DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

6th November 2026

Head of School

Welcome back to a busy half term! Please do keep a note of the dates at the bottom of the calendar for things like carol service and Robin class Christmas play. Thank you to those that attedned Parents meetings before half term or this week, they are a good opporunity to learn more about your child's learning and next steps. Please do remember your questions and queries do not need to wait for these appointments, please do come and speak to us as and when they arise. We look forward to your continued support.

Mrs. Adcock

Robins

We hope you all enjoyed your half term. Robins have settled back into school routines very quickly. In science we have continued looking at everyday materials and thinking about what material are good for waterproofs. The cat that has been visitng school has sparked our interests in pets, as a result we are making a display of our pets in Robins class, please email your pictures to office.ditchingham@kingfisher.dneat.org

PE Wednesdays & Thursdays

Barn Owls

Another wonderful week Barn Owls! You have learnt your numbers to 10 and colours in French,

explored how wind moves objects in DT, and started your brand new topic in English on non-chronological reports. Our new Geography unit on South America saw us exploring the continent and its countries flags. The school values have shone through all your hard work and dedication this week

PE Tuesdays & Fridays

Golden Eagles

This week in Golden Eagles we went on a fantastic trip to Flixton air museum! We learned all about what it was like to be a child during WW2, as well as the important part that Flixton and the surrounding areas played in helping the British war effort. Back in the classroom we have started our new explanation text, 'the tidy your room machine' and the class already have so many ideas about what they will write about when they do their own. We had a very healthy afternoon on Wednesday, learning all about balanced diets in science and then starting our basketball unit of work in PE!

PE Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Reminder

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

Whole School Attendance
Year to date
97.11%

LATEST NEWS

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

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. **Please also bring spare shoes even on PE days.**



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



Pupil Voice
What a joy to hear directly from our children during governor pupil voice monitoring! It's so wonderful to see what makes every single one of them shine.



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
13 Nov 2026	Golden Eagles WW2 talk (in school)
13 Nov 2026	Children in Need - Non uniform/Pyjamas/Bring a small teddy. **Click to donate**
18 Nov 2026	KS2 Cross Country at Langley
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	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
15 Dec 2026	**KS1 Play PM - More info to follow**
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 Bake Sale Results Are In! 🧁✨

A huge thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and supported our recent cake sale—we raised an incredible £74.50! Your generosity made the event a fantastic success.

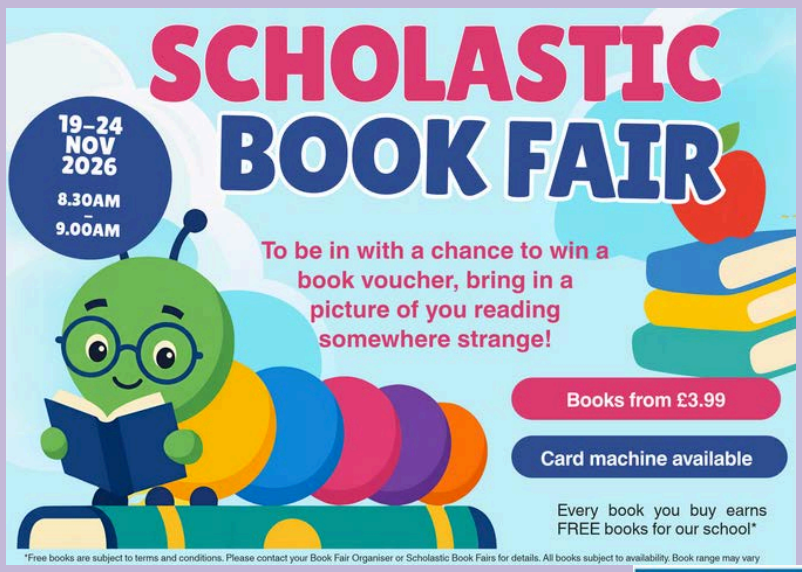
Thanks to your support, here is what we've already achieved together so far this year:

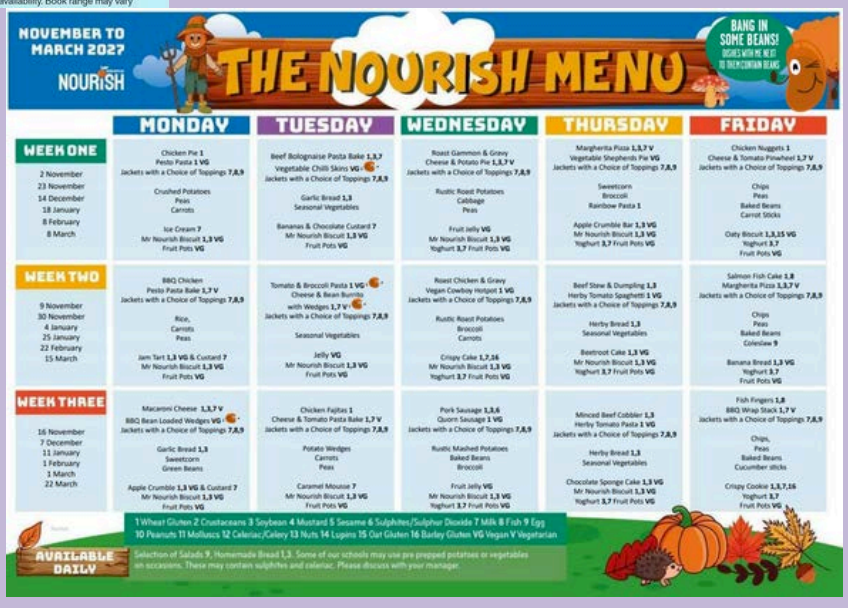
- **Trim Trail Refurbishment:** Repaired and ready for play in the outside area.
- **Rainbow House Makeover:** Redecorated the old brown house into a bright, colorful Rainbow House!
- **Restored Woodwork:** Lovingly restored our hand-carved wooden pieces and reinstalled them at the entrance to the Rainbow House.
- **First DAFs Event:** Successfully hosted our very first bake sale under the new DAFs team!
- **New Arbors Secured:** Successfully secured funding from Adnams for two new cottage arbors on the school field.
- **£250 donation from Roys** Which we will be putting towards repairing the trim trail in the playground, and decorating some of the woodwork

We have plenty more exciting events and initiatives planned in the coming months to continue raising funds and providing wonderful opportunities for the children. Keep an eye out for updates soon!

Date	Event
30/11/2026	Drawing competition end date







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
Member of Parliament for Waveney Valley
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DITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2026

Sunday 8th November 2026
Ditchingham Village Hall

Join us in honouring those who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

Programme

10:15	Gather in Ditchingham's Village Hall car park
10:30	A **Veteran** will speak about one of the fallen commemorated on the memorial
11:00	The Bugler will play the Last Post
11:01	Two Minutes' Silence
11:03	The Bugler will play Reveille
11:05	Closing address, followed by light refreshments in the Village Hall

All parishioners & visitors are warmly invited to attend this act of remembrance.

If you have any information about any of the soldiers listed on the memorial that you would like to share, please contact Andrew at **cllr.andrew.evans-hendrick@ditchingham-pc.gov.uk.**

DPC's website includes a tribute, ***Remembering the Fallen***, listing the soldiers commemorated on the memorial and information about those lost in the First and Second World Wars.
To read the tribute: **https://ditchingham-pc.gov.uk/remembering-the-fallen/**

Remembering the Fallen

To The Glory of God and in Honour of Our Dead
These Men & Woman went from Ditchingham in
The Great War 1914-1918 and The War of 1939-1945
They Died for England in Defence of Liberty and Justice