



Dinglewell Infant School

Newsletter

June 2025

Message from Mrs Barby



Thank you so much to all the parents and carers that took the time to complete the parent survey during the parent consultations. We received some amazing feedback in terms of the 3 words to best describe the school. This has been visualised in the word cloud where the larger the word appears, the more frequently it appeared in the feedback.

We will continue to strive to keep you well-informed and hope that you view the monthly newsletter as an important tool. It contains diary dates with all upcoming events. You have asked for more information about what the children are learning at school, so moving forward we will be emailing curriculum overviews as well as posting them onto the website.

Miss Hills and Mrs Beard have been busy purchasing and organising new books for the school library using the funds raised as part of World Book Day and the Bugs for Books fair.

Enrichment Week

A huge thank you for helping to raise £2,229 from the sponsored Bunny Bounce, these funds will be used for the climbing wall in Enrichment week. The top 20 fundraisers will get an additional climbing wall session and the draw for the additional prizes will take place on Friday.

We already have many exciting activities arranged for Enrichment Week which will take place during the week beginning 23rd June. Children will need to wear school uniform all week, but should bring their PE kit on MONDAY morning as it will be used most days for various activities. This should include their house colour PE t-shirt, shorts, leggings/joggers (for the climbing wall) and trainers (not daps) in a named bag. Please ensure that they are ready for any weather by applying sun cream each day and bringing a raincoat (just in case), a water bottle will also be essential.

Sports Day is scheduled for Thursday 26th June (weather permitting) and will take place on King George V field. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and support their child, we will email via Edulink if we are forced to cancel. The timings are as follows:

Year 2	9.15 –10.45
Year 1	11.00 –12.30
Reception	1.30 –3.00



May's Book of the Month



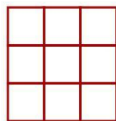
Our book of the month for May was 'The Little Books of the Little Brontës' by Sara O'Leary. This very unique book tells the story of the famous Bronte family (Charlotte, Emily, Anne and Branwell) when they were children. The book explains how the Brontë children loved reading and writing their own imaginative stories which they would make into tiny little books; it even includes instructions for making your own little book! Some of our children in school were fascinated by it.

Maths Challenge: June 2025

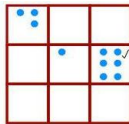
Dotty Six for Two

How do you play?

You'll need an adult to play with. You'll also need a 1 to 6 dice and a grid like this.



Take turns with your adult to throw the dice and draw that number of dots in **one** of the boxes on the grid. Put **all** of the dots in one of the boxes, you can't split them up or have more than six dots in any box. When a box is full, you could put a tick in the corner like this:



Keep going until there are three ticks in a row or column or diagonal. The winner is the person who puts the last tick. How will you decide where to put your dots each turn?

Our Numbots champions for May are **Class 5** with **71%** playing last month.



Term 6 Active Challenge

Target throwing

Spread out some plastic tubs or boxes on your floor. Make some balls from socks, scrunched paper or small soft toys. Throw the balls or objects into the targets.



Tip: If you find this easy, move further away from the target. You could make the targets bigger to simplify or smaller for a challenge. You could give each target a score and/or challenge a member of your family to beat you.

Look out for a paper copy of this challenge in bookbags.

Attendance (Every Minute Counts)



Our attendance this year to the end of May has fluctuated to 95.5% and continues to remain slightly above the Local Authority and National figure of 94.9%.

This is such a promising picture, and we are incredibly grateful to your continued support.

Year Group Topics

Reception's topic this term is Animal Magic – Discovering the Wonders of the Animal Kingdom

This term, our Reception children will be exploring the amazing world of animals — big and small! They'll learn about where animals live, how they move, what they eat, and the special ways they've adapted to survive. From animal babies to wild habitats, it's a magical journey through the animal kingdom filled with fun, facts, and plenty of curiosity!

