



INIS Newsletter

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Head Teacher Update

We have had a busy half term with our Year Two children working really hard on their Reading and Maths SATs papers. The children actually really enjoyed doing the "special work for the Junior School". We are very proud of how hard the children tried. The tests are only one part of the evidence we use to make the final teacher assessments. These end of year assessments will appear on the Year Two children's reports. You will see if your child has met the expected standards, working towards the standards or are showing evidence of working at Greater Depth.

Welcome to our September starters!



We have been welcoming our new Reception children into school with sessions in our nature area, to meet new friends and some of the teachers. The children enjoyed a story, working with clay and making their own crowns from nature!

We also went on a bear hunt and found lovely cuddly bears at the end!



The children will have more opportunities to see the classrooms and meet the teachers later in the term.



All the children in school will have an opportunity to spend time with their new teachers on Thursday 30th June.



Nursery will be closed for usual sessions on 30th June as the children will have time in their new reception classes and our new nursery children will be invited for some short play sessions with their parents.



Our current Reception children will move to Year One and our Year Twos will have time at IJS.

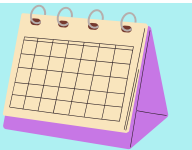


Before the transition day, on 30th June, the Year Two children will meet their new teachers from IJS in their INIS classrooms.

We will start looking at classes for September after the half term break.



Upcoming Dates



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

Afternoon Tea

We will be having an afternoon tea, hopefully in the playground for all our children on Friday 27th May. **We ask all our children to wear something red, white or blue (Or all three!)**

We return to school on Tuesday 7th June.

- Dates for **New Reception children** to come to see our school and playground with their parents!
- **16th June**
- **23rd June 2022**
- 3.40pm - 4:10pm
- 4.15pm - 4.45pm
- Classrooms visits - you will be emailed with a time. These visits will be after the end of the school day.
- **30th June - Transition Day, Nursery is closed all day** with visits only being arranged for Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One.

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

Transition day for all children on 30th June.

Please note all usual nursery sessions will be cancelled on this day.

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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Phonics Screening

The Year One children and some of the Year Two children will be taking part in the Statutory phonics screening at the beginning of June. Please see the information below and how to help at home to support your child's learning. The children will be sent home activities to boost their skills over the holidays. The children have to retake the screening in Year Two if they do not make the pass mark in Year One. The children have been working hard on their phonics all year. This screening will help teachers plan for their continued learning.

A Guide for Parents... Year One Phonics Screening Check

What is Phonics?

Children begin to learn phonics (sounds) in Early Years both Nursery and Reception. Once children begin learning sounds, these sounds are used orally to identify and make words. They will then begin to learn the letters which make each of the sounds and these are used to read and spell words.

For this reason, the first initial sounds that are taught are 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n'. These can immediately be blended for reading to make simple CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant) e.g. sat, pin. Children then develop segmenting for writing skills; breaking the word into sounds to spell it out.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before.

Headteachers should decide whether it is appropriate for each of their pupils to take the phonics screening check. The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

What Happens During the Screening?

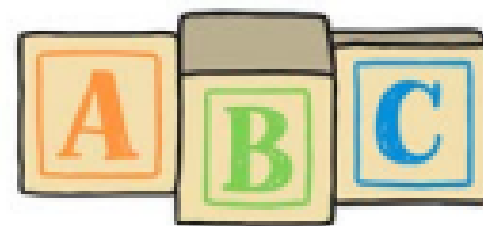
The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

Pseudo Words (Nonsense Words)

The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the pseudo word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have. Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.

Reporting to Parents

By the end of the summer term all schools must report each child's results to their parents. They will also confirm if the child has met the standard threshold. Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2.



How Are the Results Used?

Results from the check will be used by schools to analyse their own performance and for Ofsted to use in inspections.

“ Read as much as possible to and with your child. ”

How Can I Help My Child at Home?

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.
- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise – get them to have a 'good guess'.
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right.
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each one, e.g. /c/ in cat, /p/ in pat, /ng/ in sing, /ee/ in been.
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.

