

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Dear Families,

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Attendance for this week: 94.96%

This week

Who has dimmed the sun again?! One minute it felt like spring was warming up, and now we're back to a week that looks like it's been washed on the wrong setting. At least the Easter holidays are only two weeks away, which makes the grey a bit easier to forgive. On the note of the Easter holidays, please remember we break up at 12:30pm on Friday 27th March and there is no ASC that day!

The children might have mentioned their duck-spotting adventure - those tiny ducks hiding around the school were honestly the smallest creatures I've ever seen. More like pocket-sized surprises than actual ducks, but they certainly caused a lot of excitement.

A few key reminders for this week - take a moment to relax, stay wrapped up in your winter layers, and have a read.

Y3 TT Rockstar Tournament Winners:

Miss Brooke's set: 1st place Jacob, 2nd place Lewis, 3rd place Freddie

Mrs Cave's set: 1st place Alfie, 2nd place Madison, 3rd place Bo

Mrs Hazell's set: 1st place Sofia, 2nd place Poppy, 3rd Eliana

Y4 TT Rockstar Tournament Winners:

Mr Sullivan's set: 1st place Rayan B, 2nd place Paige C, 3rd place Hayden P

Mrs Stanley's and Mrs Lyons' set: 1st place Charlie H, 2nd place Havana H, 3rd place Hugh B

Miss Frost's set: 1st place Evan B, 2nd place Ava B, 3rd place William R

Spring clubs – Benchball and Monday's Tuition

Just a reminder that there will be no Benchball or Tuition on Monday 16 March because of Parents' Evening.

Year 4 Chedworth Roman Trip

A gentle reminder to bring your permission slips into school so we can make sure everything is in place for the upcoming activities. It would also be helpful if you could take a moment to log into ParentPay and settle any outstanding fees. Keeping these bits up to date means we can plan confidently and ensure everything runs smoothly for the children.

Year 4 History Workshop

Please can you pop onto ParentPay by 20th March to settle any outstanding balances for the Year 4 History workshop. This helps us confirm numbers, finalise arrangements with the workshop provider, and ensure everything is ready for the children to take part without any delays.

Red nose day

Watch out — the Nose is about!

Red Nose Day is on **20th March**, and we are marking the occasion with a non-school uniform day. If you can, wear something red and why not go all out with wacky hair or a bit of face paint?

We are asking for a £1 donation to support the cause.

Breakfast & After school club – Term 5 information

Forms will be sent on **Tuesday 17th March** for Term 5. Please can you make sure you get them in by **Wednesday 25th March**. Remember Term 4 balances need to be cleared before new bookings are accepted.

British Science Week

This week, we have been celebrating British Science Week. The theme this year has been 'Curiosity: what's your question?' The children have had great fun exploring this theme and have enjoyed live lessons and participating in a huge range of practical activities. They have certainly asked a lot of fantastic questions too!

The FA Shooting Stars Girls' Football Festival

On Thursday 12th March, Mrs Lyons took an enthusiastic group of Year 3 and 4 girls to a Disney themed football festival at Ribston Hall High School. Adorned with their colourful Mickey mouse/Stitch jumpers, headbands and face glitter, the girls arrived ready to get stuck into their football. We began the morning with a warmup before then moving onto a range of drills designed to get the girls comfortable with the ball at their feet and to develop their ball skills. These skills were then put into practice at the end of the morning when they played a game against another school. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork and battled hard to ensure a very close score to finish. Despite the rain and the cold, the girls had such a positive attitude and represented Dinglewell Juniors brilliantly. Well done girls!

Free school meal vouchers update - Message for parents and families from Gloucestershire County Council.

Free School Meal vouchers provided during school holidays which have been funded by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) through the Household Support Fund are coming to an end. This is because the Household Support Fund is ending, and Free School Meal Vouchers for the spring school holidays will be the last vouchers available under this scheme. A different fund, the Crisis and Resilience Fund is starting from Wednesday 1 April 2026.

