# DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

## 28th February 2025

### Executive Head

Wow, what a busy first week back after half term! Many thanks to all who came in to see us for parent consultations this week. Also, a huge well done to all of our Reception, Y1 and Y2 children who represented the school brilliantly on their trip to the SeaLife centre this week.

**Mrs Brand**

### Robins

Robin Class had so much fun on our school trip to Sea Life Great Yarmouth! We had a class tour, had a closer look at the penguins, rays and also took part in a beach clean activity. All adults on our trip were so impressed by how well Robin Class represented the school. Well done to all!

During computing we have begun to think about how we can count and compare objects using tally charts. We have also been answering questions based on data gathered.

During our design technology lesson this week we have been taste testing different fruits, ready to design our own fruit themed kebabs!

Finally, we have been discussing how music has a pulse and a steady beat. We have also been listening, singing, dancing and playing the Glockenspiel along to 'Music in My Soul'.

### Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have started our new writing focus - a balanced argument. We are currently looking at whether mobile phones should be allowed in school. In maths we have started the potentially tricky topic of fractions and we are also looking at the language and strategies needed to solve 2 step problems. In science we have started electricity, in history we will continue to investigate the lives of the Ancient Egyptians and in PSHE we are discussing keeping healthy. Finally, we have started our DT project of designing and making a sandwich and its packaging for someone at home. Don't be surprised if you are asked about food you like.... Thank you for returning the letters about food tasting. This will now take place on Monday 10th March as we have a short trip out to the local residential care home next Monday afternoon.

### Golden Eagles

We have begun our new English topic, learning about biographies, to start off we have looked at Usain Bolt. Some of the children were thinking they could match his fastest 100m time so at break time we challenged them to see how fast they could do it – they all had great fun doing this and the quickest was 18 seconds! In Science we started our topic on electricity and enjoyed making circuits with lamps, buzzers and motors. We also began our new French topic – Les vetements. Get ready to listen to us talk about our clothes in French in the coming weeks...

In maths, we have been working out the area and perimeter of squares, rectangles, triangles, parallelograms (Year 6) and compound shapes - shapes that are made up of 2 or more geometric shapes. Our multiplication knowledge has really helped us with this unit of work. We have also been discussing units of measure and estimated what may weigh a gram or a kilogram. Some of the students weighed themselves in kilograms to help us develop our understanding – do you know roughly how much you weigh in kilograms and how you would convert this to grams?

It has also been good to meet with you all at parents evening to share how well your children are doing at school.

## Congratulations

We warmly congratulate our School Secretary, formerly known as Miss Stone and now Mrs. Thurston, on her recent marriage during the half-term break. Wishing you all the best in this new chapter!




## Whole School Attendance

*Year to date*

**96.37%**

## After School Club - 06/03/2025

Unfortunately Football After School Club is cancelled on 06/03/2025 - any prebooked slots for this day will be refunded.

## Ditchingham Academy Friends

We are thrilled to share that the following named roles have now been officially appointed:

- Chair: Victoria Wakefield
- Secretary: Dawn Bennison
- Treasurer: Sarah Oliver

You can contact the DAFS by emailing ditchinghamacademyfriends@gmail.com

## Thank you

We would like to take a moment to sincerely thank Miss Barnard for dedicating a day to volunteer at the school, helping to revitalize our outdoor gardening area.



