DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

13th November 2026

Head of School

This week we have been thinking about Remembrance Day. Each class created some work to go to Broome Church for last Sunday. On Wednesday our newly formed Shining Group led us in a Remembrance Collective Worship, we are so porud of the way they delivered this. We ended with our two minutes of silence, again the whole school were excellent at observing this. Well done everybody.

Mrs. Adcock

Robins

We have been learning about bridges and then been trying to build some with the construction we have in the class. We are beginning to learn our songs for our Christmas Play. Children in Year 1 and 2 will have some lines to say, they will bring home their lines, please do support them to learn them and the bit that comes before their line so they know when to speak. Many thanks for your continued support.

PE Wednesdays & Thursdays

Barn Owls

This has been a wonderful week, Barn Owls! You have persevered through every challenge that you have faced. You have been developing your skills in hockey, learning to guide the ball and push it away from you. The ideas you have started to collect for your independent non-chronological writing show brilliant knowledge and creativity regarding your chosen animals. You are all showing a wonderful curiosity in our DT and geography projects. We have so many wonderful things coming up, Barn Owls!

PE Tuesdays & Fridays

Golden Eagles

This week in Golden Eagles we have written a class explanation text 'The Tiny People Catcher 1.0', ready for the children to write their own independent explanations next week. In maths lessons we have continued to look at fractions, particularly focusing on equivalent fractions and simplifying. In our science lesson we thought about our heart rates and how they are affected by different types of activity and we have been very fortunate this week to have another opportunity to bring our WW2 unit of work to life with some visitors who came to speak to us about life during the war!

PE Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Reminder

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

Whole School Attendance
Year to date
97.04%

LATEST NEWS

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

Consent Forms		
Date	**Trip**	**Link**
18/11/2026	Barn Owls & Golden Eagles Cross Country	Click here for consent form
27/11/2026	Barn Owls Big Sing	Click here for consent form
17/12/2026	Whole School Christmas Service	Click here for consent form
28/06/2027	Golden Eagles Horstead	Click here for consent form

Other information

Cold Weather

As the weather is finally getting colder/wetter please could you make sure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing. **Please also bring spare shoes even on PE days.**



Christmas Jumpers

As the festive season approaches, we are would like to host a Christmas clothes swap! If your children have outgrown any Christmas jumpers, party outfits, warm hats, or gloves, we would greatly appreciate your donations to the school. Parents are welcome to swap, donate, or collect these items.

Second-Hand Uniform Available

Additionally, we have a collection of second-hand uniforms. If you need any free uniform items, please don't hesitate to contact the school office, and we will be more than happy to assist you!

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

Date	Event
18 Nov 2026	KS2 Cross Country at Langley
19 Nov 2026	**Scholastic Book Fair 8.30am - 9.00am daily until 18/11**
19 Nov 2026	Reception 2027 Open Morning
27 Nov 2026	Barn Owls 'Big Sing' in Yarmouth
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	**9.00am - 10.00am Parent Share (parents welcome)**
10 Dec 2026	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
11 Dec 2026	**Santa Dash - More info to follow**
15 Dec 2026	**KS1 Play PM - More info to follow**
17 Nov 2026	Church Carol Service 2.15pm, parents welcome - Click here for consent
18 Dec 2026	Last day of Autumn Term 2
5 Jan 2027	First day of Spring Term 1
28 Jun 2027	Horstead 2027 - Click here for consent

