

# Ditton Primary Newsletter



15th November 2024

## Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent consultations this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging with your children's progress and discussing their achievements. Your support makes a significant difference to their learning journey.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to kindly remind everyone to park considerately in and around the school car park. Please avoid blocking or parking in undesignated areas to ensure the safety of all our families. Let's work together to make drop-offs and pick-ups as smooth as possible.

A special well done to our Year 4 pupils for their outstanding behaviour on their school trip to the Liverpool World Museum. The museum staff were full of praise for their curiosity and impeccable manners. They truly represented our school in the best way possible—well done, Year 4!

Lastly, a reminder that we have an Open Evening for our 2025 Reception Class intake this Wednesday evening. If you or someone you know has a child starting school in September 2025, we'd love to see you there!

## Diary Dates

### NOVEMBER

19th – Flu immunisations

20th – reception 2025 open evening

28th – School Dental health visit (rec, Y2, Y5)

### DECEMBER

5th – Panto @Brindley (KS1)

10th – Carols around the tree @9.30am

16th – 19th – Breakfast with Santa @8am

### DECEMBER (cont)

17th – KS1 Nativity (time TBC)

17th/18th – EYFS Christmas Show (time TBC)

19th – KS1 Nativity (time TBC)

19th – Christmas Fair @2pm



## Reception



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We have had a busy week this week, lots of learning and fun!

English - We have been learning the new songs for our 'Little Star' story, and we have identified the key features in the text. We have been examining pictures and identifying what we can see, attempting to write short captions.

### Maths

We have looked at different representations of 10, learning to identify digits and match them. We have placed digits in order and searched for representations around the classroom.

We have also enjoyed forest school this week, we found a range of sticks of different sizes, compared them and then used them to make our art work.

## Year 1

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This week, Year 1 have started their new class story in English. The children were sent a package with a spell book and a witches hat. They made some great predictions about what they think the story will be. The children have also been comparing amounts using associated vocabulary. Look out for this in their homework too!

Year 1 have also worked hard to complete their first assessment booklets. We were really impressed with how well they worked independently on them.

Thank you to all the families who attended parents evening this week. Your ongoing support is much appreciated and we hope that you all found it useful, gaining an understanding of the expectations on your children.

### Reminders

Please log all reading at home on Boom Reader.

Please ensure that your child has their reading book in their bag each day and they will be changed on Friday's.

## Year 2

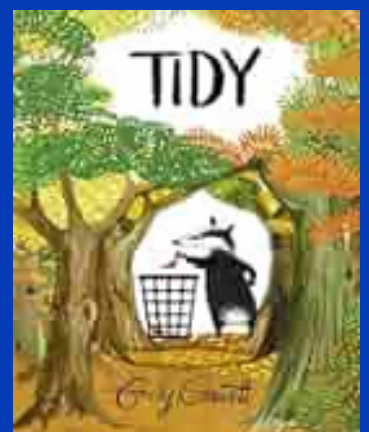
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On Wednesday we were very surprised to find our classroom littered with leaves, sticks and grass, as well as several cleaning items!

We soon realised this mess was similar to the one created in our new story that we have started in English this week -Tidy by Emily Gravett.

We're looking forward to exploring the text developing our skills in order to write our own version of the story, over the coming weeks.

In Science we have started our Animals including Humans unit and children showed their prior knowledge. We're looking forward to delving in deeper!



## Year 3

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This week, we have enjoyed beginning our English journey – looking at the text, 'Fox'. We have made our predictions and we are beginning to analyse the example text and explore new vocabulary. In Maths, we are practising column addition and we are working hard to learn our 3 times tables. In DT, we have been thinking about 'nets' and we have made our own cubes. Furthermore, we have also enjoyed playing some netball.

## Year 4

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This week Y4 enjoyed their trip to The World Museum, where they were able to interact and study real ancient Egyptian artifacts and explore the world of the Pharaohs. We had a great time exploring the other floors and all they had to offer as well.

In school we are continuing to work hard at understanding rounding in maths and develop our writing skills in English to create our own newspaper report.

In computing we are now writing our own algorithms to create letters and in art we have started to draw images from a 2-point perspective.

## Year 5

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In English, we have continued to explore our setting narrative and found key features in our example text. Next week we will be planning our writing. In maths, we have been using our addition and subtraction skills to solve one and two step problems.

