



INIS Newsletter

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Head Teacher Update

I am very pleased to welcome our new children and parents who will be joining us, September 2022 in Reception. We will be arranging visits to the school and play sessions for the children to start meeting each other very soon. We have packs of information, book bags and opportunities to see the school all coming up soon.

I hope all our families enjoyed the Spring break and that some of you were able to complete some of the family challenges!

An exciting start to the term!

The children have come back to school very settled and ready to learn. All our parents should be very proud of their children!



Nursery are learning all about nature and beginning to develop their fine motor skills in writing, drawing and painting. They are having fun in Forest School and loving listening to lots of different stories.



Reception are enjoying finding out about living things and have been fascinated by the chicks that they have seen hatching. I've seen some amazing drawings of the chicks, labelling the body parts and information writing about the eggs and chicks.

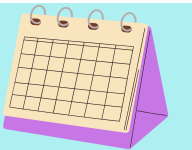


Year One have had an exciting start to the term with a mystery! Mr Wynn shared some photos from our CCTV of dinosaurs in school over the Spring break! The children looked for evidence and actually found dinosaur poo in the playground. The children used scientific techniques to find out whether the dinosaurs that had come to visit were carnivores or herbivores! We have some amazing palaeontologists!

Year Two are looking at history makers and finding out all about characters such as Guy Fawkes and Malala Yousafzai. They will also be investigating what elements are required for plants to live, grow and thrive, using their scientific skills. They have also enjoyed forest bathing and exploring nature!



Upcoming Dates



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

Thank you to those parents who attended our workshops this week.

- 25th April - SATs workshop for Year Two parents at 6pm
- 26th April - SATs workshop for Year Two parents at 9am
- **School discos**
- 21st April - Year Two
- **28th April - Year One**
- **5th May - Reception**

Dates for New Reception children to visit our nature area.

- **9th May 2022**
- 9.45-10.45am
- 11.15-12.15pm
- 1.45-2.45pm

- **16th May 2022**
- 9.45-10.45am
- 11.15-12.15pm
- 1.45-2.45pm

Please phone the school office to book a session for yourself and your child on 01933 654900

Keep the Date

Friday 10th June will be our Summer Fair, Arts Week Parade and Jubilee celebration. It's going to be a busy day!!



You can support the people of Ukraine by donating through Just Giving to Action Aid, who will ensure help gets to the right people, in the right place at the right time. Please follow the link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/inis-ukrainesupport>



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SATs parent workshop

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our workshop on SATs or Standard Attainment Tests. We hope that you got an understanding of the kinds of assessments teachers will be making of all the children as they near the end of Key Stage One, ready for their journey into Key Stage Two at Junior School. We are very happy to help with any questions that you may have. We have loaded the presentation onto the website so parents can see what was presented if they were unable to attend.

We really do keep these assessments low key so not to worry the children as the tests in Maths and English are only one part of the information the teachers use.

• What are end of key stage one assessments?

What you might know as SATs or Standard Attainment Tests, are national curriculum tests that are usually taken by children at the end of key stage one. These are just part of the picture.

- All children are assessed during the last term of year 2 to judge what they have learned over the course of key stage one (years 1 and 2).
- Teachers judge whether each child in their class has achieved the expected standards for the end of key stage one.
- Teachers will use a range of evidence to support their judgements, including the children's results in their national curriculum tests, as well as independent work in class.
- Teachers will judge what a child is able to do independently and align this with the national expectations for a child at the end of key stage one.

What are children tested on?

Maths

Paper 1 - Arithmetic

Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, including finding fractions.

Paper 2 - Reasoning

Solving problems and reasoning.

English Reading

Both reading papers contain a variety of texts which increase in difficulty. Paper 2 is more challenging than paper 1.

Paper 1

Short sections of text for the children to read with questions underneath for them to answer.

Paper 2

A reading booklet with texts and a question booklet to record answers in.

You will find out the results of all the Key Stage One assessments in the end of the year School Report. If you have any questions please ask your child's class teacher.

We are proud of the achievements each child makes everyday!

• How can I help my child?

Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time, have a good breakfast and arrive at school on time every day.

