DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

11th September 2026

Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

Head of School

Welcome back to a new academic, or welcome to your first year with us! It was great to see so many happy, smiling faces come back in to school last week.

I am so impressed with how quickly children have settled in to their classes and the learning has started in earnest. Every time I walk in to a classroom the children are keen to share their work with me.

Thank you to those of you who could attend our welcome back service this morning. **Mrs. Adcock**

Robins

We are so impressed with how well all the children have settled in to class over the last week. It is great to see the Year 1 and 2 children helping the Recpetion children to learn the routines of the classroom and day.

We have been learning our phonics every day and Reception children are also starting to learn their sounds. In science we are learning about everyday materials. In Geography we are learning about Zambia and comparing that to where we live. Reception children are enjoying their continuous provision where they get to choose what they play with, they are exploring all areas of the class.

PE Wednesdays & Thursdays

Barn Owls

Year 4 will usually have some Guided Reading homework each week it will need to be completed by Wednesday morning- this will be written in their reading record book, it is okay for an adult to read the chapter to their child. It has been a wonderful start to the school year in Barn Owls!

There have been many exciting changes, from making new friends and meeting a new teacher to beginning lots of new learning. This week, we have explored how the Earth rotates in Geography, discussed what good learning behaviours look like, and explored place value up to 10,000 in Maths. We have also started our English topic by defining what a wishing tale is and understanding how, in just a few lessons time, we will create our very own wishing tales. Thank you, Barn Owls, for a wonderful first week at school! You have made such a fantastic start, and I am so excited to see what we achieve together this year!

PE Tuesdays & Fridays

Golden Eagles

Children will have Guided Reading homework each week - this will be written in the reading record book, it will need to be completed by a Monday morning.

We have had a fantastic start to the year in Golden Eagles class! We spent our first couple of days learning all of our classroom routines and where we can find everything. This week we have been getting used to our new class timetable and have started learning all about the features of a quest story in English. In maths we have been revisiting place value and looking at numbers up to 10 million! We have started looking at the properties of materials in science and in PE we learned underarm serving in badminton. At the end of last week we looked at how WW2 started and the events that led up to it.

PE Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Reminder

Reminder that morning and after school clubs must be booked in advance via Parentmail

Awards

Whole School Attendance
Year to date
96.74%

Lunchtime Stars
This week
Amelie & Alex

Attendance Award
This week
Robins

Maths Monster
This week
Golden Eagles

Other information

Kingfisher Partnership

CARETAKER VACANCY

6 hours per week
Term time + 4 weeks
Permanent
Part-time

Link

FOR ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Free School Meals

You may qualify for free school meals (FSM) and other help if you receive certain benefits or support. You must apply for free school meals.
From September 2026, there are two types of entitlement:

- Targeted: you receive Universal Credit and earn under £7,400 a year or another qualifying benefit: your children are entitled to FSM and extra support for their school
- Expanded: you receive Universal Credit and earn above £7,400: your children are entitled to FSM only

Apply Now

Spare Clothes

Please could we ask as the weather gets colder and more wintery, that children have a spare pair of wateproof outdoor shoes and a waterproof coat in school with them

New Email Address

The office email address has been updated, when contacting the school office please use the following email address

office.ditchingham@kingfisher.dneat.org

Staff car park

Please be advised that the school parking lot is designated for staff only. We kindly request that you refrain from using the staff parking area for dropping off or picking up your children.

Family Voice Newsletter

Click here to access

Important Dates

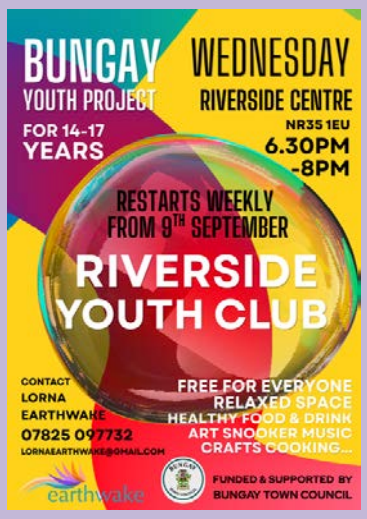
Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

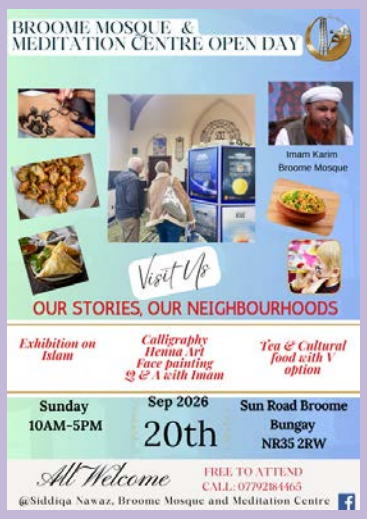
8 Sept 2026	Y6 Visit from Hobart
24 Sept 2026	No After School Club
1 Oct 2026	Tempest Individual & Sibling pictures
6 Oct 2026	Happy Smile dental screening (info to follow)
22 Oct 2026	Last day of Autumn Term 1
2 Nov 2026	First day of Autumn Term 2
6 Nov 2026	Flu Vaccination (info to follow)
9 Dec 2026	Reception & Y6 NCMP Screening (info to follow)
18 Dec 2026	Last day of Autumn Term 2



Community









Useful Information

Ditchingham Church of England Primary Academy

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E-mail address	office.ditchingham@kingfisher.dneat.org
Term Dates 2026-2027	Click Here
Support Resources	Click Here