DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

16th October 2026

Head of School

It has been great to welcome parents in to school this week to share with you how we learn to read and the comprehension we have to do. We hope you found this useful. If you would like any more information please do ask. We look forward to seeing you next week at our Harvest festival Service in school at 9am on Tuesday. We are looking forward to seeing you for our Harvest Service on 20th October at 9am. If you are able to donate an item between now and then to our Foodbank appeal, please leave your donation with the school office.

Mrs. Adcock

Robins

We have had another good week of learning in Robin Class. This week we enjoed an RE morning looking at the story of Jesus feeding the 5000. We completed some art work and thought about how this story links to our school value of compassion. In Geography we have been comparing things we do as children compared to what children in Zambia do.

PE Wednesdays & Thursdays

Barn Owls

This has been another wonderful week in Barn Owls! The children have been working hard to complete their Pixl Tests in maths, reading, grammar and spelling. I have seen them all work brilliantly, both individually and as a class. During our afternoons, we have been exploring how animals adapt to different biomes and learning more about football and its rules. We have also finished our maths unit on place value and are now moving on to addition and subtraction. There are so many exciting things coming up for everyone to look forward to! Well done, Barn Owls!

PE Tuesdays & Fridays

Golden Eagles

This week in Golden Eagles we have been very busy! On Wednesday we enjoyed our reading learning cafe where we had the opportunity to discuss how reading is taught in our class. On Thursday, year 6 went to a codebreaking morning at Hobart whilst year 5 participated in our RE morning back at school. As well as this, we managed to fit in lots of our normal learning, including writing a class balanced discussion in English and learning all about non-reversible changes in science.

PE Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Reminder

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

Whole School Attendance
Year to date
97.99%

LATEST NEWS

Weekly Awards	
Award	**Winner**
Reading Wings	Golden Eagles
Weekly Attendance	Robins
Maths Monster	Barn Owls
Eco	Barn Owls
Lunchtime Stars	Rosanna & Brody

Consent Forms		
Date	**Trip**	**Link**
03/11/2026	Golden Eagles Flixton	Click here for consent form
18/11/2026	Barn Owls & Golden Eagles Cross Country	Click here for consent form

Other information

E-mails
It has come to our attention that emails are frequently landing in your spam or junk folders. Arbor has created a helpful guide to address this issue: **CLICK HERE**

Road Safety Week
15th - 21st November

Posters have been displayed around the school to encourage all pupils to take part in the Yunex Traffix Road Safety Week Competition. The winning designs will be displayed onto their vans, and in addition can win prizes for the school!

Entries need to be with the school office by close of play Thursday 22nd October



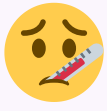


Reception 2027

Open morning on Thursday 17th November.

Click here to register your interest.

Is my child too ill for school?
Click here for resource



Family Voice
Click here for this weeks Family voice Newsletter

Family First Newsletter
Click here for this months Family First Newsletter

Football After School Club - Thursdays

As it starts to get dark earlier, Thursdays after school club will now run until 4pm at the request of the football coach. If your child attends this club, please ensure that you arrive at 4pm for collection. Thank you.

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

Date	Event
20 Oct 2026	Harvest Festival, in school 9am (parents welcome)
21 Oct 2026	DAFs Bake Sale
22 Oct 2026	Last day of Autumn Term 1
2 Nov 2026	First day of Autumn Term 2
2 Nov 2026	**New Nourish Menu starts**
3 Nov 2026	Golden Eagles to Flixton Air Museum
6 Nov 2026	Flu Vaccination
30 Nov 2026	Last day of Lego Tokens in BBJ
30 Nov 2026	DAFS Playground Competition Ends (new end date)
9 Dec 2026	Reception & Y6 NCMP Screening
10 Dec 2026	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
18 Dec 2026	Last day of Autumn Term 2
5 Jan 2027	First day of Spring Term 1

Useful Information

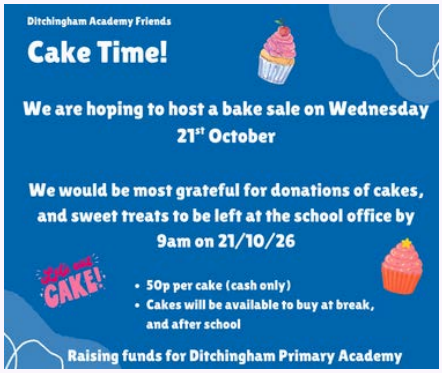
Calendar	Click Here
Telephone Number	01986 893 277
E-mail address	office.ditchingham@kingfisher.dneat.org
Term Dates 2026-2027	Click Here
Support Resources	Click Here

Ditchigham Academy Friends

The DAF's have been working hard! The brownhouse is now a rainbow of colour, the horses head and dogs head from the reflective area have been lovingly restored and are now pride of place where they can be seen by the children every day. They have also repaired the trim trail outside, which is giving the children much joy at lunch and break times.

