

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Dear Parents,

3rd October 2025

Attendance for this week: 95.93%

Welcome October

We are over halfway through the term already – how time flies! Children have settled into their routines, and it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and energy in the classroom and on the playground. As the days grow shorter and the temperatures begin to dip, we kindly ask that all children come to school dress appropriately for the season. Outdoor play continues, so warm layers please! Any hats, scarfs and coats need to be labelled.

It's been a whirlwind of activity this week! On Monday, the children had their school photos taken—lots of smart outfits and big smiles all around.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we had our flu vaccinations, and we're incredibly proud of how brave and calm the children were throughout. Their resilience and positivity truly shone through.

Benchball competition

On Thursday, Miss Brooke and Miss Sargent accompanied ten Year 4 pupils to Longford Park Primary Academy for a benchball competition. Dinglewell played brilliantly and we won 5 out of our 7 matches, resulting in our school being awarded 2nd place overall! Well done to all involved; your behaviour and sporting skills were amazing.

Eco Warriors

Yesterday, Dinglewell had a visit from our local MP for Gloucester, Alex McIntyre. Back in January, our Eco Warriors wrote a superb letter to Alex urging him to support the Climate and Nature Bill in Parliament. He was so impressed with their letter that he asked if he could visit our school. The Eco Warriors shared a PowerPoint they created of the things we are doing here at Dinglewell and their ideas for how to reduce climate change and look after nature. They then took part in a very interesting Q&A session before the Year 6's took Alex on a tour of our school.

Well done Eco Warriors! Alex thoroughly enjoyed his visit and said that you were an absolute credit to our school.

Cross Country Competition

There will be a cross-country competition on Monday 6th October from 1:35 to 3:00 PM at King George V field. Please ensure all children come prepared with their PE kit, trainers (which may get muddy, so nothing too fancy), a water bottle, and a snack. It's important they are dressed appropriately and ready to participate. **Please note that **Class 4F** should come to school in their Forest School kit, but they must also bring some trainers and their PE kit as they will change and run at the end of the day. **

Tesco blue tokens

We're thrilled to announce that our school is part of the Tesco Community Grants scheme! Starting Wednesday 2nd October, you'll be able to support us simply by shopping at your local Tesco. When you receive a blue token at checkout, please pop it into our slot at the collection point. Every token counts — **more tokens = more funds** to support exciting projects and resources for our children!

Vacancy – After School Club Assistance

Hours: Monday to Friday, 3:00 – 6:00pm

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic and engaging individual to join our after-school club team. If you enjoy spending time with children and have a passion for creating stimulating and supportive play environments, this could be the perfect role for you.

The ideal candidate will be someone who works hard to bring out the best in our pupils, encourages positive behaviour, and communicates clear expectations. You'll be a good listener, a positive role model, and someone who thrives in a lively, child-focused setting.

If you're ready to make a difference in children's lives every afternoon, we'd love to hear from you.

An application form and job description can be found on the school website. Please return all applications with a covering letter to Mrs S Ball to admin@dinglewells-jun.gloucs.sch.uk

Skydive

After having to postpone the original skydive date due to weather, Miss Richardson and her Dad completed their 13,000ft skydive in Oxford on Sunday 28th September! They have raised an incredible £1,786 with money still being collected. A massive thank you to all parents and families who have donated so far.

The children were all shown the video montage of the skydive in Friday's assembly and she has inspired many children to want to do one when they are older. Here are a few photo's:



Lost property

An email was sent out on Monday letting families know that unnamed jumpers are now available to collect from Reception. If your child is missing a jumper, please feel free to come and see us at reception.

We also have a small selection of **dresses, house T-shirts, shorts** and other items that may be useful.

You're welcome to take what you need—we kindly ask for a small donation of up to £2 per item.

Over the next couple of weeks, we'll be sorting through **miscellaneous lost property**, so keep an eye out for further updates. As always, labelling your child's clothing helps us reunite items quickly and easily.

House points opportunity

Don't forget to pick up your leaves and pumpkins from Reception! This simple activity is a fantastic way to keep children entertained while also helping them earn valuable house points.

Harvest donations

This year, we are again supporting the Gloucester Food Bank who do excellent work in the city supporting so many families in need with food/grocery parcels. We have a list of items that they are most in need of and we will be accepting these from Monday 20th October until morning of the collection date which is Friday 24th October. Items should be brought into school and placed in the green crates at the front of the hall. Items needed at the moment include:

- Tinned Corned Beef
- Tinned Pork/Ham
- Sanitary Pads
- Baked beans
- UHT Long Life Semi Skimmed Milk
- Tinned Ready Meals
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Custard & Rice Pudding
- Jars of Cooking Sauce
- Antiperspirant Deodorant (male and female)
- Razors & Shaving Foam
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Sugar (500g/1kg)
- Pet Food (Cat & Dog)

Reporting absence from school

From the start of the new term, if your child is absent, please either call the school phone and leave a message on the answerphone which is available 24/7 or email the new dedicated absence email address which is: absence@dinglewell-jun.gloucs.sch.uk leaving details of the name of the child, their class and the reason for their absence.

Celebration Assembly

Here are this week's Merit Certificate winners – well done everyone!



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 6th October - Cross country competition
 Tuesday 7th October - Y5 swimming; Y6 WWII Day in school
 Wednesday 8th October -
 Thursday 9th October -
 Friday 10th October - 3H Forest School

Monday 13th October -
 Tuesday 14th October -
 Wednesday 15th October - Disco
 Thursday 16th October -
 Friday 17th October -

**All relevant school policies are available to view on our Website. **

**PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PROVIDE NUTS OR ANY NUT DERIVATIVE FOOD
 IN SCHOOL DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**



Correspondence sent out this week:

- Lost property
- Year 6 Send coffee morning at Barnwood Park
- Disco
- Bikeability
- Cross country competition
- Photo permissions

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