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Dear Parents,

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Attendance for this week: 95.81%

We must start with a massive congratulations to our Year 6 children who have been doing their SATs tests this week. There was a loud heartfelt cheer when the bell rang to signify the end of the tests on Thursday! They have all worked so hard and we know that each and every one of them have done their very best - we are so very proud of them. Thank you also to the rest of the school who have kept really quiet and waited patiently for break times.

Last Friday's Spring Fair was a great success and we have had so many positive comments about the event. We raised a total of £1,798.18 which is to be split with our co-hosts the local Girl Guides. Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the fair such a brilliant event. The ENORMOUS bear was won by Phoebe (5H) who correctly guessed his name was Winston.

Congratulations to our kitchen team who have achieved another 5 star Hygiene rating from Gloucestershire County Council.

Sports Day 2025

We are delighted to let you know that Sports Day this year will be on Wednesday 25th June with a reserve date (in case of bad weather) for Wednesday 2nd July. Events will start from 12.30pm and will be held on the school playground, school field and King George V Playing Field. On that day we will be offering a special lunch menu with only 2 choices: A: Hot Dog in a bun with chips and a cookie and for B: Vegetarian Hot Dog in a bun with chips and a cookie.

Our Enrichment Week is fast approaching! There's lots going on - take note!

Enrichment Week will take place from **Monday 23rd June 2025 - Friday 27th June 2025**, which will provide the children with a range of opportunities to develop life skills and take part in team-building activities. This has been an incredible experience for the past few years and the children and staff are looking forward to the experience this year! There will be a letter with more information and clothing required after half term.

To be able to fund our Enrichment Week this year, we are holding a sponsored 'Soak the Teacher' at lunchtime on **Thursday 22nd May 2025**.

1. Ice Bucket Challenge

- £1 to vote for a member of staff to receive the ice bucket. Voting will take place on **Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st**

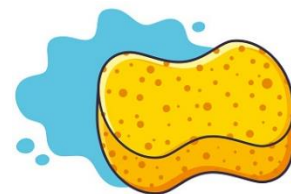
Staff to vote for:

Miss Richardson Mr Jones Mrs Gough Miss Lavis Mrs Johnson Mrs Sinclair

2. Soak the Teacher - 50p per sponge

Staff taking part:

Miss Richardson Mr Jones Mrs Gough Miss Lavis Mrs Johnson Mrs Byrne Mrs Sinclair




SPORTS FOR CHAMPIONS

Launching our enrichment week this year, we have a visit from international bobsleigh medalist Leon Greenwood. He will be visiting us on **Monday 9th June** and will do an inspirational assembly with the children, before working with them to complete a fitness circuit in the hall. This is a sponsored event, raising money for future Olympians through the 'Sports for Champions' organisation and also raising money for the school. 50% of all sponsorship raised goes to the school. Please use the link below for our crowd funding page and to find out more about the event.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-dinglewell-junior-school-fundraiser>

Please note: Remember to include your child's name when donating otherwise we won't be able to allocate prizes.

Internet Safety tips

 **YouTube** We understand that YouTube is a popular app for children and its benefit as an educational and entertainment resource is clear. That said, as with the internet as a whole, it pays to impose some limits to protect your children from inappropriate content. This website has an extensive guide for parents which you may find useful: <https://tinyurl.com/wdbkz2dr> YouTube's 'auto-play' can sometimes lead to videos far from the child's initial search request. You can configure the controls for autoplay using this guide: <https://tinyurl.com/62u3mctv> We know that some of our children are budding YouTubers and already have YouTube channels; we urge them to turn off comments on their posts to avoid any interaction from strangers.

Clubs for Summer Term

Places for clubs will be allocated and confirmed to your children this week. Clubs will start next week. If your child no longer wants their place please let the school know as soon as possible so the place can be given to another child.

Forthcoming trips for Years 3, 4 & 5

Years 3 and 4 have trips next week, and Y5 have a trip just after half-term. Children in Y4 will need to be in at 8.30am on Monday ready for a prompt departure and children in Y3 will need to be here at 8.30am on Wednesday for their trip. Please ensure that you have logged onto ParentPay, ticked the consent box and paid for your child's trip, many thanks.

Parking

We have had another complaint about inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside of school. Please make sure you park considerately and safely. Many thanks.

Willow Dome

A hard copy has gone home today about a Willow Dome which is being created after half term. Year 3 and 4 will be taking part on Tuesday 3rd June and Years 5 and 6 Wednesday 4th June. We are very excited about adding this to our school willow creations. We are able to cover the majority of the cost of the day through funds kindly donated by the Friends of Dinglewell Junior School and the World Book Day cake sale. However, we need to ask for a donation of £2 to cover the remaining cost of the materials and the willow sculptor's time and expertise. Please could you send this to school in a named, sealed envelope by Friday 23rd May. Many thanks for your continued support.

Out of school achievements

This week we are pleased to share with you news about our up-coming tennis star of the future. Vincent in 6R has been selected to represent Gloucestershire Tennis in the prestigious 11U County Cup. This accolade reflects Vincent's remarkable work ethic and passion for tennis, and we hope that their selection serves as an inspiration for their peers and the wider school community. The players

will travel as a team and compete on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June, we encourage you to follow Gloucestershire Tennis on social media to track the squad's progress and celebrate Vincent's journey.



Also featuring in this week's out of school achievement section is Zac from Year 4 who has been inspired to raise money for charity! He signed up for a 1.6km run in Bristol last Saturday, a junior triathlon in Cheltenham in July (132m swim, 2km, bike, 1km run) and will also be walking, cycling and running 100 miles between now and then. He is raising money for the RSPCA. Here's a photo of Zac at the finishing line. Well done Zac!

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 19th May - Clubs start this week
Monday 19th May - Y4 Trip to Corinium Museum
Tuesday 20th May - Y3 Swimming
Wednesday 21st May - Y3 Trip to Black Country Living Museum
Thursday 22nd May - Swimming Gala
Friday 23rd May - FoDJS Non-School Uniform Day £1 donation
Friday 23rd May - School closes at 3.15pm for half-term.

Monday 2nd June - School closed for INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd June - Y3 Swimming
Tuesday 3rd June - Willow Dome for Ys 3&4
Wednesday 4th June - Willow Dome for Ys 5&6
Thursday - 5th June -
Friday 6th June -

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT SCHOOL will close at 3.15pm on Friday 23rd May for half-term and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd June at 8.30am

Term Dates for 2025-26 are now available from Reception

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:

Club confirmation letters
DT Competition letter (selected children only)
Willow dome letter (hard copy all children)

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