Head Lice

Please be aware that we have had a number of recent cases of head lice. Please ensure that you treat the whole family to help stop the head lice spreading. For more information follow the link. [Head Lice Information](#)

You will find out the results of all the Key Stage One assessments and Phonics screening in the end of the year School Report. If you have any questions please ask your child's class teacher. All teachers assess the children to support their learning.

We are proud of the achievements each child makes everyday!

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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The INIS PTA update

Please continue to support our PTA! They are organising the first large event for quite a while. We have our Summer Fair on Friday 10th June. We will start the fair straight after school.

The week beginning 7th June (We come back to school on the Tuesday), we have planned an arts week. It will be based around Royal Art, The Jubilee and British Art. The children will be involved in a parade around school to show off some of their art work and the T-shirts they have been designing.

You are all invited to come and watch! We are so happy to be able to invite parents, grandparents and family members to celebrate the great art work the children will do! We then ask you to stay for our summer fair and join in the PTA fun. Please keep **10th June free** for our Arts Parade and after school the summer fair. If you can help please email our Chair of the PTA at Jennie.gimmi@iflt.org.uk all support is greatly appreciated.

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!! **Work will start on July 11th for our new play equipment.**

Thank you for all your donations for our summer fair!



Parent Survey

We had a fantastic response to our parent survey with over 195 responses, giving us some great information. The main points were that 100% of parents would recommend INIS to others, communication was seen as very good, teaching and progress of the children was very good and most importantly children enjoy coming into school and feel safe. We have responded to parents views by trying to add more information to Facebook, we are looking again at our reading communication as some parents preferred the pre Covid written reading record books and some parents wanted more homework. We are reviewing what homework we feel will support learning. Please see some of the responses below, the scores are the average out of 4 stars.

