DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

27th June 2025

Executive Head

This week we have again seen children shine in so many different ways. Where last week was mainly about sport, this week is most definitely about the arts. We are exceptionally proud of the children's responses to a cluster project looking at the work of famous artists.

See our work here

Our oldest children also had a fantastic opportunity to work with a poet as part of the upcoming Black Dog Festival in Bungay, we look forward to seeing their work on display. Finally, a huge well done to the children in key stage 2 for their wonderful play performance. This was an excellent example of our value of courage in action. Superb performances to audiences across the week.

Mrs Brand

Robins

Robins have had another busy week of learning. In maths Year 1 and 2 have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock. So far we have learnt o'clock, half past and quarter past. Please encourage your children to tell the time at home too! In science we have been learning about plants and what happens if they don't grow in the right conditions. This week we were comparing plants that have been watered and those that haven't. In PSHE we have been thinking about how we are all similar but equally all different and how this is a good thing. We have also been thinking about our likes and dislikes. This week we also enjoyed watching KS2 play of Peter Pan.

Barn Owls

1 - We had a great afternoon out at Langley School on Monday, learning how to play hockey and building our team skills. This was a great event and everyone took part really well.

2 - In English we have been planning and writing our own interpretation of the 'Winged Dragon' text. We have almost finished this - but we might need a little time next week too.

3 - In science we have been investigating and understanding how plants grow seeds and how these are distributed. We have had two sessions, looking at the seeds inside fruit and the many ways animals and nature help disperse seeds successfully.

4 - The play. This has been a significant part of this half term, culminating in two performances on Thursday. The hard work, effort, resilience and enjoyment that has gone into this has been fantastic. All the children have played their parts magnificently and can rightly feel very proud.

Finally, Miss Oram will be leaving us next Tuesday after Stone Age Day. She has been with us since September and has grown into an excellent teacher and colleague. I wish her the very best in her professional teaching career.

Golden Eagles

Golden Eagles have continued to work very hard on their play. We enjoyed sharing it with you this week and am sure you will agree that they were all amazing. We are super proud of them all and hope children and families are too! What a talented bunch they are! We have also been continuing are learning, in Science we have been thinking about how we grow and change from a baby to being a bit older! In computing we have learnt how to layer a vector drawing and again produced some good results. We hope you have a restful weekend before most of you go of on residential next week.

Cluster Art Project



Whole School Attendance

Year to date

95.98%

Awards

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

Attendance Award

This week

Golden Eagles

Governor Parent Survey

Please take a moment to complete our governor survey, closing date is Friday 4th July.

Governor Survey Link

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

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

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

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	**Bungay High Transition Afternoon (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)
21 Jul 2025	**Nourish Menu Update (see poster below)**
22 Jul 2025	Teddy Bears Picnic Menu (see poster below)
22 Jul 2025	Last Day of Summer Term 2 (end of Academic Year)

Tesco Stronger Starts

Ditchingham Primary Academy will be part of the Tesco Stronger Starts programme from July until September at Beccles & Pakefield Tesco. If you're a Tesco shopper please pop a blue token in for us!







Teddy Bears' Picnic

Tuesday 22nd July

Meals

Ham or Cheese Sandwich

Mini Sausage Roll

Carrot & Cucumber Sticks

Dessert

Cupcake

Fruit

Community





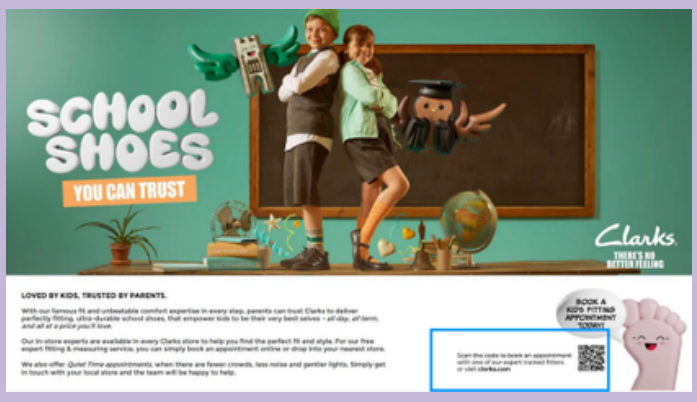














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Dear Parent/Carer,

As your child returns to or starts school in September, you may be thinking about your own next steps. If you're interested in pursuing a career in childcare, early years, or education, we're pleased to share details of a local training opportunity.

Level 1 Caring for Children Course
Harleston Information Plus, 8 Exchange Street, Harleston, IP20 9AB
Starting Monday 8th September 2025
9:30am – 2:30pm (school-friendly hours)
Delivered by East Coast College tutor

This 10-week course provides a recognised qualification and a supportive learning environment to help you gain the skills and confidence to work in nurseries, schools, or other childcare settings.

The course is also open to grandparents wishing to refresh their knowledge in childcare or anyone else who feels that it will be of benefit to them.

The course is free for eligible learners (those with a household income under £25,000 or in receipt of UC/ESA/JSA). For those not eligible, the full cost is £255.
To find out more or to register your interest, please contact:

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Kind regards,

Lydia