DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

16th May 2025

Executive Head

This week has been a very busy week for our Y6s who completed their Y6 SATs assessments. Well done to all of them for their excellent attitude and determination with these. Thank you to a everyone in our school who were really supportive to their Y6 friends all week. We know that our Y6s have all tried their very best, more importantly we are proud that all of our children in school show us the many ways that shine so much more brightly than a SATs test can capture.

Mrs Brand

Robins

During science this week we have been experimenting with a range of rigid materials such as wood, metal, plastic and glass as well as a variety of flexible materials; elastic, modelling clay, pipe cleaners and rubber bands. We compared the different materials with our partners and described some of their properties. Lastly, we carried out an experiment to identify how far our socks can stretch and formed a bar chart of our results.

Year 1 and 2 have been continuing to learn how to use money this week. We have worked hard to calculate the correct amount of change to give our partner as well as make a pound. Reception have been learning how to add and subtract.

As part of our 'Continents and Oceans' unit in geography we have been describing where different continents are located, giving our partner 3 clues before guessing our answer!

During PSHE this week we have been thinking carefully about the role of banks and how they keep our money safe. We discussed the importance of knowing how much money we have and how vital it is to keep it somewhere safe so that we can use it when we need to.

Barn Owls

This week in Barn Owls we have had a slightly unusual week. In maths we have continued to improve our understanding of analogue clocks and how to use them alongside digital clocks. We have started a new guided reading book in Year 4 - 'Who let the gods out?' - which is long and challenging and will need pupils to read at least one chapter independently every week. In French pupils continued to say hello and ask about how old another person is and in science we reviewed last week's investigation about roots and flowers and started another one investigating the importance of leaves to a plant. In PE we enjoyed a fielding session and in swimming some started to develop back stroke and front crawl whilst others worked on being confident in the water, including putting our heads under the surface. Most of the week however was spent working with the Year 5s on a Geography research project on North America. Each small group researched, created and presented a short report on a part of the continent. All the reports were interesting, well researched, well presented and properly collaborative - well done.

Please remember that for the next few weeks we do NOT have PE on a Friday. The next Friday PE session will be on Friday 20th June.

Golden Eagles

It has been a bit of a different week for Golden Eagles. Year 6 have been fabulous doing their SATS this week. We are so proud of each one of them and couldn't have asked anymore from them – well done to you all! Year 5 have spent time working on Geography projects with Barn Owls. In science we have been thinking about life cycles of different animals. We ended the week by announcing the play we are doing this year and giving the children their parts for the play.

Holiday Camp

Premier Sports Holiday Camp at Ditchingham Primary Academy

Please find the details below regarding the Premier Sports Holiday Camp at Ditchingham Primary Academy.

Click here for more information

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

96.16%

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

Awards

Kingfisher Reading Wings Award

This week

Barn Owls

Attendance Award

This week

Golden Eagles

Kingfisher Maths Monster Award

This week

Barn Owls

Warmer Weather

As we transition into the warmer months, we kindly request that you ensure your child comes to school each day wearing sunscreen and bringing a sun hat along with a water bottle.

Out of school acheivement

Congratulations Savannahopn taking part in your first ballet exam - and passing with distinction!



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

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

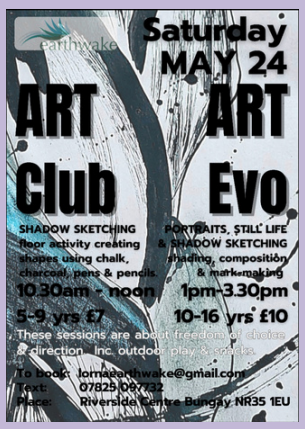
Date	Event
19 May 2025	Barn Owls Swimming
21 May 2025	Music Performance to Parents, 9am at School (Click for info)
23 May 2025	Hobart visiting Y6
23 May 2025	Space Postcard Deadline (Click for info)
23 May 2025	Last Day of Summer Term 1
2 Jun 2025	First Day of Summer Term 2
2 Jun 2025	**Barn Owls Hockey Session in school (PE Kit) - Cancelled**
2 Jun 2025	**Barn Owls Swimming**
4 Jun 2025	Golden Eagles to visit Broome Village Hall
5 Jun 2025	Bungay High School - Y6 Getting to Know You Evening
9 Jun 2025	**Barn Owls Swimming**
11 Jun 2025	Golden Eagles Tag Rugby in school (PE Kit)
13 Jun 2025	Fathers day messages in BBJ
17 Jun 2025	Bungay High School - Y6 Transition Evening
20 Jun 2025	Provisional Sports Day date
23 Jun 2025	Golden Eagles Poetry Workshop (in school)
23 Jun 2025	Barn Owls Hockey Festival at Langley
24 Jun 2025	Y6 Road Safety Session (in school)
26 Jun 2025	KS2 Production 2.00pm
26 May 2025	KS2 Production 6.00pm
30 Jun 2025 to 02 Jul 2025	Golden Eagles Residential Day 1
1 Jul 2025 & 2 Jul 2025	Bungay High School Transition Day (Y6)
9 Jul 2025	Hobart High School Transition (Y6)
10 Jul 2025	Bungay High School TasterDay (Y5)
11 Jul 2025	Internal Transition Morning
16 Jul 2025	Academic Reports sent home
17 Jul 2025	**Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am**
17 Jul 2025	Internal transition Afternoon
18 Jul 2025	Leavers trip to Pleasurewood Hills (Y6)
22 Jul 2025	Last Day of Summer Term 2 (end of Academic Year)

