

Inkpen Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026



A NEW MEMBER OF THE INKPEN FAMILY

We are delighted to share some wonderful news this week.

Miss Buck and her partner Leigh are thrilled to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter on Tuesday at 10.58 weighing 7lb 15 Oz. Well done to Miss Trewin who won the baby weight sweepstake!

Miss Buck and baby (we all await a name with bated breath) are both doing well, and the whole Inkpen community sends them our warmest congratulations at this very special time.

We wish them lots of love, happiness and precious moments together as they begin this exciting new chapter as a family.



Learning This Week

There has been some fantastic learning across the school this week. Our children have been working hard in phonics, showing real focus and confidence as they develop their early reading skills.

In Year 1 and 2, pupils have been busy learning about time in maths, using clocks and key vocabulary to explain their thinking.

Year 5 and 6 have impressed us with their narrative writing, carefully developing characters, settings and suspense.

We have also been delighted by the wonderful engagement from our KS2 children during swimming lessons, where they have shown enthusiasm, courage and determination in the water.





Forest School

This week in Forest School, the children enjoyed a wonderfully hands-on outdoor learning experience: making bread over the fire. They learned how to make a simple primitive bread, often called damper bread or stick bread, by wrapping dough around a stick and carefully cooking it over the flames.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop practical skills, patience and teamwork. They had to think carefully about fire safety, where to stand, how close to hold their bread to the heat, and how to turn it slowly so that it cooked evenly. There was lots of excitement as the dough began to change colour and the smell of freshly cooked bread filled the air.



Stars of the Week

Red Kite

Edmund – Courage

Pheasant

Logan – Courage

Muntjac

Ava Bloomfield – Courage

Reading Champions

Red Kite

Daisy

Pheasant

Olivia

Muntjac

Jasper

WATER SAFETY

As the warmer weather arrives, we would like to remind families of the importance of water safety. Sadly, there have been a number of recent deaths in the UK involving children and young people in open water, including rivers, lakes, ponds and beaches. These tragedies are a stark reminder that even confident swimmers can get into difficulty very quickly.

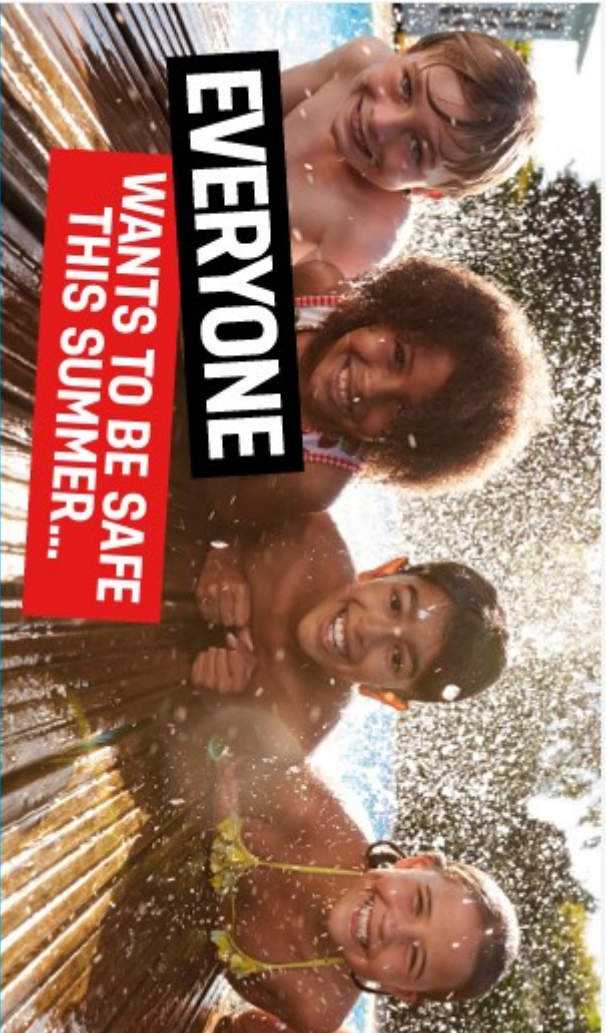
At Inkpen Primary, we believe swimming lessons are not just an enrichment opportunity; they are a vital life skill. Learning to swim, understanding how to stay safe near water, and knowing what to do in an emergency can save lives. We strongly encourage all families to support swimming lessons and to talk regularly with children about making safe choices around water.

