DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

18th September 2026

Head of School

In Collective Worship we are thinking about the value of creativity. This fits in well with the Church of Engands creationtide **or the Season of Creation which is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. We are learning about how we can be creative. If anyone has anything they have created, either children or adults then we would be delighted to see them in school and celebrate these creations.**

Mrs. Adcock

Robins

We have had another good week in Robins, continuing to learn all of our routines.In PE we played different parachute games to help us learn to work together as a team - this was great fun! In RE we are thinking about what Christians learn about God through Bible stories. We have discussed what we can see in different pictures and thinking about what the story may be about. You should be getting a letter to explain reading books and spellings sent to you. If you have any questions please ask.

PE Wednesdays & Thursdays

Barn Owls

Another brilliant week, Barn Owls!

We have been practising our daily routines and getting better and better every day. During lessons this week, you have worked on presentation in Maths and constructed wonderful character descriptions in English.

You have worked hard in all your subjects, taking pride in your work, helping each other, and always trying your best.

Have a wonderful weekend, Barn Owls!

PE Tuesdays & Fridays

Golden Eagles

This week in Golden Eagles we have been writing a quest story as a class, whilst gathering ideas for our own versions that we will be writing over the next couple of weeks. In maths, we have been continuing with our place value work, looking at numbers up to ten million! We have completed some practical investigations in our science lessons, including looking at which type of cup kept liquid the coolest. In our history lesson this week, we learned all about what it was really like to be an evacuee in WW2.

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
97.44%

Lunchtime Stars
This week
Johnnie & Ida

Attendance Award
This week
Robins

Maths Monster
This week
Barn Owls

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

Ditchingham Academy Friends

Competition Time

Draw/Design your dream school outside area



For a chance to win a sweet hamper!



- £1 per entry (multiple entries allowed)
- Winner chosen by Reg Kirkpatrick
- Entries close 1st October 2026
- All entries to the school office

Raising funds for Ditchingham Primary Academy

Ditchingham Academy Friends

The Ditchingham Academy Friends Association has recently applied for and received a fantastic £250 from 'Make a Difference Locally.' They plan to use these funds to repair the currently broken monkey bars. Additionally, they're hosting a competition for the children to "design your own ideal playground area," with the winner receiving a delightful sweet hamper! For more details, please refer to the poster above.

The Friends are always on the lookout for helpers and volunteers to assist in planning and organising future events. If you're interested in contributing, please reach out via email at friendsofditchingham@kingfisher.dneat.org.

Important Dates

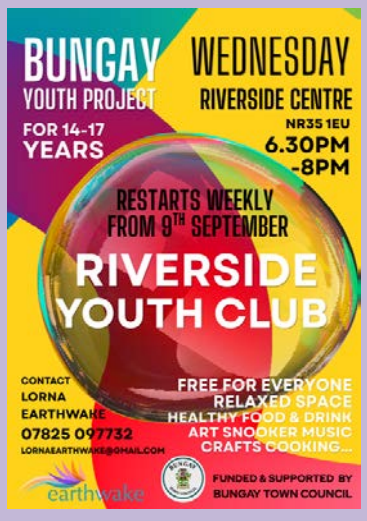
Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

24 Sept 2026	No After School Club
1 Oct 2026	Tempest Individual & Sibling pictures
6 Oct 2026	Happy Smile dental screening - Consent forms have been
22 Oct 2026	Last day of Autumn Term 1
2 Nov 2026	First day of Autumn Term 2
3 Nov 2026	**Golden Eagles to Flixton Air Museum (info to follow)**
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
5 Jan 2027	First day of Spring Term 1



Community









Useful Information

Ditchingham Church of England Primary Academy

Calendar	Click Here
Telephone Number	01986 893 277
E-mail address	office.ditchingham@kingfisher.dneat.org
Term Dates 2026-2027	Click Here
Support Resources	Click Here

NORWICH CATHEDRAL

September 2026

Dear Parents,

‘BE A CHORISTER’ DAY AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL
Saturday 10th October 2026, 11.00am – 4.00pm



On Saturday 10th October, we will be holding our annual ‘Be a Chorister’ day, in partnership with Norwich School. This is a fun day of singing, music-making and games, open to all boys and girls of primary school age. No prior singing experience is necessary and there is no cost to participate. We simply want children to come along and enjoy the opportunity to sing with us in the Cathedral!

The programme for the day is:

10.45am	Arrival and registration
	▪ Singing session for children with a vocal coach ▪ Presentation for parents who would like to find out more about choirs at Norwich Cathedral ▪ Drama & games for children at Norwich School ▪ Q&A for parents and coffee
Lunch	Provided for children at Norwich School
Afternoon	Singing for children with Ashley Grote, Organist & Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral and the Cathedral Choristers
	Optional tours of Norwich Lower School for parents
3.30pm	Choral Evensong in Norwich Cathedral, sung by the participating children alongside the cathedral choristers – all welcome to attend
4.15pm	End

Throughout the day, children are supervised in small groups by staff from Norwich School and Norwich Cathedral: parents can drop their children off and are not required to stay with them.

To register for a place, please visit www.norwich-school.org.uk/open-events-and-visits



SINGING OPPORTUNITIES AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL

As well as inviting children to take part in 'Be a Chorister' day, I'd like to draw your attention to the opportunities available for children to sing at Norwich Cathedral:

Norwich Cathedral Choir – CHORISTER SCHOLARSHIPS – auditions Saturday 21st November

Norwich Cathedral Choir is widely regarded as one of the finest Cathedral Choirs in the country and being a cathedral chorister offers unrivalled musical and educational opportunities for boys and girls. All the choristers attend Norwich School and receive a scholarship worth 30% of the school fees during their time in the choir. Typically, choristers join the choir at the start of Year 4 and are choristers until the end of Year 8.

On Saturday 21st November we will be holding auditions for boys and girls who would like to join the Cathedral Choir in September 2027. This means boys and girls currently in the Year 3, although we are also happy to meet and hear children in Year 2 who may be thinking about joining the choir in September 2028.

At audition, we ask children to sing a piece of their own choosing, with piano accompaniment. This can be a hymn, nursery rhyme, song they know from school, or even a Christmas carol: it should be anything that they enjoy singing with confidence and they are not judged on what it is. We will ask them to do some simple vocal exercises and pitching tests in a fun and informal way. If children are learning instruments, they are encouraged to bring them along too.

Enquiries about the Cathedral Choir are welcome any time and I am always happy to meet children and parents informally. To register for an audition, or to find out more, please email our Choir Administrator Mrs Jo Dembicki choir@cathedral.org.uk or telephone 01603 218306.

Norwich Cathedral Children's Choir

Norwich Cathedral Children's Choir meets each Saturday morning during term time, 9.30am – 10.15am for boys and girls in Year 2 to Year 6.

There is no charge to join and no audition: it is simply a group for children who enjoy singing! It is a great opportunity to sing with other children and take part in events at the cathedral and elsewhere throughout the year. If you are interested in this, please do get in touch with Mrs Jo Dembicki: choir@cathedral.org.uk. New members are welcome at any time; all that we ask is that the children make it a regular commitment once they join.

I hope that your children will be inspired to join us on 10th October, and perhaps even to join one of our choirs – please do get in touch!

Yours sincerely,

Ashley Grote
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