

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Dear Parents,

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Attendance for this week: 95.81%

Countdown has begun...

Five more sleeps, then we break away, Half-term fun is on its way! No alarms, no uniform fuss, just chill and play – no need to rush!

Please remember to collect any coats, jumpers, water bottles, and lunch boxes before we break up for half term. Let's make sure nothing gets left behind!



500-word competition

This week in assembly we introduced the children to the BBC's 500 Words competition. The competition is a great opportunity for the children to engage more with literacy and writing, building confidence and inspiring the next generation of budding writers!

The 500 Words competition is now open for entries and will close on Friday 7th November at 9pm. *Please submit your child's entry via the BBC website [500 words](https://www.bbc.com/500words).*

There are lots of prizes to be won as well as the chance to be one of 50 finalists invited to a star-studded grand final in February 2026, which is supported by Her Majesty Queen Camilla.

To view the competition rules please visit the BBC's website via this link [500 words: Everything you need to know](https://www.bbc.com/500words).

Dinglewell Writing Competition. In addition to the national competition, we will have a school competition too, with prizes given! If you would like to enter our school writing competition, please can your child bring a copy of their story to school. Prizes will be awarded in year group categories and all children who enter will receive house points. The deadline for entries will be the same as the BBC 500 Words competition on November 7th. Good luck to all the children who take part and enjoy writing your stories!

Competition time

If any you saw Gloucestershire's gritters out and about last week you will have seen the teams rehearsing and testing for the winter. It's the time of year when we prepare for the colder weather, and that also means it is time for us to think about the names for our 29 gritters that work so hard across the roads of Gloucestershire.

We'd like to invite all primary schools and their pupils across the county to get involved in coming up with names for our gritters. We are launching a competition starting now and **ending 5pm, Friday, 28 November**. We will make announcements about the winners and during the first week of December. The winning names will each receive a prize and a visit from the gritter to the school (provided we can organise this and do it within our mutual safety and compliance processes).

This has not been done across Gloucestershire for many years, and our hope is that as well as having some fun, we will establish a stronger connection between our communities. We really hope your school can take part – please let us know firstly if you're interested by emailing events@ringway.co.uk by **5pm - Friday, 31 October**.

How do you enter? If you want to take part, then entries can be sent to us at events@ringway.co.uk. We would ask you to collate the entries from your school and forward in one email or document attachment. Once we have identified the 29 winners, we will contact the schools and then arrange for the prizes to be awarded and a visit from the gritter and some publicity/photography too.

We look forward to hearing from you. Good luck!

Football match report

Yesterday, Dinglewell welcomed Heron Primary School to the hallowed turf of King George VI. The visitors began the sharpest and netted from a smart strike from outside the area. After composing themselves, Dinglewell fought their way back into the match and Jackson levelled with a close-range tap-in. After half time, a period of sustained pressure by the home team resulted in a penalty, which Albie dispatched with aplomb. Heron, who were desperate for an equaliser, chased the game and were rewarded with a late equaliser. The match ended 2-2. A much-improved performance from last week and our season is now up and running! Well done boys!

Disco

A massive thank you to all the staff and parents who volunteered at the disco on Wednesday. As always, a special thank you goes to DJ Rossy for the music and bubbles! All the children looked fantastic in their party clothes and costumes, and they certainly seemed to be having lots of fun. Ms. Hayward was very sorry that she missed seeing the dancing skelecorn – TWICE!! Look out in next week's newsletter for the final total raised.

Congratulations go to Harry (4Su) and Ellie (5Ra) who were the winners of the Lucky Squares. We hope they enjoy their prizes.

We need you – Readers required

We're looking for kind-hearted volunteers to help with reading support in our wonderful classes. Whether you can spare an hour a week or more, your time and encouragement can make a world of difference to a child's confidence and literacy.

If you're interested in volunteering or would like to learn more, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We'd be incredibly grateful for your support!

Penathlon GSSN TEN

On Wednesday, Mrs Hazell, Ms Sargeant and Mrs Bassett had the pleasure of taking a group of Y6 pupils to the Panathlon GSSN TenPin Bowling competition. Our pupils did exceptionally well and should be extremely proud of both their scores and their exemplary behaviour. Our top scorer was Lillymae and our top striker was Ethan.



Spy Dog Children's book

We have been made aware that a link associated with Spy Dog Books has been hacked, please do not click on the hyperlink.

A shout out....

Well done to Maya for her excellent contribution to Gloucester Cathedral's St Benedict's Singers. The Director of the St Benedict's Singers mentioned Maya in a letter, she has demonstrated remarkable commitment and enthusiasm and is an important member of the team.

Mid-term uniform offer – save some money!

Great news, we have a discount code on school uniform. 15% off School uniform. Use code at checkout:

MIDTERM15% Dates Valid: 16/10/25 - 19/10/25

www.myclothing.com/collections/midterm15

Production club reminder – Save the date

The Christmas production will be on Tuesday 16th December at 2pm for the matinee and 5:30pm for the evening performance. Costume information will be sent in due course.

Clubs - Important

- **Drama club** will run Monday 20th October (not half term or Monday 3rd November)
- **Dance class** will run Tuesday 21st October and 4th November (not half term)
- **Lego club** will run on Thursday 23rd October (not half term or Thursday 6th November)
- All other clubs will **not** run week commencing 20th October or 3rd November

Breakfast club and After school club remains.

Breakfast Club and After School Club – Term 2

Term 2 booking forms (November-December) are available to pick up from reception from Monday 27th October. For those who have attended a session before, letters will be sent to classes. Outstanding payments will need to be paid before any new club requests will be accepted. This item will be on Parent Pay from today.

Celebration Assembly

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 20th - Harvest Donations this week and Drama Club
Tuesday 21st - Year 5 swimming and Dance Club
Wednesday 22nd -
Thursday 23rd - no ad hoc clubs
Friday 24th - Forest School 3C & break up for October half term

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October - half term
Monday 3rd November - inset day
Tuesday 4th November - back to school
Wednesday 5th November - no clubs
Thursday 6th November - no clubs
Friday 7th November - Forest school 3H

**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:

- Skillzone letters – Year 5
- Photo permission slip reminders
- Cross country letters
- Breakfast & After School letters