

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Attendance for this week: 96.03%

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, we would like to thank all our families, teachers and teaching assistants for your continued support. The children have worked incredibly hard and achieved so much, and we are very proud of everything they have accomplished. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break, spend quality time with family and friends, and have the chance to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term. Have a wonderful half term holiday!

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

3H - 1st place Zara. R, 2nd place Ariana, 3rd place Ben
3B - 1st place Henry, 2nd place Archie, 3rd place Khalaya
3C - 1st place Annabelle, 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: Holly G, Charlie E and Billy J
Mr Sullivan's set: Poppy W, Daniella G B and Eliana S
Miss Belton's set: Arthur H, Bella S and Freddie N

Montagu – Year 4

We have Montagu on Monday 9th November for 4Su & 4B. Please can your child come to school dressed for outdoor games instead of Friday 13th November.

Parents evening – 9th & 11th November

An email has now been sent with details of how to book your Parent Evening appointment.

If you already have, or are due to have, a meeting with our SENCo, please do not book an additional Parent Evening slot, as your child's progress and support will be discussed during your SENCo meeting.

If you experience any difficulties with booking, or have any questions, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help after half term.

A Little ParentPay Nudge (let's shape up before next term)

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.

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

Toy sale – save the date

The Year 4 children are holding a toy and book sale Wednesday 4th November, in aid of DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) as part of their Powerful Planet unit of learning. Years 3, 5 and 6 are invited to attend and purchase something during school hours, with items on sale from 50p.

Ducks on tour

The rain came down, but that didn't stop our special visitors. A group of ducks took a tour around the school, waddling past classrooms and saying hello to the children along the way!



Year Group Cross-Country Country Competition

Last Thursday, the whole school enjoyed running in our annual cross-country competition on King George V playing field.

Well done to the following top three finalists:

- Year 3 girls: Lilianna P (1st), Masie H (2nd) and Martha F (3rd)
- Year 3 boys: Albert T (1st), James L (2nd) and Charlie PG (3rd)
- Year 4 girls: Bo P (1st), Lily G (2nd) and Madison D (3rd)
- Year 4 boys: Tyler L (1st), Freddie N (2nd) and Dexter M (3rd)
- Year 5 girls: Rose B (1st), Ava B (2nd) and Nimrat K (3rd)
- Year 5 boys: George D (1st), Jack A (2nd) and Jacob PG (3rd)
- Year 6 girls: Eliza K (1st), Isabelle B (2nd) and Anna B (3rd)
- Year 6 boys: Cody A (1st), Jacob L (2nd) and Arthur T (3rd)

Whittington house came first overall, closely followed by Potter and then Jenner. These results will be fed into our Sports Day next year. Well done!



Harvest donations

Thank you for all of your generous donations for this year's Harvest collection. Your kindness and support will make a real difference to those in our local community, and we are incredibly grateful for the wonderful response from our school families.

Non uniform day – save the date



On Friday 13th November, we would like to invite children to wear non-uniform in exchange for a £1 contribution to Children in Need. Children in Need helps children and young people across the UK who are facing difficult circumstances.

This week, we are also sending home a competition which your child might like to enter. We are asking our pupils in Years 3 and 4 to design a new bandana for Pudsey and those in Years 5 and 6 to design the loveable bear a new T-shirt. We ask our pupils, when completed, to put their name and class on their sheet together with a £1 donation and to hand these into class teachers by Thursday 12th November. Entries will be judged by our super School Council representatives and prizes will be awarded in Friday's assembly. Good Luck!

Halloween science ideas

Why not take a look at the ideas below for some spooky Halloween science activities and experiments?

<https://www.science-sparks.com/top-10-science-experiments-for-halloween/>

500 word challenge



This week Mrs. Halford did an assembly on the BBC 500 Word Challenge. The 500-Word Challenge is the UK's biggest children's story-writing competition for 5–11-year-olds. It is now open for entries and closes at 9pm, Friday 6 November 2026. The finalists get to attend a star-studded awards ceremony.

Every year, we have a few pupils that enter and it would be great if you could encourage your child to have a go. There is more information here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Key Details:

- Dates: Entries close at 9pm on November 6, 2026.
- Word Limit: Stories must be 500 words or fewer.
- Age Categories: 5–7 years and 8–11 years.

Marking: Spelling, punctuation, and grammar are not marked, focusing purely on creativity and imagination.

