



21st July 2026



Dear families,

As we reach the end of another school year, I want to say on behalf of all the staff how proud we are of the amazing children across the school. In every class, the children have shown kindness, curiosity and always been up for a challenge! It has been a privilege to watch them grow and learn over the year.

Today we say a very fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 leavers. They leave Ide Primary School with so many memories, friendships and achievements to carry with them, and we wish them every happiness as they take their next step.

We are also saying goodbye and thank you to Ryan Langford, Hannah Curtis and Alice Potter. Each of them has contributed so much to school life, and we are very grateful for the care and commitment they have shown to our children and community.

Ide Primary School is a very special place to work and learn. We treasure the warmth and sense of belonging that runs through our school, and we are truly grateful for the support of the community around us.

Wishing everyone a very lovely and enjoyable summer. I hope you have time to rest, enjoy being together and make some happy memories.

Warm wishes,

Alice Purcell, Headteacher

This week the following children were recognised in our Celebration Assembly -

Class	Values Champion	Learner of the week
Oak	Joel for Individual Best	Eryn for All Values
Maple	Eleanor for Kindness & Respect	Isaiah for being an Author
Willow	Oliver for Kindness & Respect	Isla for being an Author
Elm	Laurence for Teamwork	Alfie for being an Engineer
Chestnut	Daphne for Individual Best	Kyan for All Values

This term's House Champions are the Hummingbirds! Well done to all the houses for collecting house points across the term for showing our school values.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Marshall who had a daughter, Vivienne (Vivi) at the beginning of July. The family are all enjoying their first weeks together and we are looking forward to meeting Vivi soon.



Staff Training Days

Please note that the school calendar has been updated to include two staff training days. These will take place on **Monday 7th June** and **Friday 23rd July**. As these are non-pupil days, children will not attend school on either date.

PE Days Next Term

PE for each class will be on the following days in September –

Oak – Tuesday and Thursday
Maple – Thursday and Friday
Willow – Tuesday and Wednesday
Elm – Wednesday and Thursday
Chestnut – Monday and Friday

The children should come to school in their PE kit on the days that their class has PE

Guitar Lessons

Our guitar teacher Alan has some spaces from September if your child would like to have guitar lessons please contact Alan via his email - lazier_al@icloud.com for further details.

Nursery Spaces

We have some spaces in our nursery from September onwards. We take children from the term after they are 3. If you have younger children or know of anyone who has, please email the office to reserve a place.

School Gateway

As we come to the end of another school year, please could you check your accounts on School Gateway and ensure that any outstanding balances are paid. Thank you.

Dance Club Showdown

It was brilliant to see children of all ages dancing together as part of our dance club at the Corn Exchange. Their theme was 'rockstars' and they certainly lived up to the name! Well done to all involved.



Things to look forward to at Ide Primary

September	
Monday 7 th	Children Return to School
Wednesday 23 rd	Elm and Chestnut Theatre Alibi Visit
Wednesday 30 th	Willow and Elm Trip to the RAMM
October	
Thursday 1 st	Flu Vaccinations
Mon 5 th - Fri 9 th	Cycle to School Week
Monday 5 th	Bling your Bike
Monday 12 th	Chestnut Sports Festival at West Exe
Tuesday 13 th	Willow Trip to Shillingford Farm
Thursday 15 th	Opera Workshop
Friday 16 th	Book Fair
Monday 19 th	Year 5 Bikeability
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th	Half Term
November	
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th	Road Safety Week
Monday 16 th	Be Bright Be Seen Day

Term dates can be found on our website - [School calendar 2026/27 UK](#)

Please note that there has been a change to the term dates on the website. The children return to school on Monday 7th September.



Community Information

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 - ★ £27.99 / £34.99 per child, per day
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Kingfisher Activities are pleased to announce we are back for July 2026!

2 x VENUES
30 MINUTE LESSONS
27th -31st JULY 2026

FROM £12.50 PER LESSON

Harcombe House, Chudleigh (TQ13 0DG)

- Located just 12 minutes from Exeter and Newton Abbot, this venue offers lessons for children in Swim England Stages 1-5
- Monday 27th -Friday 31st July 2026
- Each day includes a 30-minute lesson (8.30am-10.00am)
- Maximum of 6 children per class
- Teacher to swimmer ratio of 1 to 3 for Stages 1 & 2
- Private 12-metre heated pool
- Free parking available on site
- Private lessons are available from £28.99 per day

Nr Cullompton, (EX15)

- Located only 10 minutes from Cullompton for children in Swim England Stages 1 - 5
- Monday 27th -Friday 31st July 2026
- 30-minute daily lessons throughout the week (8.15am-9.45am)
- Maximum of 4 children per class
- Private 11.5-metre heated pool
- Free onsite parking available
- Private lessons are also available from £27 per day

Now offering day bookings!