## School Prayer

*Mighty God from up high,*

*You are the Lord of the earth and sky,*

*We know we sometimes get things wrong,*

*We're sorry for those things we've done.*

*We thank you for our families, friends and school,*

*We thank you for loving us all.*

*Please can you let our lights shine,*

*In all our work, including mine.*

*Amen*

KINGFISHER FEDERATION

## Kingfisher Reading Wings Award

*This week*

**Barn Owls**

## Attendance Award

*This week*

**Barn Owls**

# Important Dates

**Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters**

- 03/03 - Barn Owls visiting Bungay Care Home
- 05/03 - Ash Wednesday Service at school 9.00am, (Reception, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) - Parents Invited
- 05/03 - Y1 & Y2 to Dance Festival at Hobart
- 06/03 - World Book Day!
- 06/03 - No after school club
- 14/03 - World Book Day pictures in Beccles & Bungay Journal
- **17/03 - Learn About Livestock Week**
- 28/03 - Mothers Day messages in Beccles & Bungay Journal
- 31/03 - Easter Service, St. Mary's Church Ditchingham 2.15 pm Parents Invited
- 04/04 - Last Day of Spring Term 2
- 23/04 - First Day of Summer Term 1
- 05/05 - Bank Holiday
- 06/05 - Tempest Y6 Leavers Photos & Class Photos
- ~~07/05 - Y1 & Y2 Multskills at Hobart~~ - Cancelled
- 09/05 - Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5)
- 23/05 - Last Day of Summer Term 1
- 02/06 - First Day of Summer Term 2
- 04/06 - Golden Eagles to visit Broome Village Hall
- 10/06 - Horstead Residential
- 07/07 - Y6 Road Safety Session
- 22/07 - Last Day of Summer Term 2 (end of Academic Year)

## Useful Information

Ditchingham Church of England Primary Academy

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|---|---|
| **Calendar** | Click Here |
| **Telephone Number** | 01986 893 277 |
| **E-mail address** | ditchinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org |
| **Term Dates 2024-2025** | Click Here |
| **Term Dates 2025-2026** | Click Here |
| **Support Resources** | Click Here |

# WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday, March 6th

Our theme for the day is 'Bedtime Stories.' Children are encouraged to wear pajamas or dress up as their favorite book character.

Additionally, a special World Book Day Menu will be available on this day.



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# World Book Day

Celebrating The World of Horrid Henry by Francesca Simon

## Thursday 6th March 2025

HORRID HENRY'S GREEDY BURGER WITH BOGEY KETCHUP 1,5,6
(Beef Burger)

MOODY MARGARET'S MISERABLE MORSELS 1 V6
(Vegetable Nuggets)

MISS BATTLE-AXE JACKET POTATOES WITH A CHOICE OF TOPPINGS 7,8,9

RUDE RALPH'S ROASTED NEW POTATOES

PERFECT PETER'S VIRTUOUS MEDLEY OF VEGETABLES

MUM'S MIXED SALAD

SOUR SUSAN'S BISCUITS 1 V6

THE PURPLE HAND GANG'S ULTIMATE SECRET CHOCOLATE CAKE 1 V6

DAD'S FRUIT POT V6

Key: V Vegetarian VG Vegan

Allergen code: 1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten

# Enrichment Clubs

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| ***Morning Club*** ***8.00am - 8.50am*** £2.50 per day via Parentmail | ***Morning Club*** ***8.00am - 8.50am*** £2.50 per day via Parentmail | ***Morning Club*** ***8.00am - 8.50am*** £2.50 per day via Parentmail | ***Morning Club*** ***8.00am - 8.50am*** £2.50 per day via Parentmail | ***Morning Club*** ***8.00am - 8.50am*** £2.50 per day via Parentmail |
| ***After School Club*** ***3.20pm - 4.20pm*** **Mrs FB Lego Club** £4 per session via Parentmail | ***After School Club*** ***3.20pm - 4.20pm*** **Mrs Woodgate Art Club** £4 per session via Parentmail | | ***After School Clubs*** ***3.20pm - 4.15pm*** **Mr Sibbons Football** £4 per session via Parentmail | ***After School Clubs*** **3.20pm - 4.20pm** **Mrs Woodgate Games & Gardening** £4 per session via Parentmail |

***Please contact the school office if you require financial support or head to https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs***

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

| | Until... |
|---|---|
| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

## No

**but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...**

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|---|---|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |

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## Advice and guidance

To find out more, **search for health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit **https://qrco.de/minfec**.

