



Dinglewell Infant School

Newsletter

June 2026

Message from Mrs Southgate

Dear families,

A Monday morning newsletter to start the week—thanks to the lack of phone and internet at the end of last week! I hope you were still able to enjoy the rainy weekend. My family and I managed to find a two-hour window of dry weather yesterday morning for a lovely walk on Birdlip Hill.

Last week we began Term 6, traditionally the busiest term of the year, and we started it with an INSET day. Staff used this time to complete online training and begin writing end-of-year reports. As a teaching head, I am also responsible for writing some of the Class 4 reports and, like the other teachers who work in job shares, have been liaising closely with my teaching partner, Mrs Webber. I must say that as headteacher, it has been a real privilege reading the reports written by the Dinglewell teaching staff, and we look forward to sharing them with you in July.

On Wednesday, I was fortunate enough to join The Hive children on their trip to City Farm. The visit linked beautifully with their topic on farms and gave the children the chance to meet, feed, and interact with sheep, cows, rabbits, and goats. Despite the rain, the children's enthusiasm never wavered—they had a wonderful time learning about the animals from the farm experts.

Other year groups are also looking forward to their trips this week, and Year Two have already begun their Nature in Art unit. During Friday's celebration assembly, several certificates were awarded to Year Two children for their enthusiasm and attention to detail when appraising Gustav Klimt's artwork.

You will no doubt be aware of the positive impact that *My Happy Mind* is having on the children (and the staff) since we launched the programme last term. The children have now completed the 'Meet Your Brain' units and will be moving on to 'Celebrate' this term. The Celebrate module introduces the children to a character called Charlie with whom they will learn about their character. Children will consider the difference between who they are and what they can do, what makes them special and unique. They will also learn how to identify and celebrate character strengths. Below is a link to a video with further information about the *My Happy Mind* parent app. You will shortly receive a letter with instructions on how to access it. We look forward to continuing to support the children through the programme, which will form part of our PSHE curriculum next year.

As I write, I can hear Class 6 enjoying an additional PE session as they rehearse for the in-house dance festival coming up in just a few weeks. Plans for Enrichment Week are also coming together. This week, staff will be taking part in BPN (Best Practice Network) sessions each evening, visiting other schools, meeting colleagues, and sharing best practice. Dinglewell is proud once again to be hosting and leading the Early Years and Science networks.

Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Southgate

Attendance (Every Minute Counts)

Thank you to all our Dinglewell families; our attendance data continues to remain above both national and county averages at 95.3%. It is also worth celebrating that our current attendance is slightly higher than this time last year. We thank you for your continued support with ensuring that 'Every Minute Counts'.

Please remember to reach out if you need any support with attendance issues via the office email:

admin@dinglewell-inf.gloucs.sch.uk



Term 6 – Active Challenge

Mrs Beer has set the final active challenge of 2025-2026

Speed Bounce

How many times can you bounce over a pillow in 60 seconds?

! Both feet must land over the pillow for the jump to count.



Name: _____

Class: _____

*Please give to your class teacher or the office



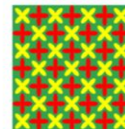
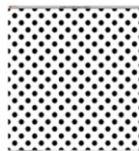
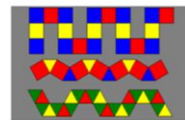
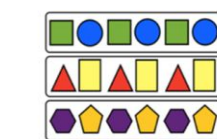
Please watch out for paper copies in book bags and return completed forms to your child's class teacher or the office to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Maths Challenge: May 2026

Pattern Professors

This month's activity is to create a repeated pattern. Be as creative as you like.

Examples:



You could repeat colours, shapes or pictures.
Maybe you could use the computer to create one.

Please email your patterns to Mrs Bishop ebishop@dinglewell-inf.gloucs.sch.uk

and I will share them on the school website. Please visit the website to see the photos of Sizzling Symmetry that were sent to me last month.



School Disco

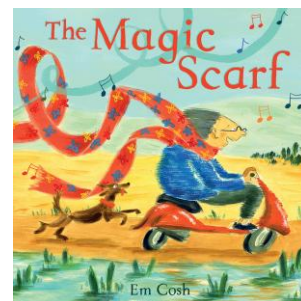
Thank you so much to all who supported the school discos last month. The two discos raised £585.75. A big shout goes to DJ Rossy for hosting and playing tunes that kept the children dancing throughout. Also, a huge thank you to all the staff who stayed and ran the discos for the children.

We have new **Numbot** champions for May. Well done, Class 6 – 30% of the class have been busy developing their number sense at home.



Book of the Month

Our book for the month of May was 'The Magic Scarf', written and illustrated by the up-and-coming new author, Em Cosh. Told in rhyme, it's an uplifting, heart-warming story, about loneliness, friendship and belonging – with music and dance thrown in for good measure!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

EYFS – Save the Date

11th June – C3 Forest School
18th June – C2 Forest School
22nd June – Enrichment Week
23rd June – Sports Day 1.30-3pm
26th June – C1 Forest School
29th June – Bristol Zoo Trip
2nd July – Reception Forest School
2nd July – Move up afternoon
7th July – Summer Multiskills

Y1 – Save the Date

10th June – C4 Forest School
17th June – C5 Forest School
22nd June – Enrichment Week
23rd June – Sports Day 11am-12.30pm
24th June – C6 Forest School
2nd July – Move up afternoon
8th July – Waterways Museum
9th July – Waterways Museum

Y2 – Save the Date

9th June – C8 Forest School
10th June – Athletics Club
16th June – C9 Forest School
16th June – Nature in Art Trip
17th June – Nature in Art Trip
22nd June – Enrichment Week
23rd June – Sports Day 9.15am-10.45am
23rd June – C7 Forest School
30th June – C8 Forest School
2nd July – Move up afternoon
7th July – C9 Forest School
15th July – Y2 Leavers Assembly followed by drop ins