

DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust

15th November 2024

Executive Head

Well done and thank you to all for demonstrating two of our values, compassion and respect, so well this week. All joined in with reflection for Remembrance day, thank you. All have reflected on difference and how we can support each other as part of antibullying week, thank you. All have been compassionate about others for Children In Need, thank you.

Mrs Brand

Robins

Our geography focus this week in Robins has been writing an invitation to a friend, outlining which items of clothing they will need to pack, and persuading them to visit us in either a hot or cold county.

During maths we have been concentrating on learning how to double and use near doubles to support in addition.

For anti-bullying week our focus was to 'choose respect'. We discussed what this would and wouldn't look like in our classroom and created an individual 'respect pledge'.

We have been rehearsing lots on the Christmas Production- our focus this week has been on learning the lyrics to the songs!

Barn Owls

This week in Barn Owls we have been reading our report on Sticklebacks as \ reader (what it says) and as a writer (how did the writer do this). This all helps us prepare to write our own reports next week. In Maths we have been improving our addition and subtraction skills, especially using the inverse to check our answers. In science we have started investigating solids, liquids and gasses, discovering that liquids always flow towards the floor and gasses always go up towards the sky. In Geography we have investigated the names and capital cities of the South American countries and in computing we looked at how the world wide web is a part of the internet.

Please continue to encourage the children to engage with Edshed, TTRS and DG at home as all three apps help greatly with tables and spellings.

Golden Eagles

In Maths this week, we have continued to work on our knowledge of fractions including adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators, comparing and ordering fractions and finding fractions of amounts. What amount would you rather have of your favourite flavour ice-cream?

1/4 of 24

5/6 of 18

4/5 of 15

6/7 x 21

In hockey we have continued to develop our attacking and defensive skills and have begun to play some short matches. We focused on passing when there is a clear space and stepping forward to provide additional power to our pass.

In science we enjoyed finding our pulse – some of us had never done this before and were amazed when we could feel it! We were learning about the effect exercise has on our heart rate.

Parent Invites

- 03/12 Christmas Craft 9am 10am
- 11/12 KS1 Play Parents invited Info to follow
- 18/12 Carol Service 2.15pm St. Marys Church

Christmas Craft

We're excited to welcome you to Christmas Craft on December 3, 2024. Children will be grouped by their house teams, ensuring that siblings can enjoy the event together!

Carol Service

We look forward to your presence at our Carol Service, taking place at St. Mary's Church in Ditchingham on December 18, 2024. Please remember to fill out the consent form - click here.

School Prayer

Mighty God from up high,

You are the Lord of the earth and sky,

We know we sometimes get things wrong,

We're sorry for those things we've done.

We thank you for our families, friends and school,

We thank you for loving us all.

Please can you let our lights shine, In all our work,

including mine.

Amen

SEN

For additional details regarding our SEN provision, please visit: http://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/key-information/send/

You can also find links and resources to support children and families here: https://padlet.com/senco134/kingfisher-federation-6tczryp0bt0pjcu7

Whole School Attendance

Year to date

97.26%



Children In Need 2025

The children have truly embraced wearing pajamas to school for Children in Need 2025. You've raised an amazing £119 for this wonderful cause. Thank you!



Helpful Information

School Website - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org.org/

School Meals - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/our-school/school-meals/

School Calendar - https://www.ditchingham.dneat.org/calendar/

Term dates 2024 / 2025- https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38151

Term dates 2025/2026 - https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/57134/Term-dates-and-school-holidays-2025-2026

Office email - ditchinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org
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Maths Monster Award

This week

Robins

Reading Wings Award

This week

Robins

Attendance Award

This week

Robins

Important Dates

Red dates have been added/updated since previous newsletters

- 19/11 Golden Eagles Flixton Trip
- 21/11 Scholastic Book Fair (runs for 1 week)
- 036/12 Christmas Craft in House Teams (Parents invited)
- 04/12 Golden Eagles walking to Broome Village Hall
- 11/12 KS1 Play Parents invited Info to follow
- 16/12 GE to singing at All Hallows
- 18/12 Carol Service 2.15pm St. Mary's Church Ditchingham
- 20/12 Rudolph Run
- 20/12 Extra special Christmas Guest visiting children
- 20/12 Last day of Autumn Term 2
- 07/01 First day of Spring Term 1
- 09/01 Good News for You presenting New Testaments to Y6
- 10/02 Barn Owls Norwich Castle Ancient Egyptians visit
- 14/02 NSPCC Number Day
- 14/02 Last day of Spring Term 1
- 24/02 First Day of Spring Term 2
- 04/03 Last Day of Spring Term 2
- 04/04 First Day of Summer Term 1



Ditchingham Academy Friends

We sincerely appreciate your incredible support during our recent bake sale, where we raised a wonderful total of £122.69.

We have recently welcomed two parent volunteers who are interested in joining the Ditchingham Academy Friends. To effectively operate, the DAF requires three individuals to fulfill specific roles, which are:

- 1 Chair
- 2 Treasurer
- 3 Secretary

For the DAF to carry on its activities, these three positions must be occupied. If you are willing to take on one of these named roles, please feel free to reach out to the school office.

Events



Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People

we every child deserves a new gift at Christmas, so we are unal used or second-hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

- 0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzle
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, weedsearch, crosswords
- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats 13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

Drop Off Points

The Original Factory Shop, 40 Street Marys St Bungay, NR35 1AX

Tesco Superstore George Westwood Way, Beccles NR34 9EJ



cles Salvation Army, <u>Blyburgate</u>, <u>Beccles</u> NR34 9TQ Beccles@salvationarmy.org.uk 01502 716881

Brooke Village Hall QTS

08 • 15 • 22 • 29 Nov Year 1+

£24 per child 16:00 - 17:00

Insured DBS Checked



Earthwake Outdoor Club

Sat 16th November for 8-13 yrs

Join us before sunset & stay out as the moon rises. We'll explore Bungay Common, play games, bug hunt, sky gaze & picnic together



Meet 3.30pm at Outney Common car park Collect 5.30pm at same car park NR35 1DS



Wear warm layers & boots Bring a torch if possible First Aiders, enhanced DBS Bring a snack & water bottle Hot choc & snacks provided

£5.00/child

subsidised by Bungay Town Council Bookings & information: lornaearthwake@gmail.com

or text 07825 097732 earthwakeeducation









KEY DATES

Sunday 24th November: KS2 Christmas Choir sign-up CLOSES. Also the deadline for the Order of Service Front Cover Design Competition.

Friday 13th December: 4.30pm Dress Rehearsal at St Mary's church, Bungay, for KS2 Christmas Choir singers

Sunday 15th December: Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Bungay with Choir performance by KS2 singers





Are you interested in

Volunteering?

Are you passionate about infant feeding? Would you like to support families on their feeding journey?

Do you want to be part of a new volunteer initiative across the Norfolk community?

Our infant feeding peer support volunteers will provide valuable emotional and practical infant feeding support to parents.

This is a rewarding role where you can volunteer for a cause you feel passionately about, give back to your community and learn new skills along the way!

For more details and to apply - see

https://bttr.im/0dlzo

Questions? Contact ccs.volunteers@nhs.net







