

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



Dinglewell, Hucclecote, GL3 3HS

Tel: 01452 617376

Email: admin@dinglewell-jun.gloucs.sch.uk

Email: governors@dinglewell-jun.gloucs.sch.uk

Website: www.dinglewelljuniors.co.uk



16th October 2026

Attendance for this week: 96.32%

Dear Families,

Do we hear the bells of half term calling? Yes, we do! What an action-packed month it has been. It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming everyone back for the new school year. With clubs thriving, children learning, and staff buzzing around like busy bees, we are all ready for a well-earned autumn break.

Before we head off for a restful week, here's a little Halloween joke to make you giggle: **Why didn't the skeleton go to the party?** *Because he had **no body** to go with!*

Winners of the Year 3 Rockstars Tournament 5th to 11th October are:

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

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

3C - 1st place James, 2nd place Cesca, 3rd place Advith

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: Madison D, Ali E and Millie H

Mr Sullivan's set: Eliana S, Poppy W and Daniella G B

Miss Belton's set: Arthur H, Freddie N and Oliver J

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**

Instalments are now live on Parent Pay for you to clear as time goes by. The first instalment will be due by 6th November.

➤ **SkillZONE**

Payments are now live on ParentPay. Please return your slips as soon as possible.

Harvest time

As part of our Harvest Festival celebration on 22nd October, we are kindly asking for donations of non-**perishable** food items (see list below). All donations will be given to Gloucester Foodbank and every donation, big or small, will help local families in need. Thank you for helping us share kindness and support to those in need by making a positive difference in our community.

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| ✓ Adult toothpaste | ✓ Biscuits |
| ✓ Coffee | ✓ Deodorant |
| ✓ Instant mashed potato | ✓ Long-life juice |
| ✓ Shampoo | ✓ Shaving foam/gel |
| ✓ Shower gel | ✓ Tea bags |
| ✓ Tinned custard | ✓ Tinned fruit |
| ✓ Tinned potatoes | ✓ Tinned rice pudding |
| ✓ Tinned spaghetti | ✓ Tinned vegetables |
| ✓ Washing up liquid | |

Poppies

We have some lovely Poppy Appeal merchandise available to buy in school. If your child would like to purchase an item, please send them in with a small amount of money.

Our fantastic Year 6 pupils will be visiting classes with a selection of exciting poppy-themed items for children to choose from. It's a wonderful way to support a very worthwhile cause while proudly wearing a poppy.

Bikeability

An email has now been sent to all Year 6 families with information about this year's Bikeability training. Please take a few moments to read through the details and register online if your child would like to take part. Payment should be made via ParentPay.

We hope lots of our Year 6 children will take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to develop their cycling skills and confidence on the road

With the ball club launches...

Letters were sent home this week for With the ball club options which kicks off after half term. We have the fabulous cheerleading club and a new Dodgeball with a festive snowball twist. If your child wishes to join the club please make sure you sign up directly with them. If you don't sign up, they will not be attending the club. Book as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

<https://with-the-ball-sports-coaching.classforkids.io/info/434>

<https://with-the-ball-sports-coaching.classforkids.io/info/442>

Girls football match

Dinglewell Girls Reach the ESFA Gloucester County Finals!

What an incredible day for our Dinglewell girls at the ESFA Gloucester 7-a-side finals! The team showed fantastic determination, resilience, and teamwork throughout the competition, finishing the day in style and securing their place in the Gloucester County Competition!

The girls got off to a brilliant start with a 2–0 win against Kingsholm, with Isabelle opening the scoring and Eliza adding the second goal.

They continued their winning form against Barnwood, securing another 2–0 victory. Isabelle provided a fantastic assist for Eliza's first goal, before Eliza produced a great finish to score her second and seal the win.

Our third match against Parton Manor ended in a 3–0 defeat, but the girls stayed strong, kept their heads up and showed great character to bounce back.

Next up was a tense semi-final against Longlevens. After a hard-fought 0–0 draw, the match went to penalties. With brilliant penalty goals from Ava and Maddie, who stepped up to score the decisive penalty with an emphatic finish, Dinglewell secured their place in the final! A superb moment that showed real confidence under pressure.

Facing Parton Manor once again in the final, the girls gave it everything. Eliza scored the winning goal to secure a fantastic 1–0 victory, completing an incredible achievement for Dinglewell!

The girls are now through to the Gloucester County Competition on Monday 30th November!

Every single player should be incredibly proud of their efforts. The teamwork, determination, resilience and support shown throughout the games were superb, and the girls represented Dinglewell brilliantly.

A massive well done to the whole team - what an achievement! We can't wait to see you take on the county competition!

A special mention to Maddie, who was named Player of the Match for her outstanding performance! She showed fantastic confidence and composure, scoring the decisive penalty in the semi-final to send Dinglewell through to the final. A superb effort and thoroughly deserved recognition!



Boys football match

On Tuesday, the Football team travelled to Kingsholm Primary School to play the next game in the GPSFA League. Dinglewell started brightly but soon the home team began to control possession; this resulted in Kingsholm scoring after a driving run at our defence.

The team battled to equalise but our chances were few and far between: Kingsholm continued to dominate and put Dinglewell under constant pressure. Fortunately, the defensive trio of James, Jacob and Charlie did well to keep the score sheet static: the game ended 1-0. Good effort boys – we next look forward to facing Heron in November!

Cross country

Roly-polies, bundles of energy and super-fast legs... what a fantastic Cross Country event we had! The children showed incredible determination, enthusiasm and resilience from start to finish, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

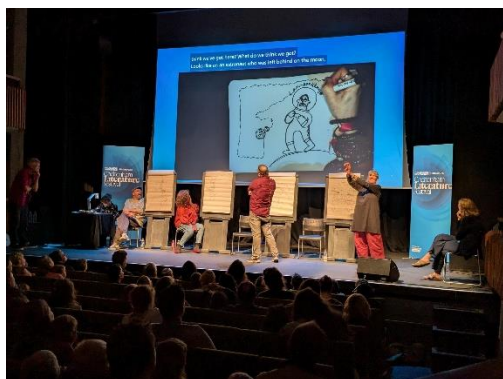
Keep an eye out for next week's newsletter, where we'll be sharing the full update, results and plenty of photos from a brilliant morning of running!

Shout out.....

Lily from 4SS went to a few talks yesterday. She went to talks by and met two of her favourite authors; Laura Ellen Anderson, who writes the Amelia Fang books and Harriet Muncaster, who writes the Isadora Moon and Mirabelle books. Lily asked them both which books inspired them and showed them her own drawings (there were draw-alongs in both talks). She's really excited to hear that Harriet Muncaster has another set of books for older readers, called the Victoria Stitch series (she may have bought one) and that a new Amelia Fang book will be coming out in the new year.

Lily also met one of her brother's favourite authors - Liz Pichon - and told her that she wants to be an actress when she grows up. Liz recommended that she try the screenplay at the back of her new Tom Gates book, Tom Gates Is Not Famous Yet, with her friends.

Finally, we went to a comic book draw off with writer-illustrators Patrice Aggs, Laura Ellen Anderson, Neill Cameron and John Patrick Green (he writes Investigators), which was a bit like "Who's Line is it anyway?" with the kids from the audience telling the illustrators what to draw. That was a lot of laughs.



Other information



Celebration assembly

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

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.

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:

E&OE