

Friday 12th June 2026



Dear families,

As we draw to the end of another week, it has been lovely to finally say goodbye to the rain and hello to some welcome sunshine.

This has been an exciting week at Dinglewell Infant School as we prepare to welcome 76 new children into our Dinglewell family. We have now shared start dates with families and are very much looking forward to meeting everyone next Thursday evening at the New Parent Meeting. Many of you will remember sitting in those chairs for the first time yourselves.

“Next steps” has been a real theme across school this week. Our fantastic teaching staff have been hosting training network meetings with colleagues from other schools, discussing priorities for the year ahead. Working closely with schools both similar to and different from Dinglewell helps us make the very best decisions for our children.

On Tuesday, I joined headteachers from across Gloucestershire for a training morning as part of a new pilot project focused on improving children’s experiences of writing. You already know how much importance we place on reading at Dinglewell, our Book of the Month, dedicated library time, and our focus on high-quality vocabulary and language acquisition. Next year, we will be raising the profile of writing to ensure our children achieve the best possible outcomes. We are excited to be part of *The Write Project*, which will challenge us to reflect on how we plan, teach, and deliver writing lessons, how we support children to become independent and confident writers, and most importantly how we nurture a love of writing to match their love of reading.

A huge shout-out goes to our Year One pupils, and to any Year Two pupils who took part in the Phonics Screening Check (PSC) this week. The PSC is a national assessment taken individually by all Year 1 children in June. It provides valuable information about each child’s progress in phonics and helps identify whether additional support is needed at this early stage. We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part and demonstrated such fantastic phonics knowledge. Well done to everyone.

During today’s celebration assembly, Mrs Beer shared some exciting news about Enrichment Week. You may remember our sponsored cricket event earlier this term, where our wonderful parent community supported us by raising funds through runs. This morning we celebrated the efforts of all our children and recognised individuals who raised particularly impressive amounts. Mrs Beer will soon be in touch with the final total and details of our plans for Enrichment Week. I am personally very excited for my first experience of Enrichment Week—and I’m hoping to have a go on the climbing wall too.

I hope you all enjoy a restful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you next week.