To find out more, please:

- Visit Gloucestershire's [Family Hubs website](#) to learn about the support available for families, including the Holiday Activities and Food Programme, which provides great activities and nutritious food for children and young people during the school holidays.
- Look out for information about the incoming Crisis and Resilience Grant Funding, which will offer support for children and young people who are eligible for Free School Meals. Details on what you can expect and how to apply will be shared soon on the Family Hubs website.

Get creative (Cool Milk's 2026 Easter competition)



To celebrate Easter, we're inviting your pupils to take part in our Cool Milk Easter Egg Design Competition!

Children can get creative by decorating their own Easter egg using the template [here](#). We would love to see colourful and imaginative designs from your budding artists. (You can get a copy from the office)

Prizes

- The winning child's school will receive an exciting visit from CBeebies Mr Bloom for the children to enjoy.
- The winning child will also receive a fun Easter Egg Hunt Pack to enjoy over the holiday break.

Entry deadline - Wednesday 25th March

Winners announced – Thursday 26th March

Draw Your Happy Place

Where do you feel happiest? Is it playing in your garden? On holiday by the sea? Cuddled up with your family? Or somewhere else entirely?

Sky Arts are running an Art competition entitled 'Joy'. They are inviting primary school pupils across the country to draw a picture of a place where they feel happy, and the winning drawings will be brought to life by the animation studio behind Obki, Glowdogs and MC Grammar; one lucky winner will see their artwork transformed into a 20-second animated scene. Simply pick up a copy at reception and email your draw scene and send to Sky Arts (details below).

How to enter:



Email your designs to: accessallarts@nationalschoolspartnership.com
or



Post your designs to: We Are Futures, 1 Paris Gardens, SE1 8ND

Enter by 17th April for your chance to win!



What to draw:

- A place that brings you joy
- Include at least one thing that could move (a person, animal, object - anything)
- Draw in landscape format on the activity sheet
- Top tip: Add a little arrow or circle to show what you'd like to see animated

Competition closes: April 17th, 2026

Cross Country message

Please see below a message from Cheryl....

It was my pleasure to take our Gloucester City Team to the county cross country championships in Cheltenham on Sunday morning, they were a credit to you all, putting in our best performance ever recorded.

To see the complete focus and determination on their faces made me feel so very proud of each and everyone of them. It was a difficult course, with a very steep hill section, but every single athlete managed to finish.

*A big thank you to our team sponsors - **SchoolPro TLC** (Leadership Capacity) who sent the team this message;*

Supporting young athletes and encouraging participation in school sport is something we're passionate about and we are delighted to play a small part in helping students represent their schools and county.

We wish all competitors the very best of luck and look forward to seeing Team Gloucester proudly wearing their running tops throughout the season.

Our results were:

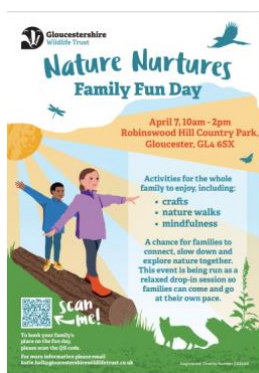
12 children selected and reaching the National Championships - that's a quarter of our squad!

Team performances

- ✓ Year 4/5 boy's 3rd
- ✓ Year 4/5 girl's 2nd
- ✓ Year 6 boys 2nd
- ✓ Year 6 girls 1st

2nd Overall - what a great team performance.

Events happening



Parking in Dinglewell

Just a little reminder to please park considerately during drop-offs and pick-ups. Please avoid using the private parking spaces near the Dinglewell bungalows. We know it can be a bit tricky at busy times, but taking a moment to choose a good spot really helps. Let's keep things running smoothly and keep our neighbours happy.

Celebration Assembly

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Selected clubs start

Monday 16th March - **NO CLUBS TODAY**
Tuesday 17th March - Gymnastics club
Wednesday 18th March - With the Ball
Thursday 19th March - Art/Montagu and Laura Lomax Dance
Friday 20th March - non school uniform/Red nose day £1 donations

Selected clubs start

Monday 23rd March -
Tuesday 24th March - Gymnastics club
Wednesday 25th March - With the Ball
Thursday 26th March - Art/Montagu and Laura Lomax Dance
Friday 27th March - non-school uniform £1 donation
finish at xxx Happy Easter!

**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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