DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

22nd October 2026

Head of School

I can't believe we are already at the end of the first half term! Staff are incredibly proud of how quick all children have settled into their classes. We hope you enjoyed the Harvest Festival service and coming in to hear and learn more about reading with your children. Thank you for the incredible support of the cake sale this week, everything you do with and for your children is much appreciated by us. We look forward to seeing Parents of Barn Owls and Golden Eagles for your appointments on Wednesday 4th November.

Mrs. Adcock

Robins

What a fantastic half term Robin children have had. We are so proud of the way Reception children have settled into school life. This week we have been coming to the end of our topics and seeing what we can remember from our learning. and the answer is a lot! After half term we will begin the practising of a Christmas play! We hope you all have a lovely half term.

PE Wednesdays & Thursdays

Barn Owls

As we reach the half-term break, I am incredibly proud of how Barn Owls have settled into the new school year. This week, we have completed our second English topic, creating our own recount letters. In maths, we have explored the patterns we can spot when adding and subtracting. To celebrate Black History Month, Barn Owls have written poems inspired by Joseph Coelho and created artwork inspired by Alma Thomas. The engagement shown throughout these lessons, the curiosity to learn more, and the kindness demonstrated by the children have been fantastic! Well done, Barn Owls! Enjoy your well-deserved break!

PE Tuesdays & Fridays

Golden Eagles

This week in Golden Eagles we have been very busy! In our English lessons we wrote our own balanced discussions and in maths we have looked at multiplication and division. We had a badminton tournament in PE and in our history lesson we looked at different artefacts from WW2 and discussed how well they represent how Britain coped on the home front. We also looked back at our whole properties of materials science unit and thought about how much we have learned.

PE Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Reminder

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

Whole School Attendance
Year to date
97.44%

LATEST NEWS

Weekly Awards	
Award	**Winner**
Reading Wings	Golden Eagles
Weekly Attendance	Robins
Maths Monster	Robins
Lunchtime Stars	Hugo & Darcy

Consent Forms		
Date	**Trip**	**Link**
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**

Cold Weather
As the weather is finally getting colder/wetter please could you make sure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing.





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
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

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your support during our recent bake sale. We received an abundance of cake donations and sold a great many as well. We look forward to sharing the total amount raised with you after the half-term break. Additionally, don't forget to encourage your child to participate in our Design Your Own Play Area contest! With a £1 entry fee, the winner will receive a fantastic sweet hamper!

Date	Event
30/11/2026	Drawing competition end date

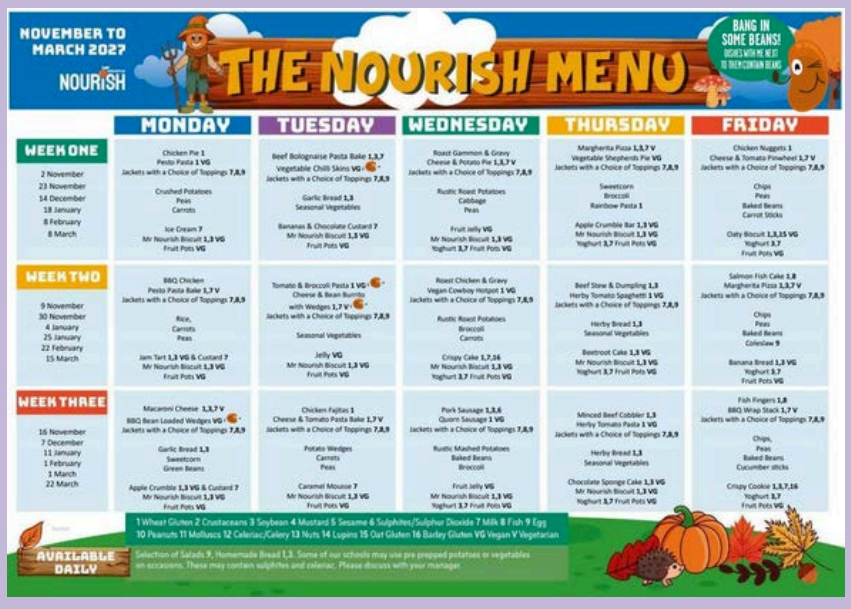








New menu starts 02/11



Community

















Dear Students, Pupils and Teachers,

I am looking for a design to put on my Christmas cards this year! Would you like to create one for me?

As the Member of Parliament for Waveney Valley, I would like to create some paper and electronic cards to send to important people and organisations (such as schools) in my constituency. This year, I have chosen the theme of Peace and would love to see your Christmas card design based on the idea of Peace.

If you prefer writing to drawing, you can also send in a poem to be printed on the inside of the card.

Anyone under 18 who lives or goes to school in Waveney Valley is invited to enter the Christmas card competition. If you would like to enter, get your paints and imagination ready.

Entries must be A4 size, on paper or a JPEG or PDF.
Your artwork can be drawn, painted or digital, but try to make the design bold and eye catching.
You can use up to four colours.
Include your name, age, school and class with your entry.

Send your work by email to my office at waveneyvalleyoffice@parliament.uk or by post to Christmas Card Competition, 1B Navire House, Mere Street, Diss, IP22 4AG. Entries must be received by midnight on Thursday 12th November 2026.

I'm looking forward to seeing your designs!

Adrian Ramsay.

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