Submission and Rules: Children can write about any topic, theme, or genre they love. Only one story is allowed per child, and it must be entirely their own work. Submissions require consent and contact details from a parent or guardian.

Entries can be submitted via the official BBC 500 Words portal.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zqc8mbk>

Children who submit their entries on-line will be awarded house points if they bring their entry into school.

Shout out.....

Jacob competed in the Gloucestershire County Closed tournament at the end of September, winning all of his matches to become the Under 11 County Champion.

Yesterday, he spent the day at Millfield School in Glastonbury competing in the South West Regional Closed, where he won all 4 of his matches to become the Under 11 South West Regional Champion!

It was a super long day so he is very tired today, but very proud of himself (as are we)!



Annual SEND survey

The Annual SEND Surveys 2026 opened on Monday, 5 October and will close on Friday, 4 December 2026. The surveys were featured in the [latest edition of the SEND Families in Partnership newsletter](#).

Parent Carers of children and young people (aged 0-25) with SEND are being encouraged to share their experiences and help improve support for families across Gloucestershire.

Gloucestershire Parent Carer SEND Survey

Help us improve SEND services
(Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

Annual SEND Surveys 2026

Survey for Parent Carers of children and young people with SEND (0-25)



See overleaf for Young People survey

Gloucestershire's Local Area Partnership wants to hear your views as a Parent Carer on services for children and young people with SEND.
www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/sendlocaloffer

The survey will open on 5 Oct and close on 4 Dec 2026

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Annual SEND Surveys 2026

For Parent Carers of children and young people with SEND (0-25) AND
NEW For young people with SEND (16-25)

If you are a Parent Carer of a child or young person with a special educational need or disability (SEND), or if you are a young person aged 16-25 with SEND – these surveys are for you

- Share your thoughts about what's working and what needs improvement for children and young people aged 0-25 years.
- Your views matter and will help us shape services.
- To read our 'You Said, We Did' Report 2026 and see what has changed in response to what you told us last year, please visit:
<https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/a/dvice.page?id=ZEqi8cXVDKs>.

Parent Carer Survey
Young Person Survey

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City Soccer CAMPS
OCTOBER HALF TERM
KMM ENERGY STADIUM
Hempstead, Gloucester GL2 8HD
Tuesday 27th - Thursday 29th October
(9am - 3pm)
• BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5 TO 12
• ALL STANDARDS, NEW TO FOOTBALL, ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED
• PLAY FOOTBALL AT KMM ENERGY STADIUM
• WEAR PLASTIC-STUDDED FOOTWEAR ONLY, NO METAL STUDS
Book Here



Half Term Activities
Find things to do near you

Getting ready to book October holiday activities
A range of activities are taking place across Gloucestershire during the October school holidays, with events available in multiple local areas.
We need to ensure to book some activities. Creating an account allows you to set up an account profile and enables for the children or young people you are looking to book for.
If you already have an account, simply log in and check that you're set up to book. You can also update your profile, add your children's details, and add your booking details. If you're not sure how to set up an account, please contact us.
Please note: Events will continue to be subject to the risk of the school holidays, so please check back regularly.

Gloucestershire Local Partnership
Family Hubs
familyhubs@gloucestershire.gov.uk



Family Fun with Bloodhound
Wednesday 28th October 2026
The Friendship Cafe
Chequers Bridge Centre, Painswick Road,
Gloucester GL4 8PH
£2.50 per child (see website for concessions and booking details)
10AM-11.30AM: Air Powered Rocket Cars
11.30AM - 1PM: Tall Towers
Join us for fun, inclusive engineering activities where families can design, build, and create at their own pace. Funded by Gloucestershire County Council.
To book a place, visit:
<https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/family-fun-with-bloodhound-education/tickets-20029138602737affwedddtcreator>
www.bloodhoundeducation.com @glosfamiliesdirectory Gloucestershire County Council 0308 202 2767

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 2nd November – School closed
inset day.

Tuesday 3rd November– Y5

Swimming/cheerleading/dance club

Wednesday 4th November – With The ball
dodgeball/girls football club

Thursday 5th November – Young
Voices/Lego

Friday 6th November

Monday 9th November – Christmas production
club/Montagu

Tuesday 10th November– Y5

Swimming/cheerleading/dance club

Wednesday 11th November – With The ball
multisoccer/girls football club

Thursday 12th November – Young Voices/Lego

Friday 13th November –

**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