Family Voice
Click here for this weeks Family voice Newsletter

Family First Newsletter
Click here for this months Family First Newsletter

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

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**

Useful Information

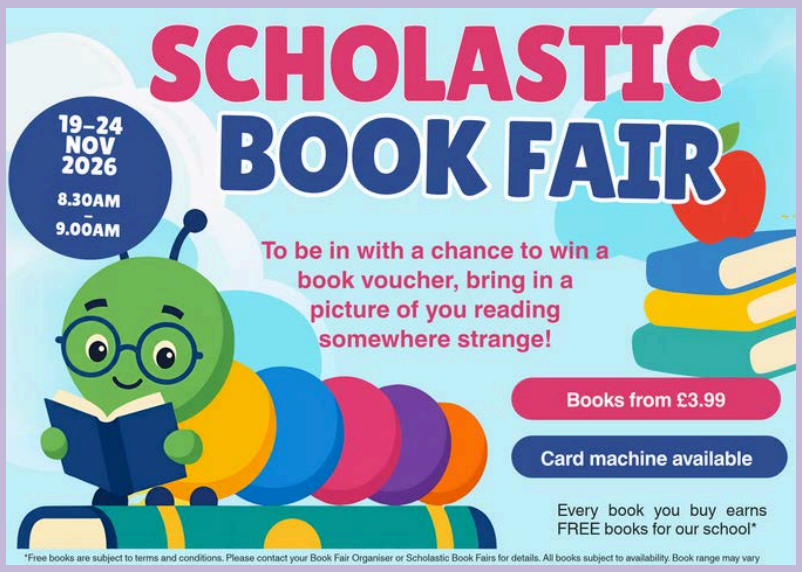
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Telephone Number	01986 893 277
E-mail address	office.ditchingham@kingfisher.dneat.org
Term Dates 2026-2027	Click Here
Support Resources	Click Here

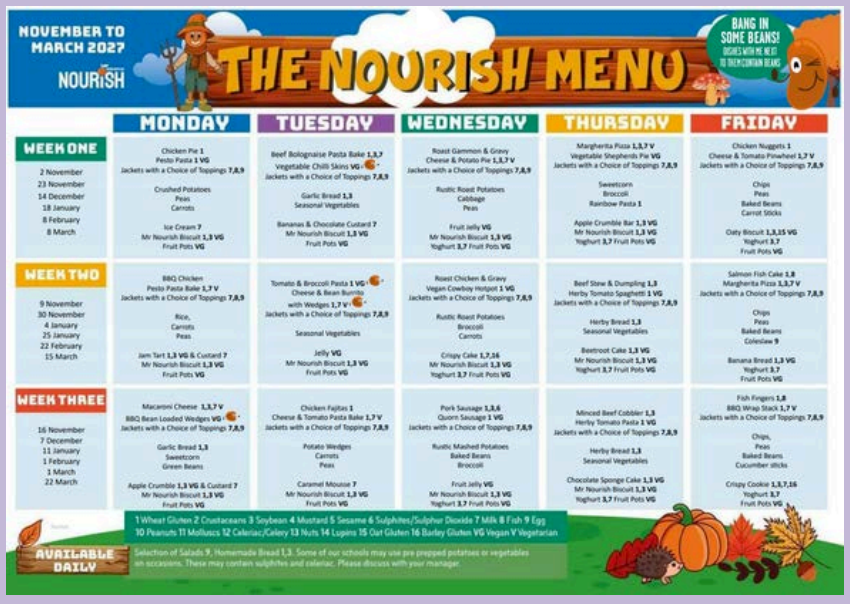
Ditchigham Academy Friends



Date	Event
30/11/2026	Drawing competition end date







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CHRISTMAS MENU

Thursday 10th Dec

Your paragraph text

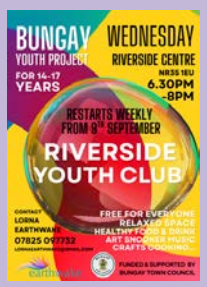
Roast Turkey withFestive Trimmings
1,3,6
Yuletide VegetableWellington 1 VG

Peas &Carrots
BrusselSprouts
RoastPotatoes

Santa's Cookies 1,3 VG
Elf's Chocolate Cake 1,3 VG
Fruit Pot VG

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
1 Wheat Gluten **2** Crustaceans **3** Soybean **4** Mustard **5** Sesame **6** Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide **7** Milk **8** Fish **9** Egg
10 Peanuts **11** Molluscs **12** Celeriac/Celery **13** Nuts **14** Lupins **15** Oat Gluten **16** Barley Gluten **V** Vegetarian **VG** Vegan

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 wavenyvalleyoffice@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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