DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

4th July 2025

Executive Head

What a contrasting week in terms of weather. Well done to all of the children who navigated the hot weather in particular, brilliantly. As mentioned last week, we took part in an art project with schools across the Loddon cluster of schools. Please do enjoy the results here:

Art and Design – Kingfisher Federation

I am also exceptionally proud of our oldest children who attended residential visits this week. I had the pleasure of joining the trip for each of our schools. Seeing the children in these environments was wonderful, they tackled the different activities brilliantly. Part of our learning at school is about giving new things a try, something which we hope will be a lifelong mantra for all, those that saw me very much not in my comfort zone in a kayak on one of the visits will know that I definitely follow this.

The value of courage in learning and trying new things, has very much been lived out by all children and staff this year in all sorts of ways, I am immensely proud of each and every person within our wonderful school communities

Mrs Brand

Robins

We enjoyed making posters in science this week to tell other people how to look after plants to ensure they grow healthily. We are sure they will be keen to help you grow plants in your gardens! In History we have continued to learn about seaside holidays in the past and have been sorting photos to show the difference. In Computing we are learning about how we can make music on the computer.

With the warmer weather, please can you ensure your child has a water bottle and hat in school.

Barn Owls

This week Barn Owls have had another busy time of it. We have finished our writing task based on dragons and have started a new piece - a biography. In maths we are looking at symmetry and in history we have investigated how people lived 3500 years ago in Skara Brae. We have also been working our way through the RSE programme - a very important series of lessons for the pupils. They have all been very respectful, engaged and thoughtful, which is lovely to see.

Golden Eagles

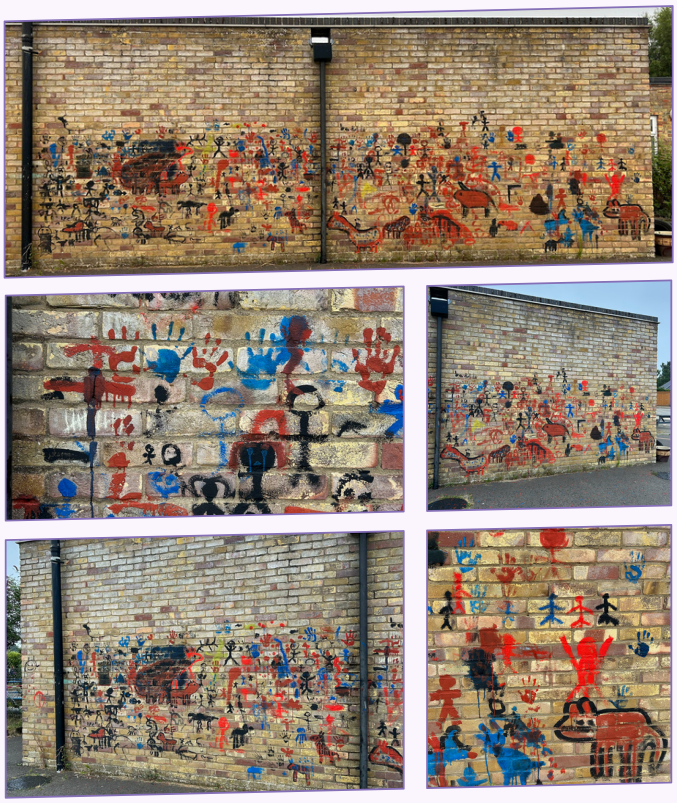
Golden Eagles have been on our three day residential trip to Horstead this week. We have had the most incredible time (despite all of the boys deciding to get up at 4:00am on Tuesday morning!)

Our activities included kayaking, flying down a zipwire, rock-climbing, crate-stacking (where we had to pile crates with a partner under our feet and see how high we could reach before the crates toppled beneath us), bushcraft and a vertical challenge where we scaled dizzy heights on a rope course. In the evening, we toasted marshmallows around the campfire, found out how to do different bird calls using our hands and natural objects such as shells and acorns, played rounders, spent time with our friends and even competed in Horstead's Got Talent (which featured a range of bad dad jokes and songs from our KS2 performance).

All the instructors commented on the confidence and bravery of our pupils and they were so impressed with the children's knowledge of and curiosity about nature. Thank you Golden Eagles for making our trip truly epic!

A special mention too for our two Year 6 students who stayed in school to help in Barn Owls and Robins Class; all of the teachers said how wonderfully helpful you have been.

Stone Age Day



Whole School Attendance

Year to date

95.97%

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant within the Kingfisher Partnership.

Click here for more information

Awards

Attendance Award

This week

Golden Eagles





The Year 6 pupils in Golden Eagles are completing a number of tasks at home to achieve their Degree of Independence at the end of this term. Can you guess from the photos which tasks Charlie has been working on?
Don't forget Year 6 that we need your task sheet completed and signed by the 8th July in order for you to receive your Degree!

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

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

Out of school achievement

A group of children from Ditchingham performed in the Shrek performance at the Fisher Theatre!



Out of school achievement

This lucky boy got to play on the main pitch at Portman road on Sunday what an amazing experience in his footballing adventure.

Follow your dreams!



Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

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
11 Jul 2025	**Top Class (Y6) supplement in BBJ**
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

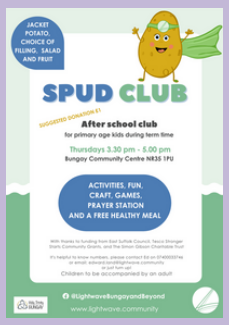
Carrot & Cucumber Sticks

Dessert

Cupcake

Fruit

Community


JACKET POTATO, CHOICE OF FILLING, SALAD AND FRUIT
SPUD CLUB
After school club
for primary age kids during term time
Thursdays 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm
Bungay Community Centre NR35 1PJ
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 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


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30 minute lessons every half hour between 2-4pm
To book email: treacle@waterlilliesswim.co.uk
water lilies swimming school


BECCLES RUGBY MINIS SUMMER CAMP
£20 per child, per day, or £30 for both days
SKILLS
TECHNIQUE
FUN
THURSDAY, 14TH TO FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST.
BECCLES RUFC YOUTH CENTRE, NR34 9RH
10AM TO 3PM, WITH 9:30AM ARRIVAL
Open to anyone aged U6s-U12s
Activities will include evasion games, tagging/tackle technique, handling and various other fun activities.
What to bring?
Packed lunch, snack, water bottle, trainers/boots, a gumshield (U9+), and suitable training clothes.
Book now: minis@becclesrufc.co.uk

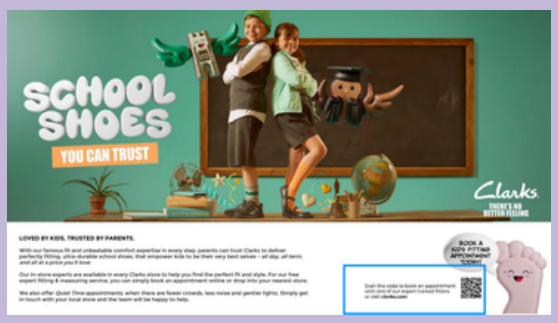

INDOOR KAYAKING!
TASTER SESSIONS
Looking for a fun, safe, and exciting activity for children aged 8 and up? Indoor kayaking at Harleston Pool is the perfect choice!
Whether your child is new to kayaking or ready to build on their skills, our sessions offer a fantastic way to enjoy the water, boost confidence, and have loads of fun — all in a warm, supervised indoor setting.
Why Children Love It:
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• 5TH AUGUST • 12TH AUGUST 1PM - 2:30PM
• 7TH AUGUST • 14TH AUGUST £20 PER SESSION
SUITABLE FOR SWIMMERS AGED 8YRS + WHO CAN SWIM 20M FRONT & BACK
BEGINNER & IMPROVER SESSIONS AVAILABLE

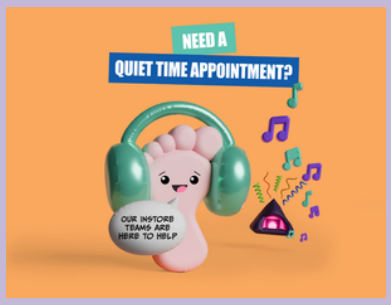

EARSHAM BENEFICE HOLIDAY CLUB 2025
9:15AM - 12:00 AM ON THURS 24 AND FRI 25 JULY
Starship Discovery
MORE DETAILS AT EARSHAMBENEFICE.ORG.UK


BECCLES R.U.F.C.
England Rugby
BECCLES RUGBY YOUTH EVENING
• Friday, 22nd August
• 17:00 to 19:00
• £10 per child
To celebrate the start of the Women's Rugby World Cup kick off with the USA, we're hosting an evening of activities for ages 6-12 to introduce them into the world of Rugby!
What's included?
• Hot dog and soft drink
• Rugby training drills
• Colouring competition
• Craft table
• Goody bag for the first 30 people that sign up
Book now:
minis@becclesrufc.co.uk


LIGHTWAVE BUNGAY PRESENTS
SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB
23RD & 24TH JULY 2025
10AM-3PM
AT THE MALTINGS PAVILION, BUNGAY, NR35 2RU
2 days of sports-filled fun for 7-11 year olds.
Half Time Christian Faith Talk
£15 per day
Please arrive in sports clothing with a drink and packed lunch
SCAN TO SIGN UP


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


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To Book,Call or Text Darell Sibbons 07985 75 80 80

Summer Holiday 2025
Matches Days For School Years 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th, Wednesday 30th, & Thursday 31st July.
Wednesday 6th,Thursday 7th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th, Wednesday 20th
Thursday 21st, Wednesday 27th, & Thursday 28th August.
All dates are 10am – 2pm and cost £12.00

THIS SOCCER SCHOOLS IS HELD @ BUNGAY TOWN FC GRASS PITCH NR35 2RU
FREE Medal for everyone, and chances to win other Medals,Trophies and Prizes
Coaches are FA and COERVER 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.

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

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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 DATE(S) REQUIRED 23rd 24th 30th 31st 6th 7th 13th 14th 20th 21st 27th 28th

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

I wish for my child to be accepted on the above course(s), and I agree to the terms and conditions, and confirm that any medical condition that may affect my childs participation on the course has been fully disclosed.

HEALTH AND SAFETY / CHILD PROTECTION

I also give permission for Bungay Town Fc / Soccer In The Community, to take and use photographs of my child for future publications and publicity, and to administer First aid if necessary, and to transfer my child to hospital, should an emergency arise. I except that Darell Sibbons / Soccer in The Community and coaches cannot be held responsible for any injury to my child during the event(s) listed above.