DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

20th November 2026

Head of School

We are very excited to have the book fair here until Tuesday 24th November. If you haven't already been in, please do and see what books you could buy for children, maybe tick off some Christmas shopping! If we take enough money the school will be able to get new books for our library which would be fantastic!

Mrs. Adcock

Robins

We are very busy learning our songs and words for our Christmas play. But as well as this we have still been learning lots of other things as well! In History we have been learning about remembrance and why we have remembrance day. During PSHE we are learning about friendships and how we can be a good friend to others. In PE we have been learning about ball skils and how to throw and catch with increasing accuracy.

PE Wednesdays & Thursdays

Barn Owls

Another week is over, Barn Owls, and it has been brilliant! We have been getting closer and closer to the Big Sing next week, and your progress learning the songs and your determination have been wonderful. Your designs and plans for your upcoming DT projects show every one of your creative personalities. In English, we have now completed our non-chronological reports, and next week we will move on to our persuasive writing topic. In addition to all the new, exciting things coming up, we are starting multiplication and division in maths, beginning with arrays. Barn Owls have a very exciting couple of weeks coming up, and you all deserve a big congratulations!

PE Tuesdays & Fridays

Golden Eagles

This week we have been writing our own explanation texts in English, the children have come up with some incredibly creative machines which would make people's lives a lot easier! In maths we have continued learning about ordering fractions by looking at the numerators and denominators. We conducted an investigation into how long it took our heart rates to return to their resting levels after exercise in science, and in French we talked about what the weather was like in different areas of a country.

PE Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Reminder

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

Whole School Attendance
Year to date
96.82%

LATEST NEWS

Weekly Awards	
Award	**Winner**
Bronze Merit Certificates	Evie & Boon
Weekly Attendance	Robins
Maths Monster	Barn Owls
Eco Award	Golden Eagles
Lunchtime Stars	Martha & Jessie

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

Book Fair

Children have thoroughly enjoyed their time at our Scholastic Book Fair! The fair will be accessible to parents daily from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM. If you wish to explore the book fair between 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM without your child, please inform Mrs. Thurston.

- *Important Reminder:**

Books are scheduled for collection on

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!

NSPCC

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the NSPCC for Children in Need—we raised an incredible £52!



Parent Share

We warmly invite parents to join us for our Christmas-Themed Parent Share on December 10th. We can't wait to see you there!

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Sayer

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Sayer for visiting our school to give a talk to the Golden Eagles about World War II. They generously brought in numerous artifacts and pieces from that era for the children to explore. We truly appreciate the time they dedicated to this experience.

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

Date	Event
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)
1 Dec 2026	**DAFs Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for a raffle prize)**
5 Dec 2026	**DAFS Christmas Bingo & Christmas Raffle**
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

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

This term has been quite eventful! We are currently working on repairing the monkey bars, and once the project is finished, we're sure the children will be thrilled to use this equipment again. To fund this project, we received £250 from Roys of Beccles.Additionally, we have secured funding from Adnams to create two Arbor-style seating areas outside. On Tuesday, November 17th, we gathered together and, in the festive spirit of Christmas, decided to allocate £150 to each classroom for the purchase of extra equipment. The teachers will choose what will best benefit the children in their classrooms, and we will handle the purchasing. We can't wait to share what has been acquired!

