

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Dear Families,

7th November 2025

Attendance for this week: 95.71%

Welcome back and we have a new addition – Solar panels

Guess what's lighting up the school—literally and figuratively? Solar panels! That's right, the sun is officially part of the school now. With this shiny new addition, our school just levelled up in eco-power and futuristic flair. Imagine walking into class knowing the lights above you are powered by sunshine. It's like learning with a little help from the cosmos.

Not only are we saving money and reducing our carbon footprint, but we're also turning our school into a living science lab. Students can track energy production, dive into data, and explore how renewable energy works—all without leaving school grounds. It's hands-on learning with a solar twist.

Let's be honest, it just feels cool. Solar panels are sleek, smart, and a symbol of progress. They say, "We care about the planet, and we're not afraid to show it." So next time you see those panels soaking up rays, give them a little nod. They're working hard so we can shine even brighter.

Riding bikes down the alley is a no go!

No riding down the alley please! It's simply not safe. Alleys are often narrow, cluttered, and hard to see around, which makes them risky for all. More importantly, in areas near schools, children might be walking or playing nearby, and a bike coming through unexpectedly could cause a scare or an accident.

Children in Need

Friday 14th November we will be having a non-uniform day wearing Pudsey themed clothing / spots. £1 donation please which will go to this amazing charity.

On **Monday 17th November** we will be holding a Pudsey-related cake sale. Children can bring in their cakes to the hall in the morning, where the School Council reps will judge and vote for their favourite. A cake sale will be held in the afternoon for all children, and, if there are any cakes left over, we will sell them at the end of the day outside Year 5 classrooms.

Cakes will range from 50p to £1.



Passionate About Sports? Lead Our Club!

We're looking for a dynamic, motivated individuals to take the reins and run a local sports club. If you love sports, enjoy bringing children together, and want to make a real impact within the school — this is your chance! Get in touch!

GSP Science Festival at Denmark Road

On Tuesday 4th, 12 members of Year 6 took part in the GSP Science Festival at Denmark Road High School. The theme was 'Energy' with each participating school running their own science experiment that was shared with everyone. Our pupils' contribution was an enquiry into the different types of energy used by catapults and included questions for their audience to answer through hands-on investigation.

Our children did an amazing job of presenting and guiding the other schools through the activity and it was noted by the event organisers how enthusiastic and helpful they all were. The children also had an opportunity to view the other school contributions and took part in workshops run by DRHS science department. Everyone had a brilliant time and particularly enjoyed the Jet engine demonstration!



Future talent

Darcey, a talented Year 6 student, has created some truly beautiful artwork during her visit to the Cheltenham Animal Shelter, she sketched a stunning portrait of Ocean, one of the resident cats, and captured the charm of Pudding, a lovely dog who has since found a new home.

All proceeds from Darcey's artwork go directly to supporting the shelter and its animals. Her drawings are not only impressive—they're helping make a real difference. Look at her wonderful creations and support a great cause!



Shout out to Leo in Year 4F

Look at what Leo achieved in half term.... Leo successfully summited Ben Nevis. Leaving the lodge at 6AM to make sure we would be back before dark. It took 4hours 30 mins to reach the summit.

They reached the snowline early on and conditions became tricky after that. The wind became very strong making it -12 with the windchill. There was lots of snow at the summit, we didn't stay there very long. We made it back down early afternoon.

Leo showed good resilience in challenging conditions. Leo's parents are very proud of him.



Football match report

Dinglewell boys played Abbeymead away in the league on Thursday 6th November, beating them 2-1 in a thrilling encounter. Abbeymead went one up before Mason scored in the top right corner from a deflection to level. The winner came from Albie who slotted home after a through ball from Harry. Great result for Dinglewell, next game is home versus Upton on 20th November.



Competition time with Farr & Farr Hucclecote

A message from Farr & Farr

With Christmas just around the corner, I'm writing on behalf of Farr & Farr Estate Agents to share an exciting opportunity for your pupils.

We need a Christmas card design for 2025 and would love for the children in our local community to help us design something a little different...

Competition Details:

- Open to children of all ages
- The winning design will be featured as our 2025 Christmas card
- The winning child will receive a prize
- The winning school will receive a £150 cash prize donation

Please come into reception and pick up a Christmas card template and follow instructions below.

The deadline for submissions is 26th November 2025, and we'll announce the winner in early December.

Drop off your design at:

- Farr & Farr Hucclecote Office: 50 Hucclecote Road, Hucclecote, GL3 3RT
- Farr & Farr Longlevens Office: 125 Cheltenham Road, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 0JQ
- email your entry to: hucclecote@farrandfarr.co.uk

Please include:

- Your name
- The school you attend
- And use the subject line: Christmas Card Entry
- (Entries must be clear and easy to view of the design.)

Kind regards,

Craig & Lauren
Farr & Farr
Hucclecote Office

School Admission Appeal – Volunteer panel members needed

Please see below a shout out from Gloucestershire County Council (Vicki Hopson Democratic Services Support Officer)

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. We are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education).

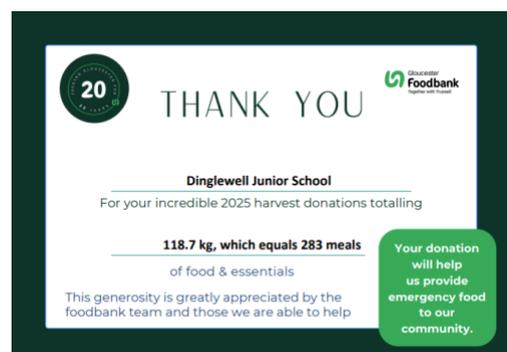
We would be extremely grateful if you could help us spread the word to parents of your own pupils, or those who work/have worked in an education setting.

Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Harvest donation – WOW!

What a great achievement, thank you to everyone who donated!



Anti-Bullying Week: “Power for Good” – Get Creative! Remember to pick up your sock colouring in sheets

Starting week of 11th November, we’re celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with the inspiring theme “Power for Good”. To show your support, join our fun and colourful activity!

Design a Sock for Kindness! Pick up a sock template from reception, then paint or colour it however you like. Once you’ve finished your masterpiece, cut it out and write your name and class on the back. We’ll proudly display all the socks in reception to spread positivity and creativity throughout the school!
Let’s make kindness visible—one sock at a time!

Everyone is also invited to wear **ODD SOCKS** on Monday 11th November.

Elfridges & non-uniform day 5th December – save the date!

A letter is on its way to all parents ‘Elfridges’ gift shop returns! If you can, donations of gifts would be fantastic!

Celebration Assembly

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday 10th November -
Tuesday 11th November - Y5 Swimming Starts
Wednesday 12th November -
Thursday 13th November -
Friday 14th November - Forest School 3B

ALL CLUBS RESUME

Monday 17th November -
Tuesday 18th November - Y5 Swimming
Wednesday 19th November -
Thursday 20th November -
Friday 21st November - Forest School 3B

**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:

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