they are ready to move quickly forward when they start school. With the Essential Letters and Sounds Phonics programme fully embedded across Reception and Year One, we have recently looked at how our zipper/key words support the children's learning. Moving forward, at the start of each half term, children will be given a list of the 'Harder to Read and Spell words' that are covered in that half term for children to practise reading at home. These words will also be covered as part of Phonics and Reading sessions and the aim is that, with practise, the children will recognise the words by sight. This will help with the children's confidence, skills and love of reading. It is really important to share books with your child at home. We love reading at INIS!

Remember to follow us on X formally know as Twitter, look out for:

@inisnursery
@inisreception
@inisyear1
@inisyear2
@inisMrsMarshall





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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Rocket League and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VO247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



Source: <https://hipat.app/about/privacy.html>

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.



How do I apply for Pupil Premium to support my child at school?

We urge parents to check if they are entitled to Pupil Premium in these difficult times where the cost of living has risen dramatically. This could help your child at school!

[To apply for Pupil Premium please complete the online form:](#)

Contact

To contact the Pupil Premium team the best and quickest way is to pop them an email to freeschoolmeals@northamptonshireschoolmeals.hire.gov.uk They aim to respond in no longer than 3 working days.

Please check this out as soon as possible as it can help your child at school and can help pay for things like uniform and school photos which are coming up soon!!





Nursery places available
for September 2023!
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Order a lunch on by 27th September and have lunch on 5th October with your teachers! Share your lunch with our very own super heroes!!



Northampton Bike Park to celebrate one year with free birthday event

Northampton Bike Park is turning one this month. To celebrate the special milestone an open day is happening on **Saturday the 23rd** September at the park on Eagle Drive Northampton NN4 7DU.

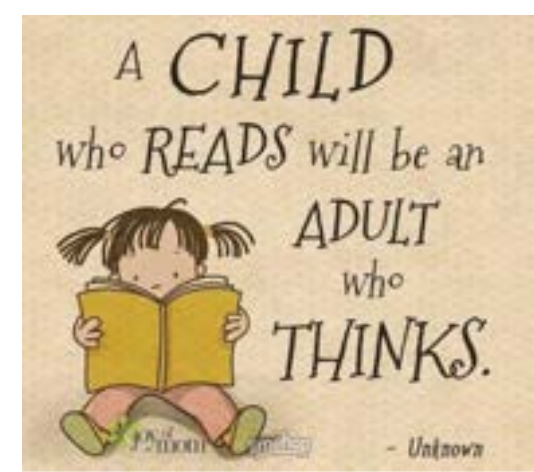
During the day, there will be free coaching sessions, bike maintenance workshops and fun races for juniors. The event is free to attend, the only charge is for car parking, which along with donations, fund the running and upkeep of the park.

The event takes place from 9.30 am until 3.30 pm and welcomes both beginners and experienced cyclists to join the celebrations.

Happening on the day

- Specialist mountain bike demonstrations.
- Big Bike Revival – Free bike fixing sessions. Prior booking is essential, book your place
- Free adult and junior coaching sessions run all day. The sessions are offered on a first come, first served basis and can be booked on the day, booking opens at 10 am.
- Junior fun races, with trophies and prizes.
- Rides led by expert coaches.

[For more information check out the website here](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk)





OUR SCHOOL RULES



IRTHLINGBOROUGH NURSERY
AND INFANT SCHOOL



Ready

To be ready to
learn and play.

Respectful

To respect people,
animals, environments
and property.

Safe

To keep ourselves
and others safe.