DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

9th October 2026

Head of School

This week we have all been so proud of the children in our school, they really are a credit to you. A lot of children spoke to our visitors this week and the feedback to us was about how polite, courteous and respectful they all were. They spoke with great confidence and maturity.

We look forward to seeing you next week for the parent share sessions.

Mrs. Adcock

Robins

This week we are learning about addition in maths and using equipment to help us with this. In Geography we have been learning about the homes in Zambia and compared them to our own house. We enjoyed doing some singing in music and learning about the different speeds of music.

PE Wednesdays & Thursdays

Barn Owls

Another brilliant week, Barn Owls! You have worked so hard and have all shined this week. In maths, we have been finishing our place value topic by looking at rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. We have also started our new English topic on informal recount letters, exploring their structure and why people write them. I have seen your creative sides shine in art as you used colour and texture to interpret our school landscape. From learning how to use thermometers to solving a riddle using a growth mindset, you have had a wonderful week!

PE Tuesdays & Fridays

Golden Eagles

This week in Golden Eagles we have started learning our new text type, a balanced discussion. Everyone already has lots of ideas about what they want to write their own versions about in a couple of weeks! In maths we have been looking at and recapping addition and subtraction. In science we have learned about reversible changes between states and also irreversible changes such as burning. We have spent time in computing recording our own videos where we are teaching skills to other people.

PE Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Reminder

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

Awards

Reading Wings
This week
Golden Eagles

Whole School Attendance
Year to date
97.85%

Lunchtime Stars
This week
George & Arlo

Attendance Award
This week
Barn Owls

Maths Monster
This week
Golden Eagles

Other information

Consent Forms

Date	Trip	Link
15/10	Y6 Codebreaking	Paper Consent Form
03/11	Golden Eagles Flixton	Click here for consent form

Coats

Please can all children ensure they bring a coat to school, the weather is turning very cold!

Family Voice

Click here for this weeks Family voice Newsletter

Out of school acheivement

Congratulations to Brody for achieving not just one, but two medals for being named 'Man of the Match.'



Help us win £1,000 of LEGO® Education resources!

We're taking part in the LEGO® Education Token Collect Competition and need your help! From 26th September to 5th November, tokens will be printed in your local newspaper. The more tokens our school collects, the greater our chance of winning fantastic LEGO® Education resources worth up to £1,000.
Tokens will be printed in:

- **Eastern Daily Press,**
- **Norwich Evening News,**
- **Beccles and Bungay Journal**
- **Lowestoft Journal**
- **East Anglian Daily Times**

How you can help:

• Pick up a participating local newspaper during the promotion period
• Cut out and save the LEGO® Education tokens
• Gather as many as tokens as possible and bring them to us,or post them to

Ditchingham Primary Academy
Lego Education Tokens,
Eastern Daily Press / Evening News
Prospect House
Rouen Road
Norwich
NR1 1RE

Every token counts, so please ask family members, friends and neighbours to get involved too. Thank you for supporting us.



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

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

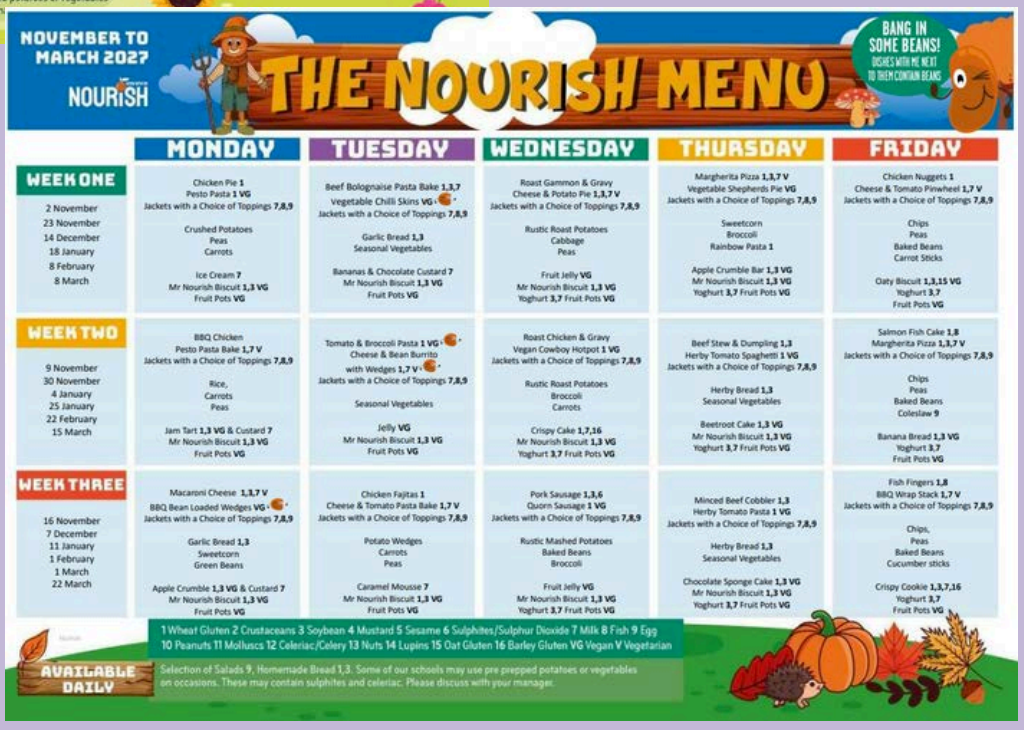
Date	Event
12 Oct 2026	Robins Parent Share 2pm
14 Oct 2026	Golden Eagles Parent Share 9am
15 Oct 2026	Barn Owls Parent Share 9am
16 Oct 2026	Reception pictures in BBJ
20 Oct 2026	Harvest Festival, in school 9am (parents welcome)
21 Oct 2026	DAFs Bake Sale
22 Oct 2026	Last day of Autumn Term 1
2 Nov 2026	First day of Autumn Term 2
2 Nov 2026	**New Nourish Menu starts**
3 Nov 2026	Golden Eagles to Flixton Air Museum - Information has been sent home
6 Nov 2026	Flu Vaccination (info to follow)
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 (info to follow)
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







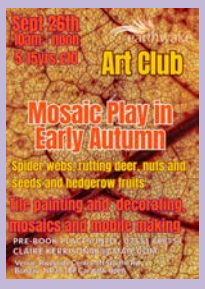
New menu starts 02/11



Community















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

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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**.