



Dinglewell Infant School

Newsletter

May 2025

Message from Mrs Barby

I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. Welcome back to this very short term which ends on Friday 23rd May!

Last Wednesday the sound of ukuleles could be heard all around the school as the Y1s started their whole class ukulele lessons! They will be learning the ukulele for the next 9 weeks and will hold a concert for Y1 parents on Wednesday 9th July at 9.30am

We have just amended our Behaviour Policy to incorporate the language that we use as part of our Emotion Coaching approach at Dinglewell; this can be found on the school website (in policies) and you may find the Appendix at the back quite useful for phrases to use at home too!

Topics

Each year group have come back to new topics this term. As always curriculum overviews and ideas for projects are available on the school website www.dinglewellinfants.org. Click on the 'About Us' balloon and then select the curriculum page. Then scroll down until you find the overviews for each year group.

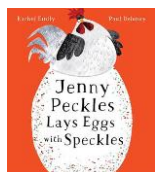


Curriculum Overviews for Parents/Carers 2024 -2025



Reception's topic is called 'In the Garden' which will focus on minibeasts and plants. In Year 1 the topic is called 'Out and About' and will begin by focusing on the school. The Year 2 topic is 'Tell Me a Dragon'.

April's Book of the Month



April's Book of the Month was 'Jenny Peckles Lays Eggs with Speckles' by Rachel Emily, and was very apt for Easter. The story is set on Worrall's Farm which is based on the farm that the author lived on as a child. In this quirky story, the mischievous hens find some very creative ways of ensuring they appear in this book! Fans of the 'Hairy Maclary' stories might appreciate the rhyming names of the hens in this book!

Our Numbots champions for April are **Class 5** with **86%** playing last month. Well done Class 5 it's great to see so many of you practicing your fundamental maths skills. The mascot will be awarded to your class.



Attendance (Every Minute Counts)



Our annual attendance to the end of April has remained fairly static at 95.4% and continues to remain above the Local Authority figure of 94.9% and the National figure of 94.8%. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that every minute counts.

Easter Activities

We would like to thank the parents, carers and children of Dinglewell Infants for helping to make our Easter activities so special. The children's Easter hats were amazing and so creative, no two hats were the same. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers join us for the parade - even the sun made an appearance!

The children all enjoyed the sponsored Bunny Bounce and certainly out-bounced the adults.

Also, a huge thank you for supporting the Friends of Dinglewell's cake sale which was well attended at the end of the day.



Maths Challenge: May 2025

Symmetrical Letters

Think about these capital letters – M, A, T, H. Imagine them made out of card, and lying flat on the table in front of you. Imagine cutting each letter in half – both halves must be symmetrical – that means exactly the same on each side if one side was flipped over. Which letters are symmetrical?

Now imagine your name in capital letters made of card. Which letters are symmetrical? Does anyone in your family have a name with no symmetrical letters?

Can you make up a name with only symmetrical letters?

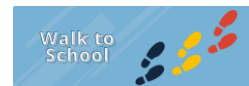
Mrs Bishop would love to see your symmetrical names, please send photos of your letters to: ebishop@dinglewell-inf.gloucs.sch.uk and they can be shared on the school website to celebrate maths at home.

Term 5 Active Challenge

Walk to School Week is an annual five-day walking challenge which will take place between 19-23 May.

This term's Active Challenge will be to try to achieve at least 5 days of walking to school. Each child that achieves this will receive a special sticker at the end of term.

Mrs Beer's top tips: You can walk, scoot or cycle. If you live a distance from school, park at least a 5 minute walk away from school which will still count.



Housekeeping

As we approach the summer months please remember to send your child to school with both sunhats and raincoats, as the weather is often very changeable throughout the day. Please can we also remind you that sunscreen is best applied at home before school; children can find it difficult to apply this themselves so we recommend that a once-a-day sunscreen is applied by an adult before school.



Parking Complaint

We have received a complaint from a local resident about a parent that regularly parks across the end of their drive, preventing them from driving onto or away from their own property. Please can we ask you to ensure that you always park with care and consideration for our neighbours.



GCC Spring Summer 2025		Meat Free	MONDAY	TUESDAY	Roast	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Fish	FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE 28 April 19 May 16 June 7 July 1 September 22 September 13 October			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			
		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				
		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				
		Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Seasonal Salad Bar	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Baked Beans and Peas				
		Dessert Apple Flapjack	Summer Lemon Cake with Custard	Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit	Marble Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Strawberry Jelly with Peaches				
WEEK TWO 5 May 2 June 23 June 14 July 8 September 29 September 20 October		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				
		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				
		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				
		Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Baked Beans and Peas				
		Dessert Vanilla Shortbread	NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Eves Pudding with Custard	Peaches and Ice Cream				
WEEK THREE 12 May 9 June 30 June 21 July 15 September 6 October		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 Pitta with Rice and Tzatziki	Battered Fish and Chips & Tomato Ketchup				
		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				
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		Vegetables Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Seasonal Salad Bar	Baked Beans and Peas				
		Dessert NEW Rock Cake	Pear & Chocolate Cake with Custard	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Apple Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie				
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										
		catering feeding the imagination								

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Term 5 2024/25

Starts Monday 28th April Ends Friday 23rd May

May
19th-23rd Walk to School Week
23rd Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds via Parentpay

Term 6 2024/25

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

June
2nd INSET day = staff only to attend
3rd Children return to school
23rd-27th Enrichment Week
26th Sports Day

July
9th Y1 Ukelele Concert at 9.30 am
11th iRock Concert
18th Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds via Parentpay