Community


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
Children to be accompanied by an adult
@Lightwave8BungayandBeyond
www.lightwave.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


DYNAMO CRICKET
This is our game.
dynamocricket.co.uk


earthwake
Saturday MAY 24
ART Club
ART Evo
SHADOW SKETCHING
floor activity creating shapes using chalk, charcoal, pens & pencils.
10.30am - noon
5-9 yrs £7
PORTRAITS, STILL LIFE & SHADOW SKETCHING
shading, composition & mark-making
1pm-3.30pm
10-16 yrs £10
These sessions are about freedom of choice & direction. Inc outdoor play & snacks.
To book: lornaearthwake@gmail.com
Text: 07825 097732
Place: Riverside Centre Bungay NR35 1EU


MAGPIES HOCKEY CLUB
HARLESTON MAGPIES
HOCKEY TASTER COURSE
SCHOOL YEARS 1-7
MONDAY NIGHTS
5.45pm - 7pm
HARLESTON MAGPIES HC
Shotford Heath, Weybread, IP21 5UF
£20 PER PERSON
JUNE 2ND - JUNE 30TH
REGISTER NOW: https://forms.gle/1tsAvY3QDuvr41Kw6
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: YOUTHENQUIRIES@MAGPIES-HOCKEY.CO.UK

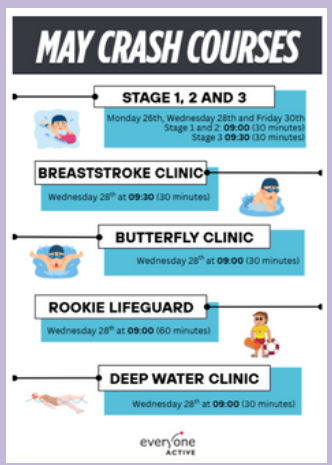

It all starts with...
ALL STARS CRICKET
We all play at:
Bungay Cricket Club Pinnhow Street, Ditchingham NR35 2WJ
Session dates:
Wednesday 14th of May 2025 for 8 weeks
Session timings:
6PM to 7PM
Contact:
Stuart Smith - 07860 817927
Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk


THE VENUE
MAY HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES
-WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY-
TRAMPOLINING-
9:30-12AM 5-8 YEARS £14
ARCHERY-
1-3:30PM 5-10 YEARS £14
-THURSDAY 29TH MAY -
ARTS AND CRAFTS-
9:30-12AM 5-8YEARS £14
-FRIDAY 30TH MAY-
ROLLERSKATING-
10:30-12PM £5
OUTDOOR SPORTS AFTERNOON-
1-3:30PM 5-8YEARS £14
For more information to book, please contact
email- thevenue@sirjohnleman.co.uk
phone- 01502 712039
facebook - The Venue - SJLHS Beccles


Tiny Tots Stay & Play
INDOOR CARBOOT
Sellers to arrive from 9.30am for doors to open at 10am to buyers.
Free entry for buyers. Main Hall, Side room and outside filled with sellers!
Tables provided unless you wish to bring your own or we run out. Payment due on the day! Proceeds from the tables go to our Parent & toddler group Tiny Tot's Stay & Play
£7 A TABLE
SUNDAY 8TH JUNE
10am to 1pm
Ditchingham Village hall
Loddon road, Ditchingham NR352QN
Hot and cold refreshments available
Email - Tinytotsstayandplay@yahoo.com or
Whatsapp 07591800467 to book your table!