Year 1 are continuing with their topic 'Out and About' and are now moving their focus to Hucclecote and then onto Gloucester. They will conclude the topic by exploring the famous landmarks of London. The **Year 2** topic is 'Once Upon a Wild Wood' with a focus on woodland habitats and food chains.

Curriculum overviews for each topic can be found on the website www.dinglewellinfants.org and a copy of the relevant overview has been emailed to you via Edulink.

Housekeeping

Please can we remind you that children should not be playing or running around the school carpark, sadly we have recently had a staff vehicle badly scratched along both sides by a scooter. Children should be closely supervised as they walk into and out of school. It is also important that they learn to take care around car parks.

Now that Summer is here, please remember that the children will need to have both sunhats and raincoats available every day, as the weather is often very changeable throughout the day. We recommend a small pack a mac that can live in their bookbags. Sunscreen is best applied at home before school; there are several once-a-day products available.



GCC Spring Summer 2025		Meat Free		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		Fish FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE		Option One		Tomato Pasta		BBQ Chicken Pizza With Herby New Potatoes		Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread		Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
28 April		Option Two		Caribbean Stew with Rice		Mild Mexican Chili with Rice		Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		Cheese & Bean Pasty with Herby New Potatoes		Summer Frittata with Chips and Tomato Ketchup	
19 May		Jacket Potato		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans		Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans		Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	
16 June		Vegetables		Vegetables of the Day		Seasonal Salad Bar		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Baked Beans and Peas	
7 July		Dessert		Apple Flapjack		Summer Lemon Cake with Custard		Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit		Marble Sponge with Chocolate Sauce		Strawberry Jelly with Peaches	
1 September													
22 September													
13 October													
WEEK TWO		Option One		Sweet Potato Curry with Rice		Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Ketchup		Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		NEW Chefs Special Chicken Korma with Rice		Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
5 May		Option Two		Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Herby New Potatoes		Macaroni Cheese		Vegetable Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Ketchup		Mexican Bean Roll with Chips and Tomato Ketchup	
2 June		Jacket Potato		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans		Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans		Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	
23 June		Vegetables		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Baked Beans and Peas	
14 July		Dessert		Vanilla Shortbread		NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard		Chocolate Brownie		Eves Pudding with Custard		Peaches and Ice Cream	
8 September													
29 September													
20 October													
WEEK THREE		Option One		NEW Bean Burger in a Bun with Herby New Potatoes		NEW Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice		Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy		NEW Greek Chicken Pita with Rice and Tzatziki		Battered Fish and Chips & Tomato Ketchup	
12 May		Option Two		NEW Chefs Special Creamy Curry with Rice		Vegan Bolognese With Garlic Bread		Roast Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy		Vegan Meatballs and Rice		Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Ketchup	
9 June		Jacket Potato		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans		Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans		Jacket Potato with Cheese		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	
30 June		Vegetables		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day		Seasonal Salad Bar		Baked Beans and Peas	
21 July		Dessert		NEW Rock Cake		Pear & Chocolate Cake with Custard		Iced Vanilla Sponge		Apple Cinnamon Sponge with Custard		Oaty Cookie	
15 September													
6 October													
MENU KEY		Added Plant Protein		Wholemeal		Vegan		Chef's Special		ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.			
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings where available - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt													
caterlink feeding the imagination													

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Term 6 2024/25

Starts **Monday 2nd June** **Ends at 12.30 pm** **Friday 18th July**

June

16th C7 & half of C8 trip to Puzzlewood
 17th C9 & half of C8 trip to Puzzlewood
 17th New Reception Parents Meeting
 18th C4 Beanbag Rounders trip
 23rd-27th Enrichment Week
 25th Reception walking visit to St Lawrence Church
 26th Sports Day
 30th Reception trip to Bristol Zoo

July

3rd Reception Multi Skills trip
 8th C6 & half of C4 trip to Waterways Museum
 9th Y1 Ukelele Concert at 9.30 am
 10th C5 & half of C4 trip to Waterways Museum
 11th iRock Concert
 18th Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds via Parentpay