To mark Remembrance Day, on Monday, we took part in a live broadcast in association with the British Legion which aimed to explain to the children why we still remember those who have been involved in wars.

In PSHE we started our unit which shows children how we might choose to spend money. We started by thinking about our wants and needs.

On Friday, we took part in a live broadcast by author Jacqueline Wilson who was sharing her new book and she also explained how she goes about writing. Apparently, she does a lot of her writing in bed!

## Year 6

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Year 6 have been analysing the novel 'Story Like the Wind' by Gill Lewis. As pictured, there has been some great immersive role play completed as part of this. In Maths, we have been working with factors and multiples, while in Science, we have looked at the life of Charles Darwin. In DT we have disassembled a torch, and in History we have studied Walter Tull and Edith Cavell as part of the Wars through time unit. Today, we had an interesting online lesson involving a talk with the children's author Jacqueline Wilson.





# Certificate Winners!

Name	School Value	Reason
Mubarram	Pioneering	For excellent effort with your name writing.
Lillie	Children First	For being so helpful to a friend in class who sometimes struggles with joining in.
Gracie	Children First	For working hard in all subject areas and sharing her ideas with others.
Tudor	Children First	For excellent effort and achievement in Maths.
Alfie	Children First	For being a fantastic and caring friend. Well done, super star!
Ronnie	Pioneering	For working hard in Maths this week
Shey	Children First	For wonderful behaviour and showing kindness always
Skyla R	Pioneering	An increase in confidence and independence resulting in fantastic ideas.
Stevie	Resilience	Working to improve their maths skills
Koyar	Children First	Being the best version of themselves
Bobby	Children First	For great contributions to our English lessons this week.
Caitlin	Pioneering	Leading the way with creative writing.

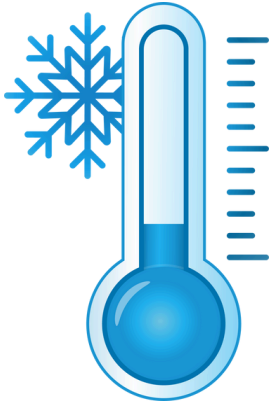
# Attendance!

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Mrs L-Byrne/Mrs Till	100% FANTASTIC!! Well done!!	7 lates
Mr Longworth	96.84% FANTASTIC!! Well done!!	2 lates
Miss Dixon	86.25% This is below the school target of 96%	7 lates
Mrs Driscoll	86.54% This is below the school target of 96%	1 late
Miss Alderton	96.28% FANTASTIC!! Well done!!	9 lates
Miss Powell	92 % This is below the school target of 96%	2 lates
Mrs Magan	92.19 % This is below the school target of 96%	1 late
Mr Paul	95.68 % This is below the school target of 96% – but really close!!!	12 lates
Mr Lynch	93.79% This is below the school target of 96%	3 lates
Mrs Hubball	91.13% This is below the school target of 96%	4 lates
Mr Linaker	95.72% This is below the school target of 96% – but really close!!	2 lates
Miss Woodward	96.25 % FANTASTIC!! Well done!!	11 lates
Mr White	94% This is below the school target of 96%	4 lates
Mr Bourque	92.77% This is below the school target of 96%	8 lates

We've observed a significant rise in the number of children arriving late this week. While it might not appear to be a major issue if your child is only five minutes late, it actually causes them to miss the beginning of the daily routine. This can be unsettling and may disrupt the teaching and learning environment of the entire class. Furthermore, being just five minutes late each day results in a loss of 25 minutes of learning each week, which adds up to a staggering 16 hours over the course of the year!

The school's attendance target is set at 96%.

Several classes have been impacted by families choosing to take vacations during term time. Please note that, in accordance with government guidelines, the Local Authority is imposing fines of £160 per parent, for each child, if there are more than five days of unauthorised absence due to holidays.



# Weather Warning

You may be aware that the forecast for the coming week is 'wintery'!

Please ensure that your child has a suitable outdoor coat and shoes as the expectation is the children will be outside for playtimes.

# Reminders

- Please can parents and children remember that riding bikes and scooters on the playground and on the main path at pick up and drop off times is discouraged. Accidents can easily happen so we ask that people walk their bikes and scooters whilst on school property.
- Electric scooters and bikes are not permitted within the school gates.
- Please ensure that you log your child's reading on BOOM reader -if you need login details please see your child's class teacher.
- Please ensure that the school office has your emergency contact details, including address. We have had some instances where we have not been informed of changes.