DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

13th June 2025

Executive Head

What a busy and productive week in school! Many of our children have been completing assessments this week, and I have been impressed by their resilience and determination to do their very best. Around this it has been lovely for the children to have lots of other opportunities to show how they shine. We are looking forward to next week when we will have our sports afternoon, parents are very welcome to come along for the afternoon on Friday 20th June at 1.05pm.

Mrs Brand

Robins

This week Robin Class have been learning to play against an opponent and keep score. We had lots of fun playing 'Catch Tennis', throwing a tennis ball underarm over the line and into our partners' area. Our partner then had to try to catch the ball before it bounced twice!

This week in science we have carried out a comparative test. First, we studied both plants that had not been watered, checking how dry the soil and the roots were and describing what the plants looked and felt like, focusing on the stems and leaves. Next, we placed both our plant pots in the same place so that both plants experienced the same amount of light and the same temperature but only watered one of the two plants! We will be recording our findings next week.

During our history lessons this week we have been studying seaside images of the past. We used the clues we had found as historians to mime a scene from a seaside image from over 100 years ago!

Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have had two main points of focus: Assessments and the play. They have done very well in both. The assessment results so far are looking pleasing, and the play is really coming on well. Next week all the children will need to sing the songs without the words available, so please help them learn them over the weekend. (They have had the words for 4 weeks now so this shouldn't be too hard...!) We have looked at possessive pronouns in French, created our sunflowers for a whole school art project, enjoyed team games in PE and have had our last swimming session (certificates will come home once we have received them.)

Year 4 are working their way through 'Who Let The Gods Out'. Each week they need to read one or two chapters - please do help them read these chapters as they are quite complicated.

Golden Eagles

Golden Eagles really enjoyed their soccer session on Monday. We were complemented on how well all the children behaved and their engagement with the session, so well done to all! In Maths we have been learning about regular polygons and the internal angles of these. The Year 5 children have been completing some termly assessments this week and have all applied themselves really well.

Donations

Our gardening after school club is in desperate need of compost, if you have any you are able to donate please let the school office know.

We are on the lookout for fun things to do at lunch time. If you have any of the following items we would be most grateful for any donations

- ***Remote control cars***
- ***Scratch art***
- ***Paint pens***
- ***Bracelet making kits***
- ***Bubble machine***
- ***Toy cars***

...etc

School Prayer

Mighty God from up high,

You are the Lord of the earth and sky, We know we sometimes get things wrong,

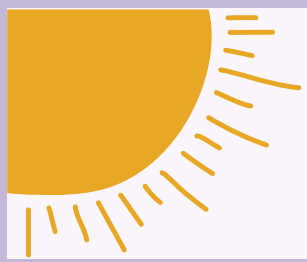
We're sorry for those things we've done. We thank you for our families, friends and school,

We thank you for loving us all.

Please can you let our lights shine,

In all our work, including mine.

Amen



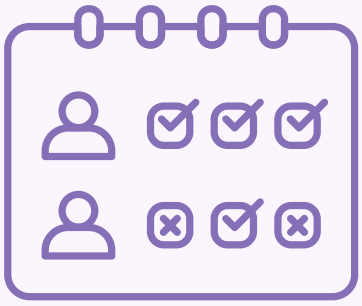
Warmer Weather

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.

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

96.97%



Awards



Kingfisher Reading Wings Award

This week

Robins



Attendance Award

This week

Golden Eagles





Remember to grab your copy of the BBJ today and explore the touching Father's Day messages from children!

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

17 Jun 2025	Bungay High School - Y6 Transition Evening
20 Jun 2025	**Sports Day - Parents Arrive from 1.05pm**
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 Jun 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)
7 Jul 2025	**Hobart High School Transition (Y6)**
8 Jul 2025	**Hobart High School Transition (Y6)**
9 Jul 2025	Hobart High School Transition (Y6)
10 Jul 2025	Bungay High School TasterDay (Y5)
11 Jul 2025	Internal Transition Morning
11 Jul 2025	**DAFS Summer Fete 3.20pm**
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	**Teddy Bears Picnic Menu**
22 Jul 2025	Last Day of Summer Term 2 (end of Academic Year)


TEDDY BEARS PICNC
NOURISH
July 2025
Mini Sausage Roll 1,6
Red Tomato Pasta 1,7 V
Ham, cheese or tuna Sandwich
Wedges
Cucumber & Carrot Sticks
Iced Vanilla Sponge 1,9
Fruit Pot & Jelly
Key: (V) Vegetarian (Vg) Vegan
Allergen code: (1) Wheat Gluten (2) Crustaceans (3) Soybean (4) Mustard (5) Sesame (6) Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide


SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 11TH
JULY 2025
3.20PM
AT
DITCHINGHAM
PRIMARY
SCHOOL
DAFS
Summer
FETE

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
@LightwaveBungayandBeyond
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 Tinys 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


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Book now to avoid disappointment
• 7th, 8th, 28th & 29th June At Harleston Pool
30 minute lessons every half hour between 2–4pm
water lilies swimming school
Approved Training Centre
To book email: treacle@waterliliesswim.co.uk


Olipa theatre company
SUMMER SCHOOL
Ages 5-13
9am-3pm
Wednesdays&fridays
Musical stars
6th august
musical creators
22nd august
arts&crafts party
8th august
olympics bootcamp
27th august
activity day
13th august
Pop star party
29th august
dance the genres
15th august
Hempnall village hall
£35 all day or £6.50 per hour
Olipatheatrecompany@gmail.com


HERBS
walk
for 8 years +
Join us to learn about using plants as medicine with herbalist Christine Herbert. We'll have a walk on the Common, finding & learning about some of the plants we see. Bring a jam jar (not a big one), pencil & pad.
SATURDAY
14 JUNE 2025
10.30-12.30
MEET AT OUTNEY COMMON CAR PARK, BUNGAY, NR35 1DS
Make a flower potion to take home
Taste herbs & enjoy herbal teas
Picnic & play for last half hour
£5/CHILD
£5/PARENT/CARER
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