Listen to your child read daily. Ask questions and talk about what they have read. Make sure they understand what they are reading.

Use online activities like **Reading Eggs**, **Times Tables Rockstars**, **One Minute Maths app** to practise skills at home.

Support your child to complete any home learning tasks, such as **spelling activities**, **reading comprehensions** and **maths sheets**.

Please follow the link for more information on our website



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The INIS PTA update

Thank you to all of those families who joined in our local Easter Egg hunt and found out the secret words from the letters they found. The children had a great time and have talked about it in school. They loved just being around their fantastic local area! We are very lucky to have such beautiful countryside so close to us all.

The PTA have a number of events planned for the rest of the term. The discos are continuing with Year One this week and Reception next week. A huge thank you goes out to the PTA and the volunteer DJs who have done an amazing job of making these fantastic fun events.

Please keep 10th June free for our Jubilee Parade and our after school summer fair. If you can help please email our Chair of the PTA at Jennie.gimmi@iflt.org.uk all support is greatly appreciated.

We will be selling second hand uniform on the new Reception Nature Area Sessions and handing out new book bags and information packs to our new children on these days.

You will be seeing results of the hard work and all the fund raising when we get some new play equipment in the summer term- it's very exciting!!

Stranger acting suspiciously

We have had reports of a male stranger acting suspiciously after school on the recreation park near school. This has been reported to the Police and Huxlow as the children involved were teenagers, however I wanted parents just to be extra vigilant if children are playing at the park. The children were not harmed but felt uncomfortable with the attention from an older man. Please ensure you report any suspicious behaviour directly to the police. Thank you we want to keep all our children safe.

Look out for the Golden Awards that your child can achieve!

Please ask your child what they did to get their Golden Note.



If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, this is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and her deputies.

Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900

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If you have any safeguarding concerns please use the links on the bottom of the newsletter.



The School **raised** £120 for our Express Yourself Day, £260 for the NSPCC and £170 for Red Nose Day! Great Charity support parents - Thank you!



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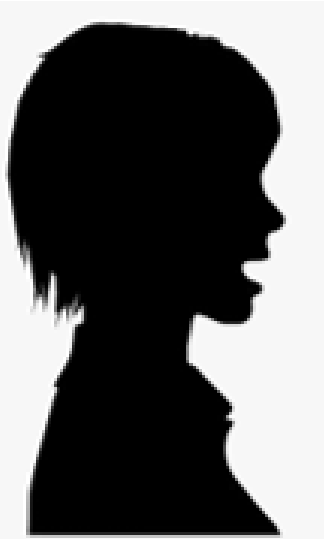
Information about additional support for children and families



We are given additional money, called the **Pupil Premium Grant**, by the Government to support pupils who are, or have been, eligible for this grant. This is for pupils of all abilities to help them to reach their full potential.

This is different to the free school meals that all Reception, Year One and Year Two children get.

If you need any support with this, please contact the school office, we will be happy to help.



Am I eligible?

If you are receiving **any one of the awards** listed below then you are eligible for the pupil premium grant:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit

The voucher **can be used to pay for:**

- Trips and visits
- Payment for clubs
- Uniform such as a new sweatshirts/cardigans or PE T-shirts (£30 maximum).
- Books from the [school book fair](#) (maximum £20).
- School milk (if your child is over 5 years of age).
- School photographs (maximum £20)
- Snack

What can I use the voucher for?



Apply now!

https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_the_pupil_premium_NNC

The funding we then get in school will help support your child through additional support and resources in class. This may be additional reading or specific programmes to individually support your child's learning. Once you have applied and you are eligible the fund lasts for six years even if your circumstances change. If they don't change you can apply again in six years time, for continued support for your child. You need to apply for each child you have in school.

What next?

You will get an immediate answer, and if eligible, the school will be informed via a confidential system and the additional funding will be awarded to the school to help benefit your child and their education.

We are having photos and videos made by a professional company to improve our website and school information. Please phone the office if you have said that you do not want your child on the website or in school publicity but you would like them to be involved in this exciting project. The company will be filming on the 3rd and 5th of May. Look out for emails regarding this project!