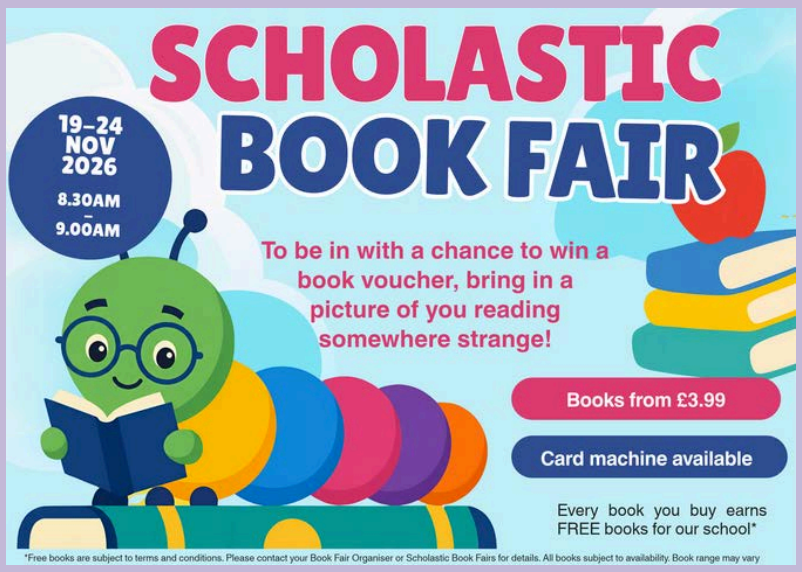
Date	Event
30/11/2026	Drawing competition end date
01/12/2026	Non- Uniform in exchange for a raffle prize
05/12/2026	Christmas Bingo at Ditchingham Village Hall

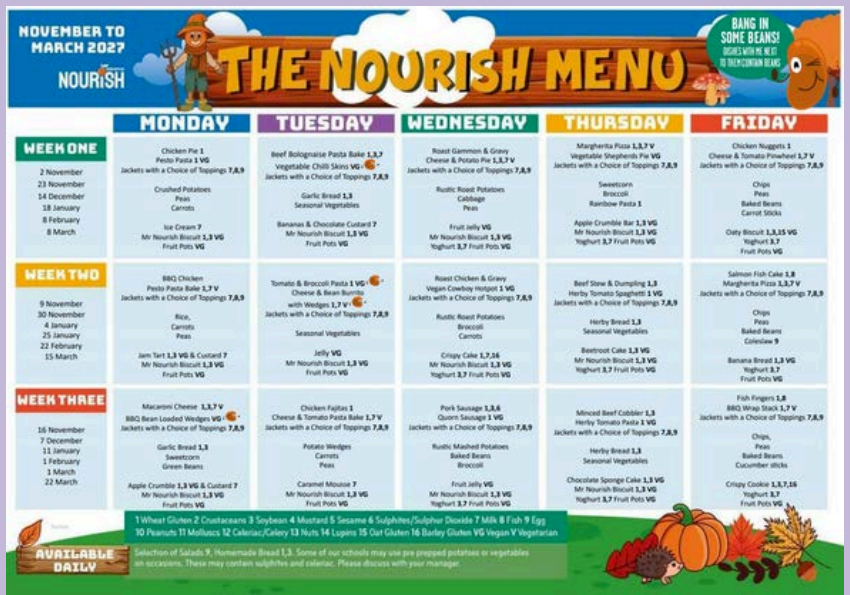
Christmas Bingo & Raffle Announcement

We are excited to announce that our Christmas Bingo and Raffle will take place on Saturday, December 5th, at Ditchingham Village Hall. Additional details will be sent home with the children in the coming days. To ensure a wonderful selection of raffle prizes, we invite everyone to participate in a non-uniform day on Tuesday, December 1st. In exchange for this, we kindly ask for donations of raffle prizes, which can include:

- Chocolates
- Bottles
- Gift Sets
- Toys & Festive Treats
- Games

For any inquiries, please reach out to us at friendsofditchingham@kingfisher.dneat.org.





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CHRISTMAS MENU

Thursday 10th Dec

Your paragraph text

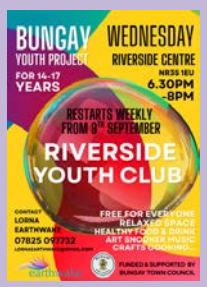
Roast Turkey withFestive Trimmings
1,3,6
Yuletide VegetableWellington 1 VG

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 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.

Adrian Ramsay MP
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