Please remind children never to swim in unsupervised open water, never to enter water to rescue someone else, and always to stay with a trusted adult near rivers, lakes, canals, ponds or the sea. If someone is in difficulty, call 999, ask for the Coastguard at the coast or Fire and Rescue inland, and throw something that floats if it is safe to do so.

The RNLI's key message is simple: if you find yourself in difficulty in the water, Float to Live — tilt your head back, relax, control your breathing, and float until you can call for help or swim to safety.

At the back of the newsletter is some information regarding swimming lessons and respecting the water from Everyone Active.

Thank you for helping us reinforce this important message at home.



EVERYONE

**WANTS TO BE SAFE
THIS SUMMER...**

...RESPECT THE WATERS

If you got into trouble in the water, would you know what to do?

What about if it was someone you care about in danger?

Find out how to keep you and your loved ones safe with advice from the RLSS and Everyone Active.

STAYING SAFE AT THE BEACH

-  **RED AND YELLOW FLAGS** will show the safe places to swim, body board and use inflatables on the beach. You will often see a lifeguard positioned between the red and yellow flags.
-  **RED FLAG** is the sign for danger and means **NO SWIMMING**. Never go in the water when the red flag is flying, under any circumstances. Possible reasons may be fog, large waves or pollution.
-  **BLACK/WHITE FLAG** for hard surf craft including surfboards, kayaks, canoes and other craft without engines. Never swim or body board in this area.
-  **ORANGE WINDSOCKS** indicate offshore winds blowing out to sea or strong wind conditions – never use an inflatable when the sock is flying.



LISTEN TO YOUR HELPFUL LIFEGUARD

Lifeguards are there to help you to stay safe by seeing the dangers, preventing accidents before they happen and responding instantly. They wear a red and yellow uniform, sometimes in black wetsuits, with Lifeguard clearly marked on the back.





Where to find your helpful lifeguard

- At the Beach Lifeguard Unit – a white hut at the beach with an RNLI flag
- They patrol along the shoreline and between the red and yellow flags
- On larger beaches they may be on the sand in a white or red truck
- Wardens operate, patrol and rescue services at large inland lakes



ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are in,
on and around water:

<p>STOP AND THINK</p> <p>always swim in a safe place</p> 	<p>STAY TOGETHER</p> <p>keep children in arm's reach</p> 
<p>FLOAT</p> <p>if you fall in, float, breathe and relax</p> 	<p>IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999</p> 

**LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR
SWIMMING LESSONS.**





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KEY DATES

Monday 8th June—Phonics Screening Check period begins

Thursday 11th June—Englefield Estate Trip— KS2

Thursday 11th June—SEND Parents evening

Friday 12th June— Art Gallery and Poetry Showcase—2.30 pm

Tuesday 16th—Class and Whole School Photos

Tuesday 16th June—First Maths Challenge—Pheasants

Friday 19th June—Sports Day—Inkpen Recreational Ground 11—2

Thursday 25th June—Transition Day 1

Friday 26th June—Winchester Science Museum Trip—Whole School

Wednesday 1st July—Transition Day 2

Tuesday 7th July—Poetry Day—St. Gabriel's— Pheasants

Wednesday 15th July—Shakespeare Rocks—Matinee Performance

Thursday 16th July— Shakespeare Rocks—Evening Performance

**Tuesday 21st July—Last day of Term for Children—9am Leavers
Assembly and 1.05pm Pickup**