

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Dear Families,

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Attendance for this week: 94.98%

This week

It's been a wet and gloomy week, but the children continue to brighten every day with their smiles and determination. Even in the rain, they show up eager to learn, support one another, and make the most of their time at school.

Our spring clubs also kicked off this week, bringing a burst of energy and excitement to the building. From creative projects to active sessions, children have thrown themselves into new activities with enthusiasm, making the school feel lively despite the weather.

Football results

On an utterly wet Thursday 15th January, Dinglewell boys hosted Churchdown for their final league game of the season, knowing that only a win would keep them in contention for the league title. Despite the atrocious conditions, Dinglewell managed to fizz the ball around in perfect triangles, plucking perfectly weighted passes from the grey skies with deft control. Luca started the scoring with an assured finish to settle nerves and Churchdown were rocked, a second from Bear coming soon after. Churchdown rallied but a third from Bear had put the game out of sight. There was superb play from all players who now look to Longlevens' results to learn if they've come first or second.

Year 3 TT Rockstars tournament

Winners of this week's Y3 TT Rockstars tournament are:

- ✓ Miss Brooke's set - 1st place Jacob, 2nd place Oliver, 3rd place Reuben
- ✓ Mrs Cave's set - 1st place Alfie, 2nd place Holly, 3rd place Albie
- ✓ Mrs Hazell's set - 1st place Amelia, 2nd place Poppy, 3rd place Orla

Well done to all children who are practising their times tables using TTRockstars. We look forward who will win the tournament next week in both Years 3 and 4.

Year 6 Egyptian Day

Please can children dress up for Egyptian Day on the 26th January 2026 – a letter detailing the Egyptian Day went out to all Year 6 yesterday.

Friends of Dinglewell Junior School (PTA) Meeting – Monday 26th January

The Friends will be holding their first meeting of 2026 on **Monday 26th January at the Wagon & Horses, starting at 7pm**. So, if you would like to learn more about what we do to support the school, future fundraising events and would like to get involved or have some ideas to share, we would love to see you there!

We are also collecting any unwanted and unused gifts that may have 'missed the mark' for next year's 'ELFridges' present room. Gifts and items can be handed into Reception to be passed on to the Friends or given directly to Ms. Hayward or Mrs. Hipkiss. Thank you for your support.

Year 4 Swim

Year 4 dove into their first swimming session of the year with buckets of enthusiasm and some seriously impressive splashes. Confidence was growing by the minute, and the pool was full of laughter, teamwork, and a few very dramatic declarations of "I'm definitely a dolphin now!"

It was a brilliant start, and we can't wait to see how their skills develop over the coming weeks.

Friendly reminder: Please make your swimming contribution on ParentPay when you can. Your support helps keep these sessions running smoothly.

Year 3 update

Our unexpected flood adventure is slowly turning into a success story. The classrooms, once resembling small indoor lakes, are now drying out beautifully. They're not *quite* ready for their close-up yet — the dehumidifiers are still humming away like determined little robots on a mission — but they're making fantastic progress.

We're now in that "almost there but not quite" phase. As soon as the official thumbs-up arrives to confirm everything is properly dry (and not just pretending), the real magic begins. Walls will be spruced up, floors will be revived, and every classroom will get the TLC it deserves to return to its former glory.

Bit by bit, we're getting closer to having everything back up to scratch — and maybe even better than before. Stay tuned for the next thrilling episode of *The Great Classroom Comeback*.

Coffee House 43 – Hucclecote/Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors are on a mission, and it's one everyone can join. We're collecting plastic bottle-top lids — the tiny things most people throw away without a second thought — and turning them into something brilliant. By gathering as many lids as we can, we're able to exchange them for vouchers that help us get useful items for our school. It's recycling with superpowers.

A huge shout-out to Coffee 43 in Hucclecote! They're saving *all* of their bottle tops and donating them to our project. That's the kind of community teamwork that makes this whole thing even more exciting. Thank you to Madison in 5H who reached out to them.

Let's see how big our collection can grow. Tiny lids, big impact — and a whole lot of fun along the way.

Parking around the school

We've had several complaints from local neighbours about cars being parked across driveways and blocking access. We understand how difficult it can be during busy drop-off and pick-up times, but we cannot be parking in ways that block drives or restrict access for residents.

If this continues, we will carry out checks in the mornings and after pick-ups, and parking wardens are active in the area. Let's work together to keep things running smoothly and maintain good relationships within our community. Thank you for your cooperation.

On a separate note, please make sure you do not park in the staff car park. This is for staff and visitors only.

Community Roller Disco

A message from Roller Disco - We are writing to inform you about the launch of CITY SKATE, a new community-based roller disco taking place at GL1 Leisure Centre in Gloucester. These sessions have been created to offer an affordable, inclusive and positive activity for children, young people and families within Gloucester, with skates and protective equipment available so no prior experience or personal equipment is required. Our core values focus on promoting healthy living through positive physical activity, improving social interaction, encouraging people to learn new skills, and supporting them to build confidence in a safe and welcoming environment. Roller skating provides a fun and engaging way for participants to stay active, connect with others, and experience a sense of achievement outside of the school and work setting.

February kids camp offer



Great news, we have been sent an exclusive discount code for parents to use. The code is DWELL15 and is for February 2026.

Celebration Assembly

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Selected clubs start

Monday 19th January - Bench ball club
Tuesday 20th January - Year 4 swim/Dance club (previous)
Wednesday 21st January - With the Ball. Year 6 SAT's information evening 4:30pm
Thursday 22nd January - Montagu/Art. **Dance with Laura Lomax is not running 22nd January.**
Friday 23rd January - Year 3 Forest School

Selected clubs start

Monday 26th January - Bench ball club. Friends of Hillview at 7pm (Wagon and Horses)
Tuesday 27th January - Year 4 swim/Dance club (previous)
Wednesday 28th January - With the Ball
Thursday 29th January - Montagu/Art & Dance with Laura Lomax
Friday 30th January - Year 3 Forest School

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

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Correspondence sent out this week:

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