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Interactive Stories - Close up Magic
Bouncy Castle (£) - Face Painting (£)
Magic Shows - Balloon modelling
Live Shows - Live Singers - Wishing Well

VIP TICKETS INCLUDE:

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GOODY BAG AND AUTOGRAPH BOOK
EARLY ENTRANCE

Local School Discount for 20% off - SUMMER20DIS

All profits from this event will be donated to our Magical Memory Fund to pay for our Community and Charity Events, providing free entertainment for those in need.

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EPIC SUMMER PROGRAMME

July 28th - Julie Sykes

August 8th - Holly Webb

August 11th - Becca Rogers

August 14th - Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre

August 18th - Jess Bradley

August 22nd - Tom McLaughlin

August 25th - Amy Sparkes

All events at 1pm and all free to attend!

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TECH-FREE SUMMER FOR TEENS

For many 11- to 16-year-olds, summer can quickly become screen heavy, especially when socialising, entertainment, and downtime all happen via their devices. Encouraging a tech-free summer isn't about banning technology altogether, but about helping young people rediscover friendship, creativity, independence, and the great outdoors. The NHS recommends that young people aged 5 to 18 aim for an average of at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day across the week.

1 BUILD OUTDOOR CHOICE



Teens are more likely to engage when they feel they have a level of control. Create a simple 'summer outdoors menu' with options such as cycling to a favourite café, playing rounders, visiting a skatepark, dog walking, photography walks, geocaching, or helping around the garden. Parents and educators can then ask young people to choose two or three activities each week that interest them.

2 PREPARE THE KIT

Small barriers can stop teenagers going outside, especially if they feel uncomfortable, too hot, or unprepared. Keep a grab bag with sun cream, water, snacks, plasters, a cap, period products, and a lightweight waterproof. During hot weather, plan shade, water breaks, and calmer activities, as vigorous exercise is not advised on very hot days.

3 TRY MICRO-ADVENTURES



Outdoor activities don't need to be expensive or complicated. A micro-adventure could be as simple as watching the sunrise, walking to a local viewpoint, making breakfast outside, visiting a new green space, or planning a bus journey to a nearby nature trail. Encourage teens to plan the route, snacks, and timings themselves to help build their independence.

4 LINK TO REAL INTERESTS



A young person who dislikes sport may still enjoy being outside if the activity connects with something they already care about. Link outdoor time to music, art, animals, fashion, cooking, photography, or social interaction. Ideas include sketching in a park, making a nature playlist, filming a wildlife vlog script, or designing posters for a community garden.

5 CREATE SOCIAL PULL



For many teenagers, friends are the strongest motivator in various areas of life. Parents can invite one or two friends on walks, picnics, or garden games, while schools can promote lunchtime leagues, outdoor clubs, or summer meet-ups linked to existing interests. Make these activities feel social rather than supervised, with adults nearby for safety but not dominating the experience.

6 MAKE TRAVEL ACTIVE



Active travel is a practical way to build outdoor time into everyday routines. Encourage young people to walk, cycle, or scooter short journeys where it's safe to do so, such as to school, the library, a friend's house, or a sports club. Educators could run a summer 'active miles' challenge, with pupils logging their journeys completed on foot or by pedal.

7 USE PHONE-FREE CHALLENGES



Rather than simply saying, "Put your phone away", turn time spent offline into a shared challenge. Try a two-hour, phone-free park visit, a family evening walk, or a tutor-group challenge where pupils track their screen-free outdoor hours and share what they've been doing. You could all agree to keep devices in a box, bag, or classroom drawer, and allow for check-in time afterwards.

8 OFFER REAL RESPONSIBILITY



Teens often respond well when outdoor activities feel purposeful. Give them the responsibility for setting up a garden get-together, planning a picnic budget, leading a warm-up routine, mapping a walking route, or organising outdoor equipment. Schools could ask pupils to design an outdoor wellbeing trail, manage a sports rota, or support younger pupils during activity sessions.

9 REPLACE, DON'T REMOVE



If screens are taken away without an appealing alternative, young people may see outdoor time as a punishment. Replace gaming sessions with football drills, dance practice, basketball shots, treasure hunts, or card games outside. Replace screen scrolling with a 'boredom box' containing items like chalk, a frisbee, skipping ropes, playing cards, seed packets, or a disposable-style camera.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS



Not every teenager will suddenly love the outdoors, so recognise their gradual progress. Celebrate a 20-minute walk, an hour at the park, a phone-free picnic lunch, or choosing to cycle instead of being driven around. Parents and educators can use praise, certificates, group displays, or simple shared reflection to show that outdoor effort matters.

Meet Our Expert

The National College provides expert-led training and resources to support schools, trusts and education settings worldwide. Its guidance helps parents and educators understand the issues affecting children and young people today, covering topics such as safeguarding, wellbeing, digital safety, and healthy development.

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