



Dinglewell Infant School

Newsletter

October 2024

Message from Mrs Barby

September has flown by and it is wonderful to see how well the new Reception children have settled in their new classes and are adapting to school routines. Indeed, all of the children are settled back into school routines and even the non-stop rain hasn't dampened their spirits!

This month we will start to offer tours for prospective September 2025 parents and we very much look forward to showing them what an amazing school we are.

Harvest Service

Captain Addis from the Gloucester Salvation Army has kindly agreed to lead our Harvest assembly at 9am on Friday 18th October. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to join us for this special assembly, however, in order to accommodate everyone in the hall safely, we will unfortunately have to limit numbers to one person per family.

The children will be sharing songs or poems they have learnt for the occasion. If you would like to give a harvest food donation, please send it with your child on the morning of the service. The Salvation Army would appreciate items such as dried pasta, rice, tea, coffee, sugar and packet or tinned food as well as donations of packets of sweets, biscuits and mince pies.

Parent Information Meetings

A very big thank you to the parents and carers who came to our Parent Information Meetings last month. The presentation slides for each year group are now on the school website in the curriculum section.

Curriculum section



Housekeeping

Please can we request that on your child's Forest School and PE days, they arrive at school dressed in their school uniform and have all the relevant clothing and footwear in a large, clearly named bag, with a separate bag to bring their muddy boots home in.

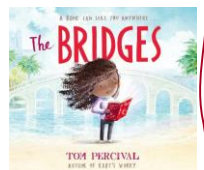


September's Book of the Month

Our Book of the Month for September was 'The Bridges' by Gloucestershire author and illustrator, Tom Percival which is about the power that books and reading have to enrich our lives.

Mia is sad and lonely but through her love of books and reading she makes connections (hence the title, 'The Bridges') to find friendship and happiness.

There are plenty of things to discover in the beautiful illustrations which become increasingly colourful the happier Mia becomes.



Attendance

The Government is very clear that school attendance is mandatory. We generally have very good attendance at Dinglewell, however, we do have a few children whose attendance or late arrival at school is a concern. We monitor attendance closely and complete regular analysis of our attendance and lateness data. We appreciate that non-attendance may be due to exceptional circumstances or illness which parents have informed school about, however we do have a duty to inform parents when a child's regular attendance drops below 95%.

It is really important for children to be in school on time and to attend every day. Our curriculum is designed in a way that children's work builds on their previous learning and there are strong cross curricular links between the subjects, for example, the practical learning from a history lesson one afternoon will often be used to support the learning in English the next day. This means that when children miss part of their education due to non-attendance or lateness, it can be harder for them to re-engage with their learning and catch up with missed learning when they are back in school.

Please remember, every school day counts.



Maths Challenge: October 2025

This month's activity focuses on our on-line learning platform NumBots. NumBots is an excellent way to support your child's maths learning at school and their developing number sense.

Mrs Bishop will monitor usage during October and the class that has the highest percentage of children playing will be awarded our robot mascot for the month. Play can then continue each month with the mascot awarded to the class sustaining their efforts at home. If you need a copy of your child's login details, please email Mrs Bishop ebishop@dinglewells-inf.gloucs.sch.uk



Active Challenge: October 2025

This term's Active Challenge is:

Catch and Clap 60 Second Challenge

How many times can you throw a ball up, clap once and catch it in 60 seconds?

If you do not have a ball, use a toilet roll or a rolled-up pair of socks. Play with a partner!

Throw, clap and catch in pairs. A

record sheet will be sent home in

bookbags, and all returned

challenges will be entered into a

prize draw at the end of the term.



Pantomime

We are very excited to announce that

M&M Theatrical Productions will be

Performing Jack and the Beanstalk

for the children at 1.30 pm on

Friday 17th January 2025 in the

school hall. Further details

regarding cost and lunch arrangements

will follow nearer the time.



Year 2 visit to Farmer Gow's Farm

The Year 2 children are visiting Farmer Gow's Farm today. The visit will support their 'On the Farm' topic and will provide them all with a wonderful first hand experience to draw upon when working back in the classroom.



