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Important Dates

Calendar – IPS HILVERSUM

- Christmas Parties~ 18th December
- Last **full** school day 2025~ Thursday 18 December
- First day of Winter holiday~Friday 19 December
- Study Day ~Monday 5 January
- Students start~Tuesday 6 January

Whole School Information

Early Years Growth

Due to growing numbers in Early Years, we will be forming two EY classes from January. The Group 2 classroom will become our second EY room, giving children more space and access to both learning areas. We're pleased to welcome back Miss Aviva from maternity leave (Monday–Wednesday). The Thursday–Friday teacher will be confirmed next week. From January, the classes will be EY Red (Islay & Kelly) and EY Orange (Aviva & Thursday/Friday teacher). Class lists will be shared next week. The transition to the new rooms will take place on Wednesday, 17th December, giving children time to settle before the holiday break. Thank you for your support.

Emergency Plan (Noodpakket)

In the recent weeks you will have received a leaflet in the post from the government about preparing for an emergency situation. We have attached the English booklet here for you. It will help you manage for the first 72 hours at home, should an emergency situation arise. If we can all do that, the Netherlands as a whole will be more resilient.

 [information-booklet-prepare-for-an-emergency-situation.pdf](#)

Here is an English version of the emergency plan  [emergency-plan-card.pdf](#)

For other languages use this link <https://www.denkvooruit.nl/vertalingen>

A message from Cally's Kitchen

Dear Parents,

It is with mixed feelings that I compose this message.

Cally's Kitchen will officially close next year since I will be immigrating to Ireland after 22 years here in the Netherlands. I will shortly compile the final order, which I hope will run as close as possible to the holidays in April.

I have thoroughly enjoyed providing the lunch service at school for a lot of those years and I will miss it dearly.

My departure means that there will be no lunch service available as I have not found anyone to take it over.

If there is someone amongst you who would be interested in undertaking the service, I am more than happy to discuss it with you and let you come and see how it works at the school.

Please make contact via callyskitchencontact@gmail.com if you are interested and in discussion with the school maybe we can find an appropriate candidate.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all very much for the continued support you have given Cally's Kitchen over the years.

Wishing you all a Wonderful Xmas and a great start to 2026.

Thank you,

From the heart of Cally's Kitchen.

Inquiry Insights

Group 2 Students in t'Laer

To celebrate the end of our "How We Express Ourselves" unit based around nature, Group 2 set off on an exciting visit to the nature play park in 't Laer. The children spent their Wednesday morning immersed in the woods, where curiosity and creativity blossomed. Although their teachers had plenty of activities prepared, the children's instinctive connection to nature quickly took over. They climbed, made music with branches, played in wooden dens, collaborated to divert water, pumped energetically, built dams, and explored freely. It was **free inquiry in all its gloriousness**—a perfect closing to a unit that celebrated natural expression and joyful discovery.



PTA

Christmas Festival

TOMORROW! Come along and join the fun!



★ Step into the Spotlight at our IPS Talent Show coming in January. Watch this space! 🎉



Centre Stage with Jane



**Centre Stage Musical Theatre
Workshops at IPS**

January to June 2026

In these workshops, consisting of 6 sessions each, your child will learn to act through drama games and improvisation, sing a fun musical number and explore dance choreography. Great for your child's confidence and creativity.

Rembrandtlaan Groups 4 & 5 held on Mondays @ 15h05 - 16h15

Mondrian Groups 6, 7 & 8 held on Fridays @ 15h00-16h15

Exact dates on the website
Price €70 for each workshop
[Please register online](#)

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The poster features a QR code in the center, flanked by two stylized white masks (one smiling, one frowning) on a dark red background with vertical stripes.

Jane is returning with her Musical Theatre Workshops in January. Here is the website with her information www.centre-stage.nl/ips

Wanting to Celebrate Christmas?

You are welcome, December 24 on Christmas Eve at 19.00 to a Bilingual service (NL/EN) with a kids program (Ages 0-12). At 21.00 there will be an English service
Will you join us?

Let us know by clicking the PDF to click the QR code to reserve a seat online.

 [2025 - Kerst Hilversum Flyer.pdf](#)

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