Iver Heath Junior School Newsletter

My goodness, I don't know how but we have packed so much into our final full week of the 2025-26 academic year. Year 5 had a trip to RHS Wisley; Year 3 had an activity day on our field completing a wide range of outdoor activities and a picnic; Year 4 had a DT day where they made the most amazing mini greenhouses, although some were not so mini! And Year 6 gave us the most incredible end of year performance of *The Pirates of the Curry Bean*. The children certainly made some memories this week. And not forgetting last Friday's Sports Day, which everyone agrees was the best Sport's Day that any of us can remember. The children were amazing; they competed brilliantly but also demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship. It was truly a day to be proud; especially for the winning house: Oak—well-done to them for a super performance. There are so many photographs of our recent activities, far too many to put on a newsletter. Photographs will be uploaded onto our school website very soon so please keep a lookout and enjoy seeing your wonderful children learning and having fun.

As this is our last newsletter, there are some people we need to recognise.

Coach Noyce has been, hands-down, the BEST coach that we have ever had here at IHJS, and we have had a few over the years! He quickly established himself as, not only an excellent sports coach but a valued member of the IHJS team and a person who is clearly very popular indeed with our children. His coaching goes beyond merely sports to include sportsmanship, healthy relationships and courage, to name a few. We are indebted to his commitment to the whole IHJS school community and wish him well in his travels and his future. Coach Noyce will be succeeded by Coach Kightley, who has been his coaching partner this year and is also a qualified coach herself. She will be supported by LSAs during PE lessons next year. We are of course sad to see Coach go but are excited for what the future holds for him as he travels to the other side of the world.

GOOD LUCK Coach and THANK YOU!

Another person who will be sorely missed in the IHJS community is Mrs. Ruffell. She has been integral in shaping the way for IHJS to move forward for over 10 years now and has been one of the most popular members of staff ever at our school. Her hard work and dedication to teaching, leading and building this community is valued by every member from young to old. As you well know, she is a person who puts her heart and soul into her role of shaping young lives and teaching them not only academically but also many valuable life lessons too. But our lives change and hers did when she married the love of her life and had baby Jack. Her decisions now have to include what is best for her family and so she is moving to a school much closer to home and taking a very well-earned break from leadership, although something tells me that she will still work hard and put as much commitment into her role as she has done for us here. We are happy for Jack, that he will see much more of his precious mummy even though we will all shed more than a tear when she leaves us on Tuesday. This really is the most bitter sweet parting. Good luck teacher, leader, friend, mentor, supporter and carer.

Thank you for your heart and your skill Mrs. Ruffell.

And lastly, I have to say a HUGE thank you to all of the IHJS community. You have been a massive part of my own life for 12 years now. I have learned as much as I have taught. I have been led as much as I have led. I have valued every minute of my time here. This is an exceptional community with exceptional talent and character and I want to say THANK YOU for allowing me to be a part of who you are and blessing my life.

I will miss you all.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21st July:

- 9.30am: prizegiving ceremony—invited parents only.
- End of 2025-26 academic year
- School closes at 2pm.

Tuesday 1st September: INSET Day

Wednesday 2nd September: INSET Day

Thursday 3rd September:

- Children return to school 8.45am
- Walk you child to class morning—come in and help your child find their peg, tray and seat, give them a hug & then leave them safe in the hands of their new teachers

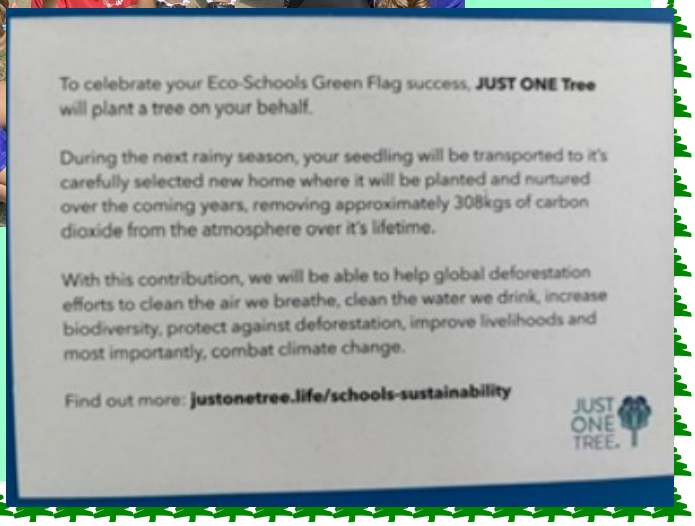
Eco-News

ALL **OUR SCHOOL VALUES** SUMMED UP IN A **GREEN FLAG**!!! WITH **DISTINCTION**.

We are ACHIEVERS! **We are a COMMUNITY!** **We are PROUD!** **We are INCLUSIVE!**

Well done EVERYONE!! What a great way to end our Eco journey this year—looking forward to seeing what we can do next year.

PLUS, **Just One Tree will plant a tree** in our honour and they have given us some **wild-flower seeds** to plant on site.


To celebrate your Eco-Schools Green Flag success, **JUST ONE Tree** will plant a tree on your behalf.

During the next rainy season, your seedling will be transported to it's carefully selected new home where it will be planted and nurtured over the coming years, removing approximately 308kgs of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere over it's lifetime.

With this contribution, we will be able to help global deforestation efforts to clean the air we breathe, clean the water we drink, increase biodiversity, protect against deforestation, improve livelihoods and most importantly, combat climate change.

Find out more: **justonetree.life/schools-sustainability**

JUST ONE TREE.

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On Thursday last week, we took our hard-working **eco-committee** to **Iver Environment Centre** as a 'Thank You' for all their work getting us **Eco-School's Status**.

We had a brilliant time **creating art out of nature** and **hunting for mini-beasts**—although these were hidden away because the ground was too hot and dry for them. Plus we had time for **ice pops and fun in their play area**. The children all said what a great time they had!