DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

11th July 2025

Executive Head



As we move into the last part of the summer term, I wanted to take a moment to pause and share our love, thoughts and prayers with the family, friends and community in Beccles following the extremely sad news at the end of last week and the funeral that will take place tomorrow (Saturday).

Over the next week and bit, there is much that we will celebrate with the children. We are exceptionally proud of their achievements in so many ways at this point of the year; From assessment outcomes, progress across the curriculum and many other moments of joy. All have shone from the inside out.

Mrs Brand

Robins

This week we have been remembering everything we have learnt in Science this half term. We realised we have learnt lots about growing healthy plants! In art and DT we have continued with our sewing. We have enjoyed our PE lessons where we have been practising our ball skills, throwing, catching and passing the ball to a partner. We have also had our transition morning, those moving to Barn Owls had a good morning and met Mrs Lambert online! Those staying in Robins enjoyed meeting the new children that will be joining us in September and showing them how things work in Robin class.

Barn Owls

This week in Barn Owls we have been continuing to write our autobiographies. We have started our own imitation of the original text. In maths we have finished our work on reflective symmetry and have started to investigate the properties of 3D Polyhedra.

In history we have continued to investigate the stone age period and in music we worked with glockenspiels to create our own interpretations of a tune. In art we spent a whole afternoon reimagining the works of Henri Matisse and Victor Vasarely.

Golden Eagles

It has been a bit of a strange week in Golden Eagles! Year 6 going to Hobart High were there for three days, and those going to Bungay High out for an afternoon. Then we had Year 5 out at Bungay High for a taster day! In between all of this we have continued learning! In computing we are enjoying designing things in 3D! In History we were learning about crime and punishment in the past and have been debating about whether punishments were justified.

We have also had out transition morning in school. Year 5 got to meet Mrs Sherwood and Year 6 had a good morning with Mr James!

Carrier Bags

Please can children bring in 2 named carrier bags next week to start taking their work home from school.

Robins may wish to bring 2 bags each day, as they can get quite heavy!



Whole School Attendance

Year to date

97.13%

Vacancy

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

Click here for more information

Parentmail

As we approach the end of the academic year, please can we ask that you clear any outstanding Parentmail balances.

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

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

We look forward to welcoming parents and guardians of Year 6, to the Leavers Assembly on 17th July at 9am.

Awards

Attendance Award

This week

Barn Owls

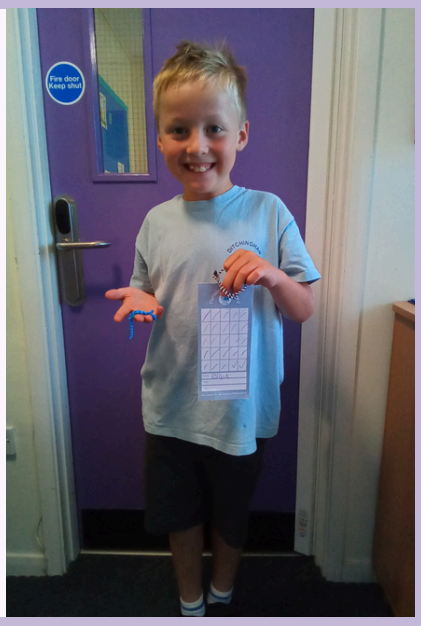
Useful Information

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

Well done!

Elliot was the first pupil to complete a Platinum Merit Card. All pupils that complete their platinum merit card get to choose a prize!





Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

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)

Click here for next academic year term dates, and half terms!

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

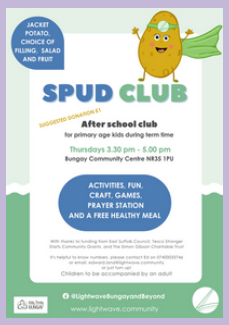
Carrot & Cucumber Sticks

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 1PU
ACTIVITIES, FUN, CRAFT, GAMES, PRAYER STATION AND A FREE HEALTHY MEAL
Children to be accompanied by an adult
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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Suitable for children 4 years and above
Beginners / Improvers
STA Stanley, Octopus, Goldfish
Swim England Stages 1-5
LIMITED SPACES
Book now to avoid disappointment
• 7th, 8th, 28th & 29th June At Harleston Pool
30 minute lessons every half hour between 2-4pm
To book email: treacle@waterlilliesswim.co.uk