Langley SCHOOL
Langley School is delighted to invite you to our
LANGLEY SENIOR SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM
OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 17 MAY 2025
9.00 AM
Langley Senior School,
Langley Park, Loddon, Norwich,
NR14 6BJ
TO REGISTER VISIT:
langleyschool.co.uk/admissions/open-days/open-event-registration/
Your journey, your way


earthwake
Bungay Earthwake Outdoor Club
Saturday 17 May
Quality time in beautiful Spring woods & meadow by the river.
Set up base, play, use hand tools & wood. Arts & crafts, camp cooking, conservation tasks for wildlife.
10.30am-2.30pm @ Buck Hills
Meet & collect Old Harleston Rd Earsham NR35 2AF
Wear layers, long trousers & trainers or boots.
Snacks & drinks provided. Bring a picnic.
Qualified First Aiders & enhanced DBS checks.
All sessions, and the site, risk assessed.
Freedom to choose & be in nature.
£20/child or £5/child/hour
Info/bookings: 07825 097732
lornaearthwake@gmail.com
Buck Hills - near Tubes Scaffolding


MAY CRASH COURSES
STAGE 1, 2 AND 3
Monday 26th, Wednesday 28th and Friday 30th
Stage 1 and 2 09:00 (30 minutes)
Stage 3 09:30 (30 minutes)
BREASTSTROKE CLINIC
Wednesday 28th at 09:30 (30 minutes)
BUTTERFLY CLINIC
Wednesday 28th at 09:00 (30 minutes)
ROOKIE LIFEGUARD
Wednesday 28th at 09:00 (60 minutes)
DEEP WATER CLINIC
Wednesday 28th at 09:00 (30 minutes)
everyone ACTIVE


SOCCER IN THE COMMUNITY
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BUNGAY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
SOCCER IN THE COMMUNITY.CO.UK
To Book/Call or Text Daryll Sibbons 07985 75 80 80
May Half Term 2025
Matches Days For School Years 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Wednesday 28th May
Thursday 29th May
10am – 2pm £12.00 each day
THE SOCCER SCHOOLS ARE HELD @ UPLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE GRASS PITCH NR33 8LJ
FREE Medal for everyone, and chances to win other Medals, Trophies and Prizes
Coaches are FA and CORSVER qualified, with
Emergency Aid, Safeguarding, and DBS Certificates
Players of all abilities are welcome, however exceptional quality players will be recommended to Ipswich Town Fc
Please get your child to bring with them, SHIN PADS, WATERPROOF JACKET, FOOTBALL BOOTS/TRAINERS, DRINKS (not fizzy) and PACKED LUNCH.
A.F.C.A.S. BBC RADIO
Payments by Cash, Cheque payable to D.Sibbons, or Bank Transfer, Account Number 10742341, Sort Code 20-92-08
together with this completed form are needed on the day of the Soccer School
Please text me for availability on the number above, as dates regularly SELL OUT
Child Name D.O.B
Address
Postcode Email
Home/Mobile /
School Name School Year
PLEASE CIRCLE DAY(S) REQUIRED 28th 29th
Does your child suffer from any illness or disabilities, which should be brought to our attention?
YES
NO
If Yes please give details on reverse of form.
DECLARATION BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN
HEALTH AND SAFETY / CHILD PROTECTION
Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Ditchingham Primary Academy Music Celebration

9am on Wednesday 21st May

Parents Welcome

SPACEMAIL CHALLENGE

SEND A POSTCARD TO SPACE

The winning designs will be launched into space, stamped at the space centre, and returned to you as an out-of-this-world keepsake!

THE PRIZE

300 winning designs will be sent to space and stamped at the space centre. Each winning pupil will receive their postcard back as a unique souvenir and a photo of the astronaut stamping the postcards.



HOW TO ENTER

01 Ask your teacher for a postcard template and start designing. You can use paints, pencils, markers, or digitally design.

02 Add your full name, year group, and school to your postcard.

03 Give your completed postcard to your teacher before the deadline.

Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

Postcards must be handed in by 23RD MAY

Competition open to all pupils up to year 4 from DNEAT schools (separate age categories to ensure fairness). Entries may be used for marketing purposes.



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YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMP...

Venue: Ditchingham Primary School

Dates: 29th May-30th May 2025

Times: 8.30-16.30- Full Day

Price: £35.37

Ages: 4-11

Additional info: 10% off if booking all dates

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our Holiday Camps are designed to help your kids get active, introduce them to new and exciting activities, and create a fun-filled experience they will remember forever.

A bucket load of fun activities, every school holiday. With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!

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