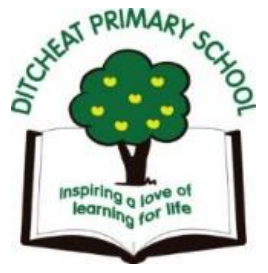




Ditchheat Primary School

Inspiring a Love of Learning for Life

Friday 16th January



Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. Staff would like to thank you for your kind Christmas wishes and gifts, which were much appreciated.

The children have returned to school, keen to learn and be back with their friends. The school heard on the first day back after Christmas, that we were to have a surprise visit from Ofsted, last week. The children and staff worked hard to answer all the Ofsted questions, show their books and explain what makes our school special. We look forward to receiving the report in 4-6 weeks and we will notify you when it is publicly available. We discovered from SCC, that little Ditchheat School was the first school in Somerset to receive an Ofsted inspection under the new framework - all local schools now want to know how it went!

The children have all started their new term's topics as follows:

KS1 How does the weather and the seasons affect our world?
Year 3 and 4 The Egyptians
Year 5 and 6 The Ancient Greeks

You should have received a topic planner by email so you know what your child is learning.

This week, we were lucky to have a visit by A F Harold, a famous poet, funded by the Wells Literacy Festival. He will did a whole school assembly followed by a workshop for Willow and Holly class. He read one of his poems in the assembly and then he will post a poem on a postcard every week to share with the children in assembly. As a school, we have been well supported by the Wells Literacy Festival as they have funded many books for the children. We currently run a year 5/6 book club at lunchtimes with books purchased by Well Literacy Festival.

Over the next few weeks, we have several sporting events to look forward to at Ansford such as Tag rugby and a Year 4 sports festival. The Eco team will be attending the Sustainable Futures conference in Yeovil and presenting/debating to other schools on the subject of the positive/ negative use of technology and the Environment. Mr Tostevin from TLR will be coming into school next week to deliver a 'Dare to Dream' day to the whole school, kindly funded by FODS.

The children are now preparing letters, drawings and work for Mrs Cosser to take out to our link school in Zambia and will look forward to receiving replies from the Zambian children on her return. We look forward to joining a virtual assembly with Zambia and Bruton school, when Mrs Cosser is in Africa so we can see what its like and meet the children and staff in person virtually.

We look forward to meeting parents at Parent's evening on March 2nd and 3rd when we look forward to discussing your child with you.

Thank you for your support with your child's learning and best wishes for 2026.

Mrs Cosser and Mrs Bisset

Head of School Executive Headteacher

Willow Class

In computing this week, Willow Class have been learning about spreadsheet formatting and formulas, using data from children's movies.

Movie name	Year released	Duration (mins)	Budget \$ (millions)	Box Office \$ (millions)	Profit in \$ (millions)	Average Profit	Average duration
Wonka	2023	01:56:00	\$125.00	\$634.50	\$509.50	\$524.87	01:55:30
Spider Man Across The Spider Verse	2023	02:20:00	\$100.00	\$690.90	\$590.90		
Big Hero	2014	01:42:00	\$165.00	\$657.00	\$492.00		
Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows pt2	2011	02:10:00	\$250.00	\$1,342.00	\$1,092.00		
Lego Ninjago Movie	2017	01:41:00	\$70.00	\$123.80	\$53.80		
How To Train Your Dragon 3	2019	01:44:00	\$129.00	\$540.00	\$411.00		
Avatar Fire and Ash	2025	03:17:00	\$400.00	\$1,231.00	\$831.00		

Online Safety

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/ltbxz/sqho/>



Bags to School

Please drop off bags by Friday 23rd January.
Thank you



Young Somerset **FREE**

Confident Parents - Raising Confident Children Who Bounce Back

Topic: Resilience

This is a 2-hr workshop facilitated by Young Somerset. It is an opportunity to meet other parents and to share common concerns. We discuss what helps young people to feel more confident in dealing with the up and downs of life. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Thursday 28th April 2026
9am - 11am

To sign up please contact the office of the school your child attends

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Young Somerset **FREE**

Confident Parents - Helping Your Child to Meet Everyday Challenges

TOPIC: Anxiety and Low Mood

This is a 2hr workshop facilitated by Young Somerset. It is an opportunity to meet other parents and share common concerns. We talk about, the signs and symptoms of everyday challenges such as anxiety and low mood, some do's and don'ts and share hints and tips on how to support your child. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Wednesday 1st April 2026
9am - 11am

Book your space by contacting the office at the school your child attends

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Wellbeing tip of the week

Make time this week to do something kind for yourself.



Year 2 Rain Gauges

As part of forest school, Year 2 have made some super rain gauges. They will get plenty of use at this time of year!



Cherry Class- have made some beautiful rainbow wind gauges.



West Pennard Primary

ACTIVE CAMP

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

- MONDAY** Olympic/Paralympic Day
- TUESDAY** Tournament Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY** Nerf Battles/Laser Tag Day
- THURSDAY** Inflatable Day*
- FRIDAY** Target Day

*weather dependent. Alternative is Gymnastics

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Ditchbeat Primary

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM TO EASTER

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- THURSDAY** Handball - Key Stage 2



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Poet Visit AF Harold explained how to write a funny poem and inspired the children with imaginative use of words.



Year 3 Egyptian Clay Cartouches

