

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Attendance for this week: 96.35%

Dear Families,

A few housekeeping reminders to enjoy this week whilst relaxing with a lovely cuppa! Well, it seems someone has definitely switched on the winter weather. With the rain falling and temperatures dropping, it's the perfect excuse to dig out the wellies, puddle suits and warm drinks and head outdoors this weekend. Fresh air does wonders for children (and grown-ups too!), and there are plenty of autumn adventures waiting to be had.

Conker season is here, so keep your eyes peeled beneath the horse chestnut trees. How many conkers can you collect? Who in your family will find the biggest one? Add in a few puddle jumps, crunchy leaf kicks and maybe even a nature treasure hunt, and you've got the perfect autumn day out.

Wrap up warm, embrace the mud and enjoy making some cosy seasonal memories!

Cross country – whole school

Please make sure your children come in PE kit on Thursday 15th October, with sensible trainers for our whole school cross country.

Winners of the 3H TT Rockstars Tournament 28th September to 4th October are:

3H - 1st place Kai, 2nd place Ethan, 3rd place Zara. R

3B - 1st place Henry, 2nd place Archie, 3rd place Evie

3C - 1st place George, 2nd place Advith, 3rd place Freddie

Year 4 - What a great battle we had in our weekly times table battle on ttrackstars. The winners this week are:

Mrs Stanley and Mrs Short's set: Holly G, Alfie W and Seb M

Mr Sullivan's set: Eliana S, Poppy W and James P

Miss Belton's set: Jacob P-W, Dexter M and Lewis E

Parking

We know that drop off and pick up times can be hectic, and everyone is trying to get where they need to be. However, please remember to park considerately, avoiding pavements and making sure driveways are kept clear. Our neighbours are incredibly supportive of the school, and we want to continue showing them the same respect in return.

If you are unable to find a suitable space nearby, please consider parking a little further away and walking the last part of your journey. We know time is often of the essence, but the safety of our children and consideration for our local community must always come first.

Let's work together to keep everyone safe and maintain the positive community spirit that makes our school such a special place.



Snacks

Please remember to send your child in with a healthy snack each day. We want everyone raring to go, full of energy and ready for a busy day of learning, so a healthy snack is the perfect way to keep those energy levels up and those tummies happy!

A Little ParentPay Nudge (Before We Send the Carrier Pigeons!)

Our ParentPay account has been quietly tapping us on the shoulder and reminding us about a few things...

➤ **School Dinner Balances**

If your account has wandered into the red by more than £20, we'd be very grateful if you could bring it back into the black with a quick ParentPay payment.

➤ **Year 5 Swimming**

Thank you to everyone who has already paid. If swimming is still on your to-do list, please take a moment to dive into ParentPay and get it sorted.

➤ **PGL**

Exciting adventures await! PGL payments will be available on ParentPay, making it easy to spread the cost throughout the year.

➤ **SkillZONE**

Payments are now live on ParentPay and information letters have flown home this week. Please return your slips as soon as possible.

Thank you, as always, for keeping us organised, our spreadsheets happy and the office team fuelled by something other than panic and biscuits!

BC/ASC Term 2

Booking forms for Term 2 will be sent home with all children who attended BC/ASC in Term 1 and will also be available from the school office from **Wednesday 14th October** for anyone wishing to book a place.

Please return completed forms by **Monday 19th October**. Term 1 was extremely popular, with every Wednesday fully booked and several Tuesdays and Thursdays filling up fast too!

To avoid disappointment, please make sure your form is returned on time and that any outstanding balances are cleared. Unfortunately, if there is money owing on your account, we won't be able to allocate a place for Term 2.

A quick check of ParentPay now could save a last-minute scramble later. We'd love to fit everyone in, but places fill up very quickly!

Please make sure you are 100% sure of sessions as they are non-refundable and please can we ask you to check your booking forms to make sure all is correct. We had a few unexpected children in ASC in September but we managed to give them a place.

Boys football match

On Thursday 8th October Dinglewell Boys kicked off their league campaign by hosting a Churchdown team which had been very busy pre-season, honing their skills. A less-prepared Dinglewell needed to gel quickly and weather early storms, holding a good shape and probing with mazy runs from defence and midfield. A speculative shot from distance caught a gust of wind and squirmed past an energetic Charles to go one down. Showing great character, Dinglewell's heads didn't drop and they surged forward. A deserved equaliser came when the ball bobbed up after Zac had found space; Harry spun and struck it like Kane into the top left corner, a worldie that will live long in the memory.

The second half saw a game of relentless attack and defence, each team thinking they could take all three points. Although there were no more goals, there was an astonishing goal-saving hook tackle by Lucas and an equally impressive Banks '66 type save from Charles which kept parity. Both coaches pondered extra-time and winner-takes-all golden goal, but ultimately from such a feast of football there shouldn't have been a losing team. Football 10 – Dinglewell 1 – Churchdown 1. Well done to: Thomas, Charles, Lucas, Jacob, James, Josh, Zac and Harry.