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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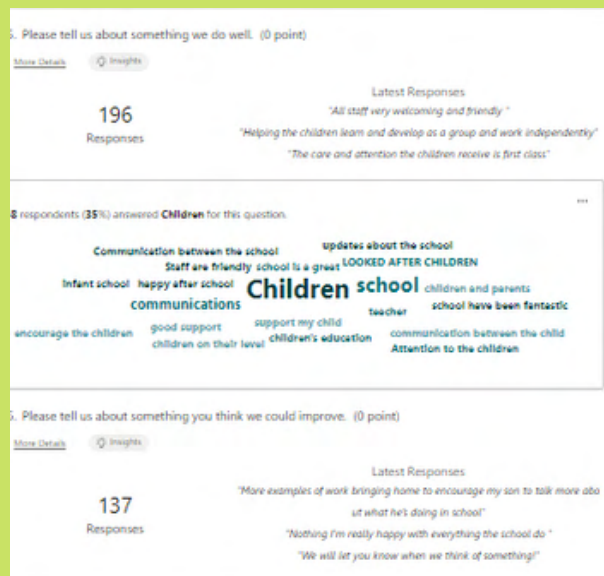
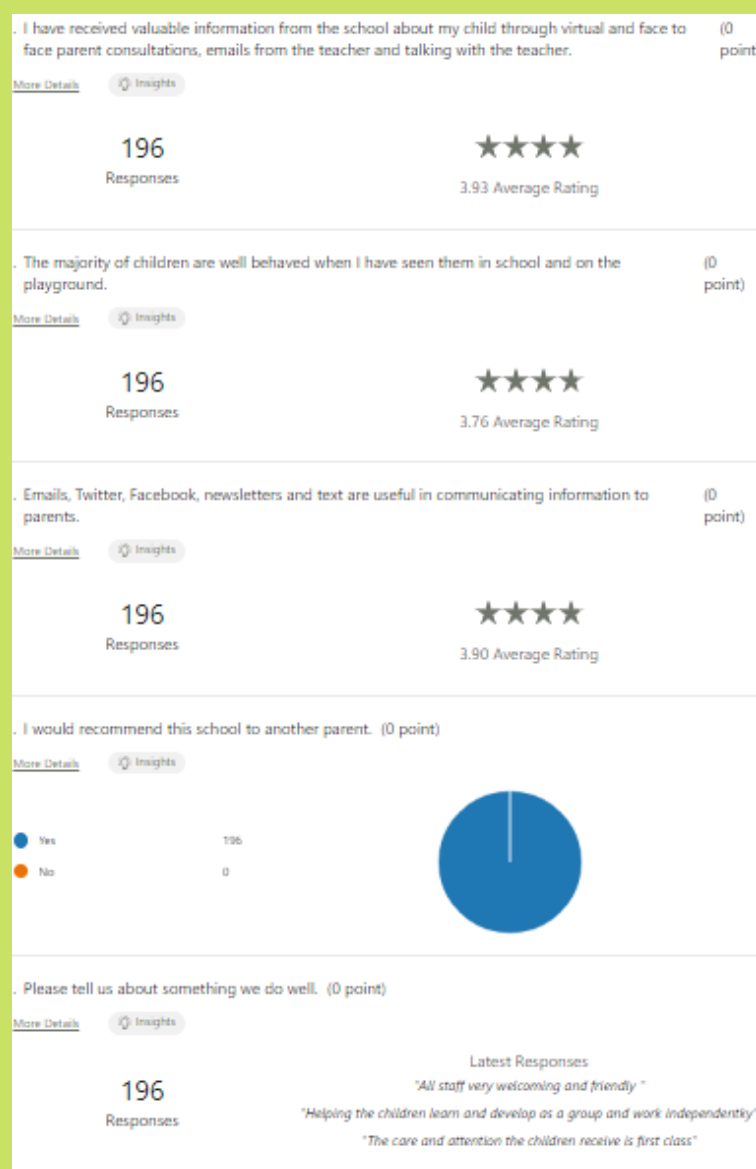
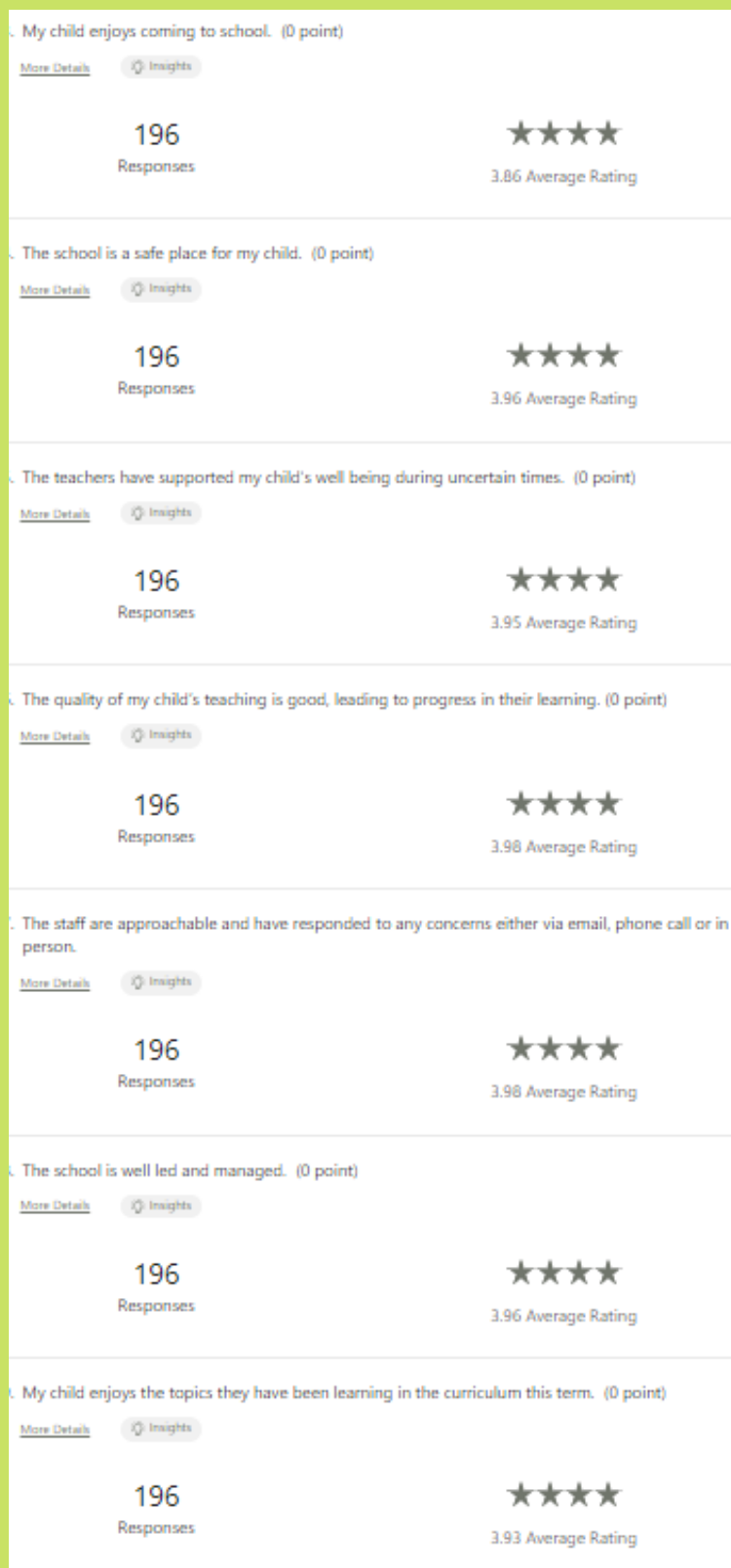


