

# ILCHESTER EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

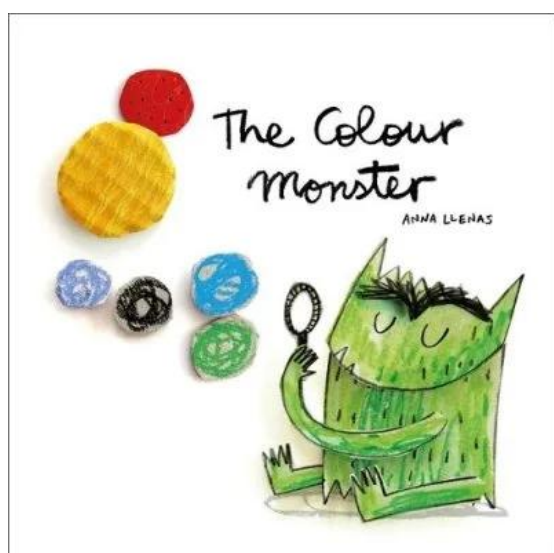


“The things that make me different are the things that make me me”.

-Winnie the Pooh

## Tiggywinkles

This week, the Tiggywinkles have enjoyed diving into the world of feelings and emotions. Through stories, songs and play, they explored how to recognise and talk about their feelings in positive ways. The children loved using *The Colour Monster* to help them understand how emotions can look and feel. They had lots of fun with games like emotion dice and sorting feelings into different groups. The children’s creative activities gave them the chance to mix colours, make music, and even create feelings potions which sparked so many imaginative ideas. In construction, the children built calm spaces and emotion houses, thinking about what makes them feel safe, happy or worried. Small world play helped them act out everyday situations, practising how they might respond when they feel different emotions. Alongside this, they have kept busy with parachute games, nursery rhymes, playdough and painting each day. It’s been such a lovely week full of sharing, listening, and learning more about themselves and each other.



## Nutkins

This week, the Nutkins have also enjoyed learning all about feelings and emotions through lots of exciting activities. They started by exploring different emotions with graphs, matching games and stories, which helped them begin to recognise and name how they feel. The children loved acting out emotions with *The Colour Monster* and using play to explore what it’s like to feel happy, worried, or even a little scared. In construction, they built emotion houses, towers and calm spaces, thinking carefully about what makes them feel safe and comfortable. Creative time gave them the chance to make potions, mix colours and dance to music, expressing themselves in fun and imaginative ways. Small world play also sparked some great conversations as the children acted out different situations and practised responding to feelings in positive ways.

As always, their days were filled with nursery rhymes, parachute games, playdough and painting, which gave plenty of opportunities to work together and share ideas. It's been a wonderful week of exploring emotions, building confidence, and learning how to support one another.

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## Puddleducks

This week, the Puddleducks have enjoyed exploring the world around them through lots of fun and hands-on activities. They have been busy drawing themselves and their friends, singing action songs, and playing games that helped them think about how tall, long, or small they are. The children loved using blocks, tape measures and even body parts to explore size and patterns, which led to some wonderful discoveries. One of the highlights was playing doctors, where the children used X-rays, mirrors and role play to look after one another. This sparked some brilliant conversations about keeping healthy and being kind and caring. In creative play, we experimented with syringe painting, fingerprints and face puzzles, giving everyone the chance to be expressive and imaginative. Construction time brought towers, magnets and light boxes, and the children especially enjoyed building and problem solving together. They have also thought about keeping themselves healthy and safe, from cleaning their teeth to washing away germs from their hands. Alongside this, the children have had plenty of time for water play, puzzles, painting and playdough, which are always favourites! It's been a week full of exploring, creating and learning new skills together.

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## School Applications

School applications are now open for children due to start school in September 2026.

Applications opened on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September and will close on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. Please make sure to submit your application before the deadline.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/>



## Hello Autumn!

This is a friendly reminder that we are now in Autumn meaning the colder months are quickly approaching! Please could you provide your child with suitable clothing, such as warm winter coats and wellies. We also ask that these come labelled with your child's name.



# SEN Coffee Morning

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, Ilchester Primary School will be hosting a SEN Coffee Morning in the Infant Department Hall. Pre-School parents are more than welcome to join.



## Ilchester Community Primary School 2025/2026 Academic Year Terms and Holidays

September 2025					October 2025					November 2025									
M		1	8	15	22	29	Mo		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25	
W		3	10	17	24		We	1	8	15	22	29	W		5	12	19	26	
Th		4	11	18	25		Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		6	13	20	27	
F		5	12	19	26		Fr	3	10	17	24	31	F		7	14	21	28	
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su		7	14	21	28		Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23	30	
December 2025					January 2026					February 2026									
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	
W		3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		4	11	18	25		Th	1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		5	12	19	26		F	2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su		7	14	21	28		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22		
March 2026					April 2026					May 2026									
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	
Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26	
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June 2026					July 2026					August 2026									
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**Key:**

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**Term dates summary:**

Term 1: 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days)
Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days)
Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days)
Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days)
Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days)
Term 6: 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days)
<b>TOTAL = 195</b>

**Bank and public holidays 2025/2026**

Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	06 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.