DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

7th March 2025

Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

Executive Head

Thank you to all for engaging in World Book Day this week!

Mrs Brand



Robins

This week KS1 have been working exceptionally hard to complete their assessments. I am so proud of everyone for showing so much resilience and a positive attitude to succeed!

KS1 took part in a Dance Festival at Hobart High school. We had lots of fun learning the routine to 'I'm Still Standing' by Elton John before branching off into little groups and creating our own routines!

During art this week we have been designing and labelling our own fruit kebabs. Some of us have created fruit rockets and others have created fruit wands. Yummy!

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for providing the children with some fabulous costumes for World Book Day! We drew and labelled our own characters, created a soundtrack to The Gruffalo, created our own bookmarks and designed our own book token for the 'Design a National Book Token Competition'.

Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have continued to work on our balanced arguments, practising writing paragraphs 'for' and 'against' the question asked. In maths we have worked really well on fractions - Year 3 have been ordering fractions and looking at how a scale on a bottle or a jug is a type of fraction.: Year 4 have managed to grasp mixed numbers and improper fractions and can now turn on into the other! In science we have made and drawn electrical circuits and in computing we programed our sprites to navigate through a maze on Scratch. In history we remembered our time at the castle and thought about reasons for and against taking things out of tombs and in PE we have enjoyed dance and fitness lessons. Best of all, we had fantastic costumes for World Book Day and I hope this has encouraged our pupils to enjoy books and reading even more.

Golden Eagles

This week we have continued to investigate circuits in science. We completed a range of experiments to see how to make a buzzer louder, how far we can move a piece of paper with a propeller and if more cells makes a bulb brighter or dimmer.

We are starting to research someone in English ready to write our own biographies next week.

In RE we have been thinking about the Easter story and had a good debate on who may be to blame for Jesus' death on the cross.

It has been amazing to see everyone dressed for World Book Day and we have enjoyed completing a variety of activities related to books.

World Book Day

The children looked amazing in their costumes and pajamas for World Book Day. Remember, a few pictures of children local media consent might be showcased in the Beccles & Bungay Journal on March 14th, 2025!

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

96.29%

Learn About Livestock

17th March - 21st March

We are one of 20 schools selected to take part in a project that gives children the opportunity to experience farming first hand, by caring for a ewe and her lamb(s) on our school ground for an entire week.

You can find more information regarding Learn About Livestock here https://ffdt.co.uk/explore/learn-about-livestock-2023

Gail Sprake, member of the Rare Breeds Survival, is the driving force behind the project.
Gail says: *"The 'Learn about Livestock' project is the most rewarding project I think I have ever been involved with. From the initial pilot scheme in 2019, 'Learn about Livestock' has grown significantly in reputation and reach.*
To have a ewe and her lambs on the school site for one week provides an opportunity for the entire school to get up close to the animals, and to take responsibility for their animals within a carefully structured environment.
So many of the pupils have never been up close to farm livestock – to be able to feel, hear, smell and touch the ewes and lambs provides lasting memories, and it opens a tiny window into a whole new world, who knows where this could lead."

School Prayer

Prayer

Dear God, help us to be reflective over this time of Lent.

Amen

KINGFISHER FEDERATION

Kingfisher Reading Wings Award

This week

Robins

Attendance Award

This week

Golden Eagles

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 14/03 - World Book Day pictures in Beccles & Bungay Journal
- 17/03 - Learn About Livestock Week
- **17/03 - Eat them to Defeat Them**
- **21/03 - Comic Relief - Non-Uniform - Donate here**
- 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 - Hobart visiting Y6**
- 23/05 - Last Day of Summer Term 1
- 02/06 - First Day of Summer Term 2
- **02/06 - Barn Owls Hockey Session in school (PE Kit)**
- 04/06 - Golden Eagles to visit Broome Village Hall
- **10/06 - Golden Eagles Tag Rugby in school (PE Kit)**
- ~~07/07 - Y6 Road Safety Session~~ **(to be recheduled due to transition dates)**
- **30/06 to 02/07 - Golden Eagles Horstead Residential**
- **01/07 - Bungay High School Transition (Y6)**
- **07/07 to 09/07 - Hobart High School Transition (Y6)**
- 22/07 - Last Day of Summer Term 2 (end of Academic Year)

Useful Information

Ditchingham Church of England Primary Academy

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

Enrichment Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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...

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

SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

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

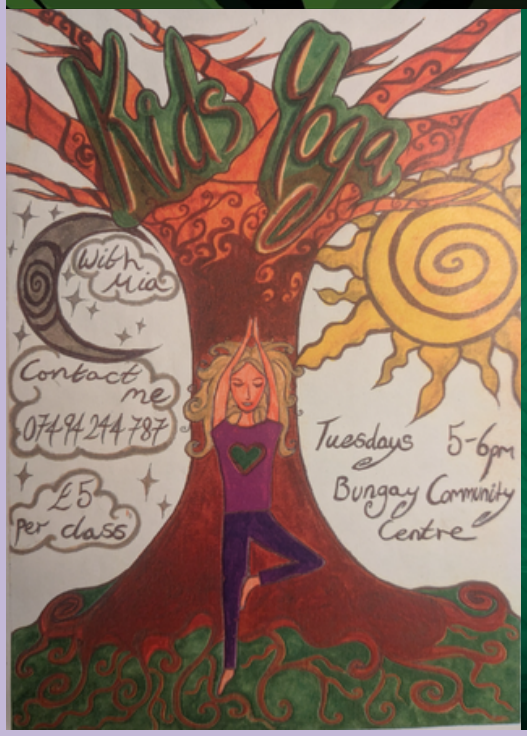
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Community


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
ACTIVITY SESSIONS
1 hour - Oaklands Leisure Pool only
Boogie Board & Fin swimming
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
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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