Prospective Parent Visits

Below are the dates that are available for prospective parents to take a tour of the school. Please share this with friends and family who have children that will be ready to start school next September.

Thursday 3rd October at 9.10am – LIMITED SPACES LEFT
Thursday 10th October at 9.10am – LIMITED SPACES LEFT
Tuesday 15th October at 9.10am
Wednesday 6th November at 9.10am
Thursday 7th November at 9.10am
Tuesday 12th November at 9.10am
Wednesday 13th November at 9.10am
Thursday 21st November at 9.10am
Friday 22nd November at 9.10am
Tuesday 26th November at 9.10am
Friday 29th November at 9.10am
Friday 6th December at 9.10am
Thursday 12th December at 9.10am

Scooters and Bikes within School Grounds

Please can we remind you that scooters and bikes must not be ridden within the school grounds. Riders must dismount at the school gate and push bikes or scooters once inside school grounds and again at the end of the day they should be pushed until you reach the pavement outside of school. Thank you for helping to keep our school safe.



Girls Football Festival

On Wednesday 18th September Mrs Beer and Mr Bishop took a team of 19 girls to represent Dinglewell Infant School at the Gloucester Primary School's (GSP) Key Stage 1 Girl's Football Festival. The festival was an opportunity to practice football skills and play in some matches. The girl's success was shared during Celebration Assembly and certificates for participation were awarded. We will be participating in other festivals organized by the GSP throughout the year.



Active Gloucestershire

Active Gloucestershire is a county-wide initiative aimed at supporting residents to live happy, healthy lives through physical activity. Street Tag is an app designed for families to have fun and get physically active together. It will turn our local community into a virtual playground and whether you walk, run or cycle it will help you to be active every day as you compete with other members of your community for rewards.



We have signed up to the Asda 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.



To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com between 2nd September and 30th November. Every time you shop with the app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Asda will also give £1 to the school Cashpot every time someone opts in and they will also donate £50 to get us started. Look out for the TV, radio and social adverts! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3:-

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose Dinglewell Infant School – either searching by name or postcode (GL3 3HS)
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop.

Asda will do the rest, all money raised will be donated to school to spend on the things we need the most. Anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school. This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

Communication

To ensure that your queries are addressed promptly please direct all emails to the school office at admin@dinglewells-inf.gloucs.sch.uk This will ensure that your messages are received and dealt with in a timely manner. Individual class email addresses are not monitored as frequently so there could be a delay in you receiving a response

We understand the convenience of WhatsApp for communications between parents regarding school-related matters, however, if you have any concerns or queries please contact school directly in the first instance so that we can try to resolve your query.



Friends of Dinglewell Infant School

invite you to



FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER

Doors open
from 7.30 pm

8PM START

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE (CASH BAR)

TEAMS OF 6 (ADULTS ONLY)

PRIZE FOR THE WINNING TEAM!

£3.50
per person

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Term 1 2024/25

Starts **Monday 2nd September** **Ends** **Friday 25th October**

October

2 nd	Year 2 trip to Farmer Gow's
9 th	Flu Immunisations
11 th	FoDIS Quiz Night (adults only)
21 st & 22 nd	Individual photos
22 nd	FoDIS School Disco
25 th	Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds

Term 2 2024/25

Starts **Monday 4th November** **Ends** **Friday 20th December**

November

4 th	INSET day—staff only to attend
5 th	Children return to school

December

20 th	Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds
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Term 3 2024/25

Starts **Monday 6th January** **Ends** **Friday 14th February**

January

6 th	INSET day—staff only to attend
7 th	Children return to school

February

14 th	Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds
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Term 4 2024/25

Starts **Monday 24th February** **Ends** **Friday 11th April**

April

11 th	Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds
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Term 5 2024/25

Starts **Monday 28th April** **Ends** **Friday 23rd May**

May

5 th	Bank holiday
23 rd	Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds

Term 6 2024/25

Starts **Monday 2nd June** **Ends** **Friday 18th July**