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

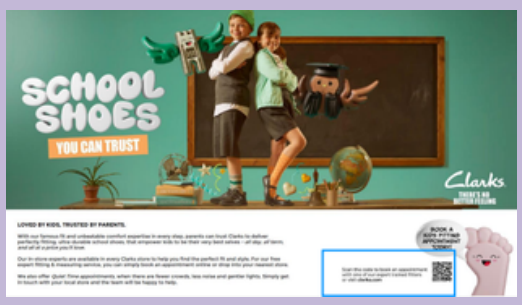

INDOOR KAYAKING!
TASTER SESSIONS
Looking for a fun, safe, and exciting activity for children aged 8 and up? Indoor kayaking at Harleston Pool is the perfect choice!
Whether your child is new to kayaking or ready to build on their skills, our sessions offer a fantastic way to enjoy the water, boost confidence, and have loads of fun — all in a warm, supervised indoor setting.
Why Children Love It:
• No experience needed – perfect for beginners!
• Safe, supportive environment to paddle, play & explore
• Builds coordination, confidence & strength
• Great way to stay active and have fun with friends
Come and make a splash - discover how exciting indoor kayaking can be!
water lilies swimming school
01379 740489
treacle@waterlilliesswim.co.uk
www.waterlilliesswim.co.uk
• 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

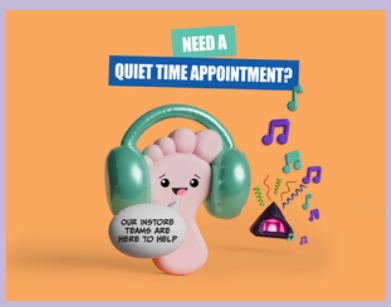

EARSHAM BENEFICE HOLIDAY CLUB 2025
9:15AM – 12:00 AM ON THURS 24 AND FRI 25 JULY
Starship Discovery
MORE DETAILS AT EARSHAMBENEFICE.ORG.UK


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


SCHOOL SHOES
YOU CAN TRUST
Clarks


NEED A
QUIET TIME APPOINTMENT?
OUR INSTORE TEAMS ARE HERE TO HELP


earthwake
Summer Outdoor Activity Days
Days of freedom in nature, for children aged 5-11.
A huge range of activities will be available to choose from. Enjoy tool use, den building, green woodworking, natural art, free play, invertebrate hunting, hammock swinging & preparing & cooking food, to eat together.
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 - Tues 22, Weds 23 & Thurs 24 July.
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 £32.60/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.


COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION
U7-U16
2025/26 season
Girls Football Taster Evenings
The Nest, Norwich
FREE
Click or scan here to book
communitysportsfoundation.org.uk


earthwake
Saturday 26 July
ART Club
10.30am - noon
5 - 9 yrs £7
ART Evo
1pm - 3.30pm
10 - 16 yrs £10
MAGIC ANIMALS
Imagine & create art that inspires you!
Use our resources. Time outdoors. Snacks & drinks.
To book - earthwake@gmail.com or text 07825 097732
Venue: Riverside Centre, Bungay, NR35 1EU, car park is open


earthwake
Wilderness & Bushcraft Days
Thursday 31 July 11 - 16 yr olds
Tuesday 5 August 8 - 14 yr olds
10am - 3pm
£42/session
No charge for those on FREE SCHOOL MEALS
Breakfast, drinks, lunch, snacks all provided.
A day out in the woodland & meadow by the river. Set up base, use handtools & wood, Carry out conservation tasks for wildlife. Sit by the campfire, make art. Freedom in nature!
All safety procedures in place, L3 Forest School trained, enhanced dbs, qualified First Aiders. Wear outdoor gear & bring layers
Funded by the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme
We will arrange a lift if needed.
BUCK HILLS, Old Harleston Rd, (Near Tubes Scaffolding) EARSHAM, NR35 2AF
TO BOOK go to Eequ.org
Then search activities, search Earthwake & scroll down to Wilderness
More info: text 07825 097732
lornaearthwake@gmail.com

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BUNGAY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
SOCCER IN THE COMMUNITY.CO.UK

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.