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Parent Survey feedback



Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey. We will work to make improvements as your child is the heart of our school. Your views are important to us.

Apply now for Pupil Premium- this could help support your child!
https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_the_pupil_premium_NNC

The funding we 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.

Hope for Families

We will be working with Hope for Families to deliver some online course for parents in the Summer and Autumn term. Please have a look at some of the courses they offer. We think they will be very useful for parents. [Link to courses](#)



Year Two children have completed their SATs tests and have really tried their best! We ensured they had time to challenge their physical and social skills at the park, after they finished!



JUBILEE HOLIDAY CLUB!

Our popular holiday club sessions are back this half term!
Come and join our amazing coaches in our exciting facility.
Have fun learning new skills, playing games and making friends!



MAY HALFTERM!

9:00AM-12:30PM

Monday 30th May
Tuesday 31st May
Wednesday 1st June

£20 PER DAY



Sign up at matrixga.co.uk
Or email
Matrixga.info@gmail.com

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Community Project

We were honoured to take part in a joint project with The Irthlingborough Flower Shop. Children from across the school walked into town and helped plant some fantastic flowers for a display on the corner of Victoria Street and High Street. The children had to work together and co-operate to ensure the plants were carefully planted in the correct positions. We were so proud of each and every one of them. They were so polite and helpful a true credit to our school and the local community!



New photos and filming project

Here are just a few of the photos that were taken by Pete our super photographer. We will have some interviews and 360 photos of the classrooms for parents to view on our website soon.



Our Amazing Choir



Our choir led by Mrs Mason and Miss Stewart, have been fantastic. They have worked so hard practising in their choir sessions after school but also at lunchtimes on some days to get ready for the competition. The children were up against year six children! They sang beautifully and the judges comments were very complimentary, when they announced the INIS Choir as the winners! The children have sung in assembly and we hope they will sing at our school tea party on Friday.

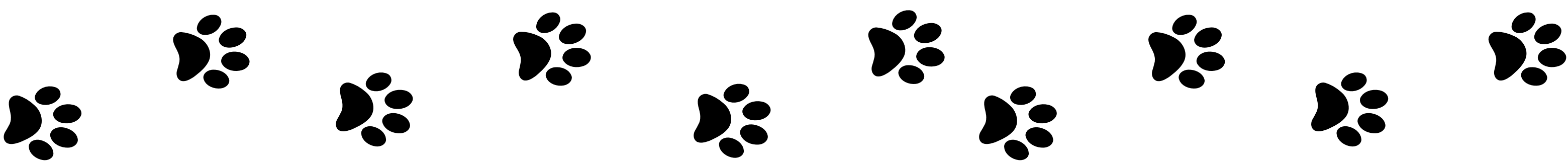


Wear red, white and blue on Friday 27th May



Look out for the bears.....

Coming
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