DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

21st March 2025

Executive Head

As I write this, the sun is streaming through the window, reminding me of our motto of shining from the inside out. This has certainly been seen in school this week as we work towards completing spring term units of work. We had an excellent music staff meeting this week and we began to plan our music showcase to families at the end of next half term on 21st May in school at 9.00am. **Mrs Brand**

Robins

This week during RE Robin Class have been discussing whether or not they believe the Easter story is happy or sad.

PE lessons with Mrs Adcock have had a dance focus. We have been learning to keep in time with each other whilst learning a pirate dance routine.

During PSHE this week we have been discussing the definition and different forms of bullying. In pairs we sorted a variety of different statements which included behaviours we considered to be bullying and not.

During science this week we have been thinking about what it is that seeds need to germinate. We set up a comparative test to determine the conditions required for germination (water/no water; light/dark). We learnt that in a comparative test only one condition should be changed at a time. We also had lots of fun checking up on the progress of our Sunflowers and updated our diaries! We were excited to discover that some are already growing leaves!

Barn Owls

This week we have started our new English topic - looking at 'From A Carriage' by Robert Louis Stephenson. We have investigated the rhyme, the similes and the carefully chosen language to recreate the view in words. In maths Year 3 have been investigating mass in grams and kilograms and Year 4 have been working on dividing strategies and looking at decimals. In science we investigated why some circuits worked and others didn't and in history we finished our work on mummification. In computing we continued to program our sprites in 'Scratch' and in PE we worked on agility and speed over s short distance.

Year 4 have now finished 'Platform 13' and will start the short book 'The Iron Man' next week.

Golden Eagles

As we never know what the British weather will be, in French this week we have been preparing our clothes for all different conditions. For example, we learnt how to say ‘When it is snowing / sunny/ rainy, I wear….’ Why not test our knowledge by asking us to translate the following?

“Quand il neige, je porte un pantalon, un manteau, des gants et des bottes.”

In geography we worked in teams to consider the six items we would take to help survivors in the aftermaths of an earthquake. We then had to persuade the rest of our class that our chosen items were the most useful. We learnt about an organisation called ShelterBox that supplies essential items to survivors and why these items were so important.

In computing we have started looking at collecting data and the best, most efficient ways to do this. We will be exploring Excel for this topic.

In RE we have been exploring famous Christian people and the sacrifices they have made in their life to have a positive impact for all in society.

Children In Need

Thank you for your donations to Children in Need 2025 - We have had a fantastic non-uniform day!



Whole School Attendance

Year to date

96.43%

Learn About Livestock

24th March - 28th 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

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

Well done!

Maths Monster

This week

Robins

Kingfisher Reading Wings Award

This week

Robins

Attendance Award

This week

Golden Eagles

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 24/03 - 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 Please complete the consent from here
- 04/04 - Last Day of Spring Term 2
- 23/04 - First Day of Summer Term 1
- 23/04 - New Nourish menu
- 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)
- **21/05 - Music Performance to Parents, 9am at School**
- 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)
- 23/06 - Barn Owls Hockey Festival at Langley
- 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)
- 18/07 - Y6 Leavers trip to Pleasurewood Hills
- 22/07 - Last Day of Summer Term 2 (end of Academic Year)

Useful Information

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

Ditchingham Church of England Primary Academy

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

APRIL TO OCTOBER 2025

WEEKLY MENU

NOURISH

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 21ST APRIL, 12TH MAY, 9TH JUNE, 30TH JUNE, 21ST JULY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 13TH OCTOBER	Mild Chilli Beef Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta **1 VG** Jacket with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rice, Mixed Peppers, Peas Jammy Finger **1,6 VG** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Chicken & Tomato Pasta Shells **1** Cheese & Bean Wrap Pocket & Wedges **1,7 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Sausage Roll & Gravy **1,6** Vegetable Sausage & Gravy **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots Fruit Jelly **VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V** Loaded Bean Wedges **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rainbow Pasta **1**, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw **9** Sultana Cake **1VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Fish Fingers **1,8** or Salmon Fish Cake **1,7,8** Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Cucumber Caramel Cookie **1,7** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**
WEEK TWO 28TH APRIL, 19TH MAY, 16TH JUNE, 7TH JULY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 20TH OCTOBER	Vegetable Nuggets with Tomato Sauce & Rainbow Rice **1VG** Tomato & Sweetcorn Pasta **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Carrots, Peas Vanilla Sponge **1VG** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Minced Beef Pie **1** Cheesy Pasta Twists **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Crushed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate & Mandarin Mousse **7,3** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Roast Chicken & Gravy Vegetable Pastry Puff **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Roast Potatoes Cabbage, Carrots Cornflake Cookie **1,3,7,16** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Pulled Pork Loaded Wedges Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Green Beans, Coleslaw **9** Spiced Apple Focaccia **1,3 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V** Tuna Penne Pasta **1,7,8** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips, Peas, Grated Carrot Oaty Biscuit **1,15 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**
WEEK THREE 5TH MAY, 2ND JUNE, 23rd JUNE, 14TH JULY, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 6TH OCTOBER	Bolognaise Pasta Shells **1** Savoury Cheese Swirl **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Mild Chicken Curry Herby Tomato Penne Pasta **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rice, Green Beans, Carrots Peach Sponge **1VG** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Sausages & Gravy **1,6** Vegetable Sausage & Gravy **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Swede Fruit Jelly **VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Macaroni Cheese **1,7 V** Tomato & Vegetable Puff **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Carrots, Mixed Peppers Chocolate Cake **1 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Fish Fingers **1,8** Vegetable Nuggets **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw **9** Ginger Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

