



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

## July 2025

### Rumball's Ramble!



As the summer term draws to a close, it's the perfect time to reflect on the fantastic achievements, joyful experiences, and vibrant atmosphere that have filled our school over the past few months.

One of the most noticeable changes this term has been the transformation of our outdoor spaces. Our planters are now in full bloom, adding colour and beauty to the school grounds. The wonderful scents and vibrant colours have not only brightened our days but also created a calm and inspiring environment for learning and play.

Another exciting development has been the introduction of our brand-new playground. It has quickly become a favourite place for all our pupils, offering new opportunities for fun, social interaction, and imaginative play. Seeing the children enjoy this space with such enthusiasm has been a real highlight of the term.

Academically, our pupils have shown incredible dedication and creativity. This term, and indeed throughout the year, we've seen brilliant work across all subjects. From thoughtful writing and creative projects to problem-solving in maths and hands-on learning in science, every student has shown what they are capable of. Their hard work and commitment have made us all extremely proud.

As we head into the summer holidays, we want to wish all our pupils and their families a safe, relaxing, and well-earned break.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who are preparing to take their next step at our senior school in Teynham. We wish you a smooth and successful transition into Year 7 and are confident that you will continue to shine in your new setting.

Thank you to all our staff, pupils, and families for a wonderful term – we look forward to seeing you in September!

## School Council News

The school council consists of 6 children, 2 from each class, who act as representatives for their classmates. They meet termly to discuss areas for development across the school. The school council meetings are an opportunity for pupils to have their voices heard. We are very proud of how seriously the children take this role and the impact their ideas have had on our school.

## Our Fantastic New Playground!

In our Spring newsletter we detailed the plans that the children had made for the school playground. We are pleased to announce that Mr Rumball has made sure that the children's plans have been actualised with the installation of our new playground. The children are enjoying playtimes more than ever, with the timber climbing trail being very popular. It is great to see this outdoor space being used to its maximum.

This term our school council has established a plan for sports and arts clubs for the new school year. We are all looking forward to these clubs starting in September.



## Sensory Garden

During the May half term, a sensory garden was planted here at ISP School Whitstable. With the children in mind, plants were selected to provide textures, scents and colours that would stimulate the senses whilst being child friendly. It has been a pleasure to see the children develop an interest in gardening this term and already this area of the school has become an oasis of calm, giving opportunity for further learning outside of the classroom.





## Atlantis Class Page

Atlantis class has had a busy term since Easter, with two new students added full time to the class. They have settled in well and it's already like they've been here forever!

This term, we have enjoyed learning about the Caribbean. We have been comparing life on the islands to our life here in England. It's been very interesting, and the children particularly enjoyed watching a documentary about television presenter Floella Benjamin and her journey from Trinidad to the UK when she was a child.

In PSHE we have been thinking about how we look after ourselves and we have made posters explaining the importance of personal hygiene. These were very impressive!

Across the curriculum, we have written our own stories, learnt to tell the time, practiced our handwriting and found out about different rites of passage in various faiths.

We have discovered how sound travels and listened a wide variety of music from different eras and composers, including a musical education of pop music from the 1990s - the children now know who Steps and S Club 7 are!

In art we have enjoyed working on our drawing skills and in our free time and the children have loved following the drawing tutorials on YouTube. We've also had many karaoke sessions in the classroom plus lots of dancing to fantastically fun songs, like the Cha Cha Slide and YMCA!

The new playground has been a big hit, and we have enjoyed getting out in the sunshine as much as possible. Many walks to the beach and the park, with visits to the charity shops to see what goodies we can find for our classroom! But possibly, our favourite addition to Atlantis classroom this term has been our bubble machine!



## Welcome to Miss Rutherford!

Earlier this year, Miss Rutherford joined us in Atlantis class as a Progress Engagement Guide. Miss. Rutherford's kind and gentle temperament has already won her a league of fans amongst the children, and we look forward to seeing her in Poseidon class in September to carry on the good work.

