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Dear Parents,

14th February, 2025

Attendance for this week: 93.55%

Welcome this week's newsletter, our last for Term 3, and we've crammed so much into the last half-term that the children are ready for their half term break. There's much to look forward to next term, and we will be starting almost immediately with World Book Day which is always a popular event. Swimming will continue for Year 4 and all extra-curricular clubs and SATS tutoring will resume in our first week back. For those families who are looking for things to do during half term, we have included a couple of activities that we have been notified that are taking place.

We hope you all have a relaxing half term break and look forward to seeing everyone recharged on Monday 24th February.

Breakfast & After School Club booking forms for Term 4

All forms should have already been returned to book places starting on Monday 24th February. If you have not already completed your form/returned your payment, please complete your forms (copies available on the school website) and return them over the holiday to wraparound@dinglewell-jun.gloucs.sch.uk. We are unable to accept children without prior booking.

School Meal price increase from 1st April 2025

We have been advised by Caterlink that the price of a standard school meal will increase from 1st April 2025 to £2.85. We will automatically change our pricing structure to reflect this change for any meals ordered after this date. You need to take no further action, this is purely for your information only.

Gloucestershire Bundles

Thank you to everyone who has donated to Gloucestershire Bundles following last week's appeal in the newsletter. We have been overwhelmed by the magnificent response to our plea for items and Mrs. Short is arranging to drop all the donations off over half-term.

World Book Day, Cake competition/sale, Books for Bugs Book Fair

Week commencing Monday 3rd March sees a week of fun-filled activities, celebrating books and reading. On Monday 3rd please bring your entries for the cake competition - this year's theme is books (anything to do with books). The cakes will be judged and then sold during breaktime/after school if there is anything left to sell. Cakes will be priced at 50p. Please bring the correct change if possible. **Important information for anyone making a cake, please do not bring into school any cake containing nuts or fresh cream.**

On Thursday 6th March, rather than expensive costumes we ask for children to come to school in PJs or comfortable clothing, ready to read for pleasure during the day. Books for Bugs will be hosting a

book fair during school time on Thursday, books are priced at £3 each (please bring money in a named envelope if you wish your child to purchase a book). Various on-line and in-class activities relating to 'graphic novels' (comic-style books) will be taking place and we look forward to sharing these with you in next week's newsletter and on social media.

News from the Key Steps Y3/4 Gymnastics event



A team of year three and four girls represented the school at the Key Steps year 3/4 Gymnastics Competition at Gloucester Academy on Wednesday 12th February. The girls had to perform a simple vault and a floor sequence of ten moves. This year's competition had a record number of schools competing with 15 schools across Gloucester represented. There were certificates awarded for highest vault and floor scores within each team as well as medals for high scoring performances. Rose B in 3B had the highest vault score and Matilda C had the highest floor score in the team. Matilda's score was the third highest score in the entire floor event out of 90 routines and so she earned a bronze medal. The team medals are always the most coveted and Dinglewell won the silver medal, narrowly beaten by our old rivals Hempsted with Castle Hill winning the bronze. Well done to all the girls in

the team: Ava B, Rose B and Chloe P in year 3 and Matilda C, Esme R and Isabelle S in year 4. Thank you to all the parents who drove gymnasts to the event and to Mrs Kamath for all her support with the team.

Cheltenham Dance Festival



On Thursday our dance team smashed it at the Gloucester Schools Dance Festival. They performed to the song 'I Believe' by Yolanda Adams from the popular film Honey. We are immensely proud of them and loved seeing how much fun they had. All the hard work and determination paid off and it was lovely to receive so many wonderful compliments from audience members and other schools.

Football news

On Thursday 13th February Dinglewell hosted Upton St Leonards in the Large Schools' cup competition. Having lost 9-0 in the league, the boys were braced for a tough game. A tough game is what they got, but the Dinglewell spirit shone brightly: shots were bravely blocked and saved, fierce tackles were made and the best team in the South West was, at times, rocked. The dam was always going to break but it was a slow crack and not, as last time, a burst. The final score was 0-6 but the boys were rightly proud of their tremendous effort and improvement. We look forward to playing in the Plate competition later in Term 4.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Thank you to all the parents who have already been to try the hoodies on their children, the hoodie order will be submitted on 24th February so please don't forget to order by then. We are unable to accept orders after this date.

Breakfast and After School Club Assistant

We are looking for a Breakfast and After School Club Assistant to start after half term. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact admin@dinglewell-jun.gloucs.sch.uk for more information.

Cold Weather warnings



We hope we don't have to use the Emergency school closure procedures, but if we do, parents should listen-in to local radio broadcasts from 7am or go to <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures> to check. Any notice of closure will also be put on the school website and the school's Facebook page.

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 24th February - School re-opens at 8.30am
Tuesday 25th February - Y4 Swimming
Wednesday 26th February -
Thursday 27th February -
Friday 28th February - 3H Forest School

Monday 3rd March - World Book Day Cake Competition & Cake Sale
Monday 3rd March - PC Kim Murphy in to see Y6
Tuesday 4th March - Y4 Swimming
Tuesday 4th March - 5SL Forest School
Wednesday 5th March - PC Kim Murphy in to see Y6
Thursday 6th March - World Book Day, Book Fair & Pyjama Day
Friday 7th March - 3H, 3B & 3C Forest School

Term Dates for 2025-26 are now available from Reception

**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:

Football letter (girls team only)
World Book Day/Cake sale information letter from Mrs Short (hard copy whole school)
Gymnastics competition letter (upper school), invited children only

E&OE



Gloucestershire
Wildlife Trust



Hungry Birds!

Wild Workshop



Spread your wings this half term and discover how birds' brilliant beaks and fancy feet help them to find their favourite foods! Follow a trail, play games and take part in fun activities to discover which beaks and claws perform the best! Create your own feathered friend and make a bird food kebab to feed the birds.

Led session, suitable for ages 8-11



10am - 12pm



Thursday 20th February

Robinswood Hill



£6 per child

accompanied by an adult

To book visit:



<https://www.gloucestershirowildlifetrust.co.uk/events>



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