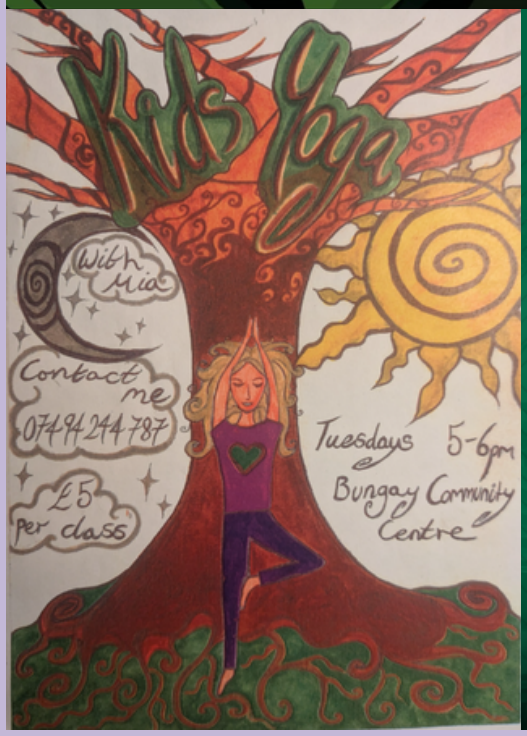
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# Community


BECCLES R.U.F.C.
MINIS & TINYS RUGBY
COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!
Our new season has now started and our youngest players are leading the way! Our Minis and Tiny's train every Sunday at 10am.
Come on down and join our rugby family, make new friends and build confidence in a friendly fun and safe environment.
All age groups catered for from Pre-school to Year 7!
More info on our free taster sessions please contact minis@becclesrufc.co.uk


INTERESTED IN SWIM LESSONS, BUT NOT SURE WHAT TO EXPECT?
COME AND JOIN US FOR A
FREE SWIM LESSON TRIAL
AT WAVENEY VALLEY LEISURE CENTRE
FREE TRIALS BOOKABLE BY EMAILING
KIRSTYHOLMES@EVERYONEACTIVE.COM


Easter Activities
INTENSIVE SWIMMING COURSES
Suitable for 4 years+
max 4 swimmers per class
30mins each day
COLNEIS POOL FELIXSTOWE
5 Day Course
7th - 11th April
£59.75
OAKLANDS LEISURE POOL FLIXTON RD
3 Day Course
7th - 9th April
£35.85
REDLINGFIELD
3 Day Course
9th - 11th April
£35.85
YOXFORD
3 Day Course
7th - 9th April
£35.85
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1 hour - Oaklands Leisure Pool only
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Junior Lifeguarding
PRIVATE TUITION
1:1 and 2:1 suitable for adults and children available at all pools
BOOK NOW
water lilies swimming school
Email: treacle@waterlilliesswim.co.uk


Kids Yoga
With Mia
Contact me
07494 244 787
£5 per class
Tuesdays 5-6pm
Bungay Community Centre


CAMPS WITH THE CHAMPS
SOUTHWOLD RFC
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 6-16
Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th April
WWW.NORTHAMPTONSAINTS.CO.UK/COMMUNITY/CAMP-BOOKING
SAINTS RUGBY CAMPS
SAINTS RUGBY CAMPS
Travis Perkins


JACKET POTATO, CHOICE OF FILLING, SALAD AND FRUIT
SPUD CLUB
SUGGESTED DONATION £1
After school club
for primary age kids during term time
Thursdays 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
Bungay Community Centre NR35 1PU
ACTIVITIES, FUN, CRAFT, GAMES, PRAYER STATION AND A FREE HEALTHY MEAL
With thanks to funding from East Suffolk Council, Tesco Stronger Starts Community Grants, and The Simon Gibson Charitable Trust
It's helpful to know numbers, please contact Ed on 07400033746 or email: edward.land@lightwave.community or just turn up!
Children to be accompanied by an adult
@LightwaveBungayandBeyond
www.lightwave.community