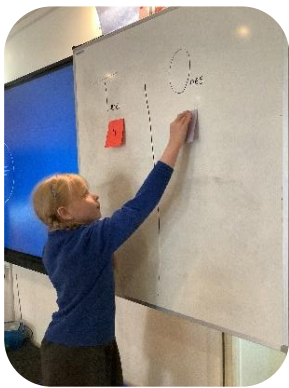


## Neptune Class Page

We've had a fantastic few weeks in Neptune class! We were thrilled to welcome a new pupil, who is settling in beautifully.

We marked VE Day in style with a special celebration where we enjoyed delicious British treats like scones and sausage rolls. Continuing our journey around the world, our next stop was Italy, where we became little chefs, making and then eating our very own pizzas! We also got creative on Kite Day, designing and making our own kites before taking them out for a test flight on a breezy afternoon.

We had a wonderful day at the beach, topped off with ice creams and a look at some delicious Jamaican food menus to prepare us for our upcoming Caribbean Day.



Caribbean Day itself was a huge hit. The children tasted exotic fruits like mango, pineapple, and plantain, and enjoyed a flavourful helping of Caribbean rice.

In class, we've been learning all about sound, from the outer ear to the cochlea and how we hear. The children were fascinated and have loved exploring this science topic.

As the weather has been so bright, we have made the most of the sunshine with water play and refreshing ice poles to cool us down. We've been busy in maths too, learning about fractions using playdough, and even wrote our own lists of ingredients before making our very own playdough from scratch.

As the term draws to a close, there's a real buzz of excitement as the children prepare for the summer.

We're so proud of everything they've achieved this term and can't wait for more adventures ahead!



## Welcome to Ms Moh!

Earlier this term, Neptune class were joined by Ms. Moh who has been appointed as their new class teacher. She has settled into the class and the children have made her very welcome. Ms Moh comes to us with a wealth of teaching experience and knowledge. We are confident that she will support the children in achieving their potential and are pleased to have her as part of our school team.





## Poseidon Class Page

Poseidon class has continued to go from strength to strength during the summer term. Following the changes we had welcoming more year 6 students to our class; we have become a great class team! 😊 The students have settled into class showing kindness and respect for each other. This term we have shown, as always, amazing resilience and maturity. Poseidon students have shown progress and focus throughout their school day, and this will support well as they into transition to year 7.

This term hasn't been all work and no play, the students have enjoyed trips out such as crabbing 🦀 in Westgate. We even had a trip to a local boot fair as part of a practical maths lesson to learn more about Money 💷. The students enjoyed the experience and came back to school loaded with bargain art and play resources to share in the classroom! 😊

We have celebrated VE day with an afternoon tea 🍵 and wartime music. During International Cultural studies day we travelled to Italy 🇮🇹 tasting different foods and making our own pizza. In English we have explored the genre of comedy, and the class have particularly enjoyed the book 'Framed' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. We have learned about anecdotes and dialogue sharing some of our own funny stories in class 😊

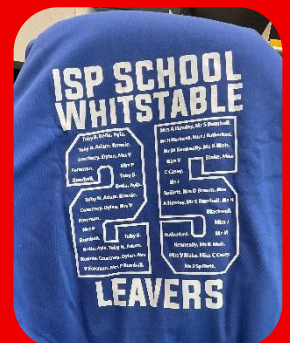
This term has been super busy, as always!! 🌊 We are preparing now for our transition into secondary education in September. The students are all looking forward to their onward journey but I'm sure they will remember Whitstable school having shared some lovely memories of their time here.

☀️ Wishing you all a fantastic summer! 🌈



## Leavers 2025!

It has been a pleasure getting to know each of the year 6 children over the time they have spent with us at ISP school Whitstable. They have all blossomed into fantastic young people. We are proud of all their achievements over the past year, and we are confident they will do well going forward. We would like to wish each of the children, all the best of luck and every success in their future schools and beyond.





## Sports Day

This year our school sports day took place at Teynham in the sunshine. A lot of planning and effort went into the day by the team at Teynham and we were so pleased to join in the Caribbean themed fun!

A huge thank you also to all the parents, carers and cheerleading teams who were able to come along and support the children on the day. The children showed a fantastic sporting attitude and here is our day in pictures.



## Term Dates

**Term 1 – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

We wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.



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