Girls football match

On Thursday, Dinglewell girls played St Peter's at home in an exciting match.

The girls dominated from the start.

Mia was strong and determined in striker role during the first half. With the support of her midfield and assists from Eliza, she was able to secure 2 goals within the first 10 minutes of the match. Our defence stayed solid and St Peter's were just unable to find a way through. Dinglewell continued with their pressurising attack which included an impressive strike from Neive that just went wide of the post. The third goal came from a fast acting Mia who intercepted the ball from their goal keeper. Neive got on the end of it and slotted it in. 3-0 at half time.

St Peter's came out strong in the second half and put our defence under more pressure, but Mia and Esme in defence were tough opponents to get past. Goal number 4 came from a lovely pass just outside our box to Eliza who made an excellent run up the wing before thumping it into the corner.

In the final minutes, an important interception was made by Mia who then recycled the ball to Ava. Ava then dribbled confidently past St Peter's defenders and slotted it in the corner. 5-0 at full time.

Another impressive victory for our girls! Ava was voted Player's player and Isabelle, Coaches Player.

Well done girls!

WW2 day

On Monday Year 6 were transported back to 1941. Children spent the day leaning songs; making peg dolls; playing traditional games and visited the WW2 museum (6J) where they completed a quiz and handled genuine artefacts. More photos can be seen in topic books.



Our Lanterns Begin to Glow! 🏠 ⚓

Our lantern project has continued to take shape this week, and our 30 young lantern makers have been working incredibly hard!

The children have been busy transforming their frameworks by carefully layering **wet tissue paper** over the structures. This has been a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their teamwork and fine motor skills as they worked together to cover the frameworks and create the shapes of our maritime-themed lanterns.

The excitement really grew when we added **lights inside the lanterns!** Seeing the structures begin to glow for the first time was a very special moment and helped the children imagine how amazing they will look when they are carried in the Gloucester Lantern Procession.

There is still plenty of work to do, but our lanterns are starting to look fantastic. The children have shown wonderful creativity, patience and teamwork throughout the project, and we can't wait to see the finished creations come to life!

The lanterns are glowing, and the countdown to the procession continues! 🏠 ⚓ 🎨



Other information

KC COACHING FOOTBALL CAMP
NEW VENUE, NEW CAMP, NEW OPPORTUNITIES.
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TRAIN WITH **PROFESSIONAL COACHES**
LEARN FROM **PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS**

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5+
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
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City Soccer CAMPS
£60 4 DAY PROGRAM | £25 1 DAY
OCTOBER HALF TERM
KMM ENERGY STADIUM
Hempstead, Gloucester GL2 5HD
Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th October (9am - 3pm)

- BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 TO 15
- ALL STANDARDS, NEW TO FOOTBALL ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED
- PLAY FOOTBALL AT KMM ENERGY STADIUM
- WEAR PLASTIC-STUDED FOOTWEAR ONLY, NO METAL STUDS

Book Here

Corinium Museum Children's Half Term Workshops 2026

New Family Gallery Trail: Henry Tudor
The Incredible Diaries of the Boy in the Wood
New novel by Daisy Hodges and illustrations by The Emperor's New Clothes

Crispy Corinium Cupcakes
Meet the Corinium Museum team. Back by popular demand, our Crispy Cupcakes are a delicious treat for all the family. They are also a great way to learn about the museum and its collection.

Make Your Own Curve Tablet
Did you know that the Romans used curved tablets to write on? In this workshop, you will learn how to make your own curve tablet and write a message on it.

For full details and to book visit: <https://www.coriniummuseum.org> or scan the QR code

Christmas Wreath Making
FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER 7PM START
Hosted by L&S Party and Events in conjunction with Friends of Dinglewell Junior School (PTA)

£25 WREATH MAKING
Cakes for sale
CHRISTMAS HANDED BAKERY
PROSECCO FOR ALL

Please pay for your ticket to Friends of Dinglewell Junior School
Bank code: 20 09 00
Account number: 20000068
Please use your child's name and class as the payment reference.

Celebration assembly

Congratulations to all the children who received a merit certificate today.



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 12th October Montagu/Christmas production club.

Tuesday 13th – Y5

Swimming/cheerleading/boys football match

Wednesday 14th – With The ball multisoccer/girls football club

Thursday 15th October – Young Voices/Lego/girls football match/cross country

Friday 16th October – Happy half term.

Monday 19th October Montagu/Christmas production club.

Tuesday 20th – Y5 Swimming/cheerleading

Wednesday 21st – With The ball multisoccer/girls football club/DISCO

Thursday 22nd October – Young Voices/Lego

Friday 23rd October – Happy half term.

**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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