Date	Event
21/10/2026	Bake Sale
30/11/2026	Drawing competition end date

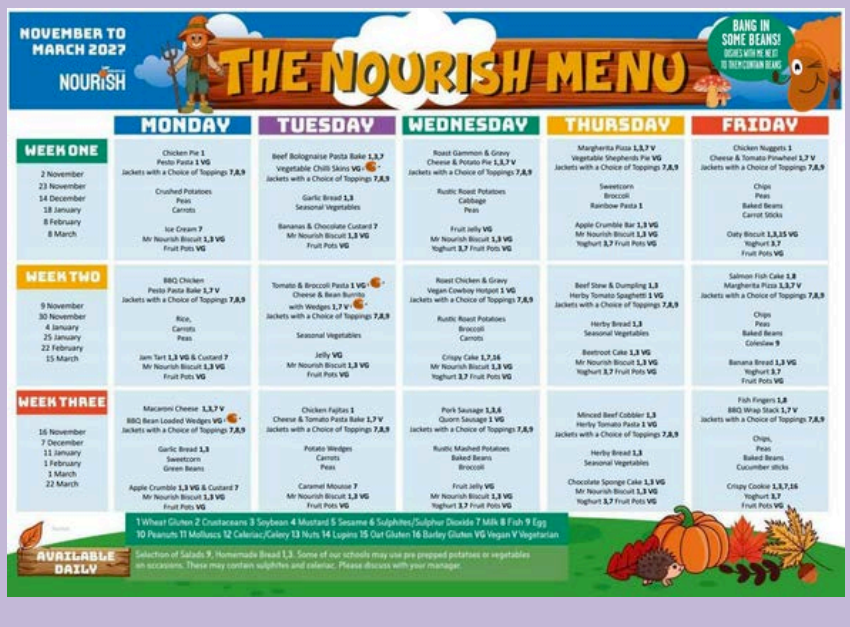








New menu starts 02/11



Community


BUNGAY YOUTH PROJECT
earthwake
RESTARTS 9 SEPTEMBER
WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS
WEDNESDAY
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
FOR YEAR 5, 6 & 7
At Emmanuel Church Room
Rose Lane NR35 1DG
3.30pm - 5pm Free entry
SPACE TO RELAX AND CHOOSE
WHAT YOU DO PICNIC FOOD
MUSIC SPORT GAMES CRAFTS
ART COOKING GARDENING
SOCIAL TIME WITH OTHERS
Turn up and fill out a quick form for emergency information and take a registration form home
Information text 07825 097732
lornaearthwake@gmail.com
Funded by Bungay Town Council


BUNGAY YOUTH PROJECT
FOR 14-17 YEARS
WEDNESDAY
RIVERSIDE CENTRE
NR35 1EU
6.30PM -8PM
RESTARTS WEEKLY FROM 9TH SEPTEMBER
RIVERSIDE YOUTH CLUB
CONTACT LORNA EARTHWAKE 07825 097732
FREE FOR EVERYONE
RELAXED SPACE
HEALTHY FOOD & DRINK
ART SNOOKER MUSIC
CRAFTS COOKING...
earthwake
FUNDED & SUPPORTED BY BUNGAY TOWN COUNCIL


Broome Village Hall
HALLOWEEN
Quiz
31st October 2026


Karate classes for beginner's
(Shotokan Karate is a Traditional Martial art)
空手道
*Learn a complete self-defence system
*Gain confidence
*Improve flexibility and Fitness
*Character building
*Learn discipline
*Improve focus
*Make new friends
Karate can be adapted for people of any age,size,fitness or flexibility level
We accept anyone from age 8 years and above,
Even mums and dads are welcome.
Classes will be held here at Broome village hall.
Saturday mornings, 8.45-9.45
Depending on what interest there is to when the classes will start.
Hopefully the beginning of Octobet.
Classes will be taught by Aidy, a 5th dan black belt in Shotokan Karate,
Aidy started karate in 1990. DBS checked and fully insured.
To book your place please contact me on 07826798901


Earthwake
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Bath Hills Walk
Saturday 17 October
Freedom, play and nature adventure
2pm-5pm
for 8-14 year olds
Meet 2pm at Bungay Common dog park NR35 1DS
Collect 5pm at Bungay Common dog park
Picnic by the river, scramble the hill, lookout for wildlife and play games
£10/young person
TO PREBOOK & more information
Text Lorna Collins 07825 097732
Email- lornaearthwake@gmail.com
Wear outdoor gear and bring layers. All safety procedures in place.Enhanced DBS, qualified First Aiders


Norfolk County Council
Child Employment
This does not apply to work experience placements
Parents
Is your child keen to get a part time job? Maybe they already deliver newspapers, have a Saturday job, volunteer at a charity shop or work during the school holidays?
Employers
Are you keen to give an employment opportunity to a child? Do you already employ children aged 13-16 years?
Did you know?
It is illegal to employ children of compulsory school age without a child work permit. Without one the employer risks prosecution, and children may not be insured.
GOOD NEWS! Child work permits are free
Applying for a work permit is simple, apply using the form on our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/childemployment or scan the website QR code below.
Our website also has lots of information about the rules and regulations to be followed when employing children.
Feel free to email us at childemployment.edu@norfolk.gov.uk