AVAILABLE DAILY 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 VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Norfolk Selection of Salads 9, Homemade Bread 1,3. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

WE ♥ VEGGIES

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What can pharmacists help with?

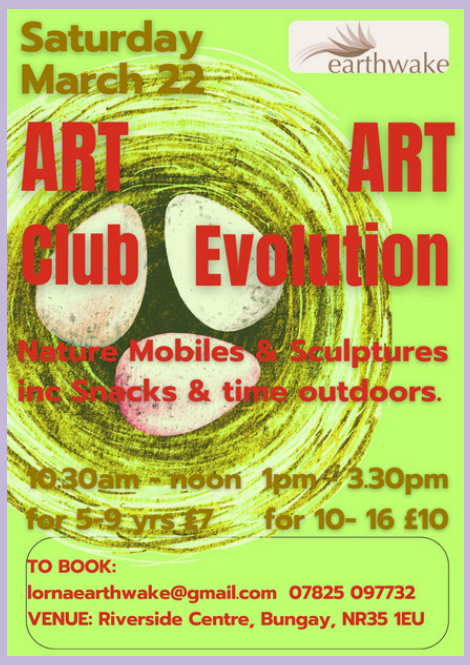
- Sore throats (From 5 years and over)
- Ear Infection/Earache (Children ages 1 to 17 years old)
- Impetigo (Adults and children over 1 year old)
- Urinary tract infections [UTIs] (Women aged 16 to 64 years)
- Infected insect bites (Adults and children 1 year and over)
- Sinusitis (Adults and Children aged 12 years and over)
- Shingles (Adults ages 18 and over)



For more information, Scan the QR code

Visit your nearest Pharmacy, No appointment needed!

Community


Saturday March 22
earthwake
ART Club
ART Evolution
Nature Mobiles & Sculptures
Inc Snacks & time outdoors.
10.30am - noon for 5-9 yrs £7
1pm - 3.30pm for 10- 16 £10
TO BOOK:
lornaearthwake@gmail.com 07825 097732
VENUE: Riverside Centre, Bungay, NR35 1EU

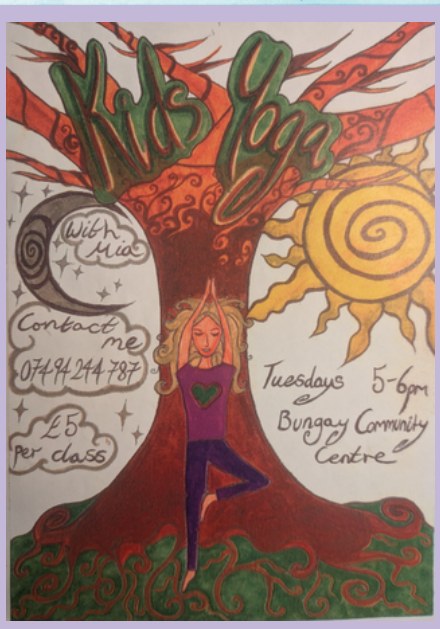

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To book, visit the Eequ website:
https://eequ.org/book/earthwake-outdoor-play-activity-days-with-earthwake-cic-9748
Location and dates: Ilketshall St Lawrence Primary - Monday 7 & Tuesday 8 April.
Times: 10am - 3pm.
These are HAF funded days. Children's places are FREE, if they are in receipt of benefits related free school meals. Paid places are available at a cost of £29.80/child/day.
What's included?: A cooked lunch and snacks, all equipment and resources (art creations and woodwork pieces can be taken home).
If transport to the activity days is an issue, please get in touch, as East Suffolk Council may be able to cover the cost of bus tickets and public transport. If you have any questions, please call or message Kat - 07881 527967, sjandkcwilson@gmail.com
Sessions will be run by Kat & Lorna - experienced, friendly & inclusive, qualified First Aiders with enhanced DBS checks and level 3 Forest School qualifications.


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
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SUGGESTED DONATION £1
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for primary age kids during term time
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www.lightwave.community


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Justice matters


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