



Ditchheat Primary School

Inspiring a Love of Learning for Life

Friday 10th July



Dear Parents/ Carers

I can't believe this is the last big newsletter of the year- it has flown by! Whenever I write this and see the photos of all that we do here in the previous 3 weeks, it amazes me what a busy little vibrant school this is!! Today the school is a buzz with the sounds of the children having so much fun in Cherry garden enjoying the fete. Willow class are super busy running the stalls and collecting the Ditchheat Dollars, being real salespeople. The classes have all been round with the dollars, spending them on hook a duck, the stocks (Year 6 soaked!), the treasure map, guess the weight of the cake, lucky dip, teddy tombola, bat the rat, free books, cans games and face painting- all the traditional stalls! Thank you for supporting the fete and look forward to seeing you later for the country dancing at 3pm. There will be the cakes stall, bottle stall, plants and bic a brack. All Fods funds help us to continue having fun here at Ditchheat!!

The school 150th birthday was a huge success and it was wonderful meeting past pupils of the school, who came back and told the children what life at the school was like 50 + years ago! We learnt that the boys and girls were mixed ages from 4 to 11 years old, in one class and boys and girls were separate in class and on the playground. There were many more interesting facts from Mrs Battye whose grandmother was Head teacher for 18 years through the war with evacuees as well from London. The children wore Victorian costumes, did role play Victorian activities in class and they enjoyed a traditional picnic and ice cream in the garden. We sang happy birthday to the school several times and buried a time capsule in the grounds, with a message from every child. Gordon fry kindly gave us a beautiful Ditchheat green Bentley to sit outside the school house for the day. It was wonderful to welcome the local community to visit the school exhibition and coffee morning in the hall. Thank you to Fods for running the coffee morning and to Mrs Clarkson for baking the special 150th birthday cake.

Ks1 had a blast performing 'Shakespeare Rocks' yesterday in the village hall. We have had many positive comments from people who watched the show, suggesting we should be in the West End! The children sang, danced and acted their hearts out, loving every minute. Well done to KS2 especially Willow actors who were well spoken and animated in their individual parts. Year 3 and 4 were excellent singers and the dancing was excellent especially considering the heat.

This week, Willow class had a fabulous day at Sutton Bingham Reservoir and next week, Year 3 and 4 will visit the Quarry (previously postponed). The reservoir trip was funded by Somerset careers and the children learnt about jobs at Wessex water. Ditchheat School were finalists for the Best Somerset Primary School in Careers out of 3 schools, we were runner up to a larger school... next year??!

Thank you so much for your support at this hot and busy time. Not long till the summer holidays now!
Best wishes

Mrs Cosser and Mrs Bisset
Head of School Executive Headteacher

Happy 150th Birthday Ditcheat Primary School – exhibition, cakes, picnic, dressing up.





Wellbeing tip of the week



When you say yes to others make sure you are not saying no to yourself
Selfcare means giving yourself permission to pause.

Ditcheat School currently have a blue token box in Tesco, please remember to put your blue tokens in after doing your shopping. Thank you.



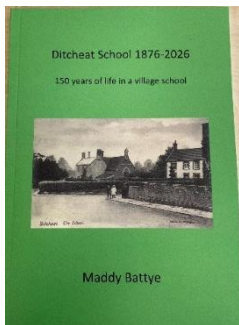
Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 parents please remember to sign the online consent forms so that your child can take part in Bikeability on the 8th and 9th September. Please let the office know if you would like to volunteer to help – we need parent helpers.



Lunches
From September the cost of hot lunches will be £2.60

Maddy Battye has written a fabulous book all about the 150 year history of Ditcheat Primary School. Copies are available to buy for £9.99 from the school office, all the profits will be going to FoDs.



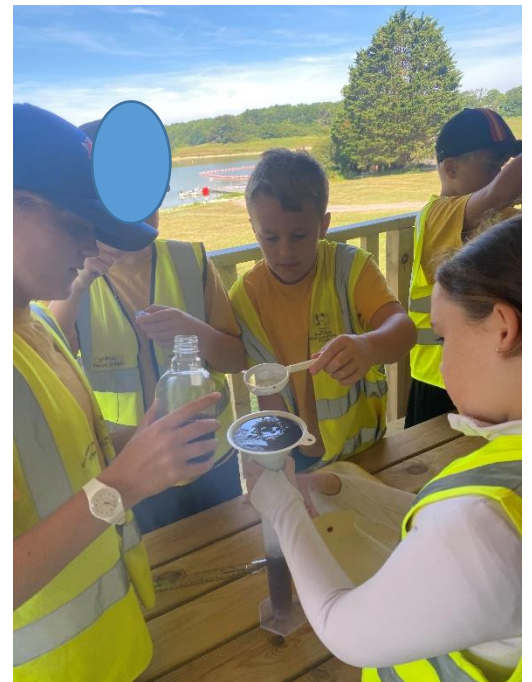
A student has painted this fabulous picture of the school as part of the 150th birthday celebrations. Copies are available to buy for £10 including the frame. Please contact the office to place your order.



Willow Class Sutton Bingham Reservoir

This week Willow went to the reservoir and had a tour of the water treatment works. They learnt the importance of conserving drinking water, especially in hot times like we are experiencing. They experimented with cleaning dirty reservoir water themselves By filtration, so they could understand the process involved.

It was a beautiful setting by the reservoir in the fishing lodge and the day finished with an ecology walk through the woods.



Summer Fete

Thank you Willow class for organising such a fantastic Fete.



Shakespeare Rocks



Careers Prize Finalists
Ditcheat Primary School were awarded
finalist for best careers in primary
schools. Mrs Cosser and Mrs Bisset
attended the awards ceremony



A huge thank you to Ashridge
Nurseries for supplying the plants for
FoDs to sell at the fete.
Please see discount code below for
future purchases. Up until Friday 24th
July

DITCHEAT15



Date for your Diary...

FoDS AGM will be on **Thursday, 16th July at 3.30pm**. We encourage as many
parents to attend as possible irrespective of current involvement with FoDS. It's an
opportunity to hear about what we've been doing over the past year and plans for the
next. We will also be voting in new committee members. We are currently looking to fill
the position of Secretary, so if anybody thinks they might be interested in this role, they
can speak to Aimee Arthur or Nadia Holding to find out more.

Go Wild
AT CARYMOOR'S
SUMMER HOLIDAY
CLUB!

10th - 14th August
8:45am - 3:30pm

An action-packed, creative summer holiday club, based at
Carymoor Environmental Trust, Castle Cary, BA7 7NR.

£40 per day!
*Early bird offer: Book before 30th June and save 10%!
*Book a full week Mon-Fri and save 10%!

Who can attend? Children aged 7-11
Younger children aged 5-6 are welcome as long as
they attend with an older sibling who is booked into
the same sessions.

For more information - and to book
www.carymoor.org.uk/whats-on

Carymoor
Environmental Trust

Shepton Mallet Infants
ACTIVE CAMPS

MAY 26TH TO 29TH 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

TUE 26TH Inflatable Day
WED 27TH Gymnastics Day
THU 28TH Tournament Thursday
FRI 29TH Batting Day

WWW.TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK

Extra Time available;
8-8.30am & 3.30-5pm
£20 a day!

Are you looking for a free, fun activity
to do over the summer holidays?



What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The aim of the Summer Reading Challenge is to encourage children to read
for pleasure. The challenge is to read six books over the summer holidays
and children can sign up for free at any library in Somerset.

What do I have to do?

1. Visit the library and sign up with your library card - you will receive your
free poster pack! If you don't have a library card you can join for free at the
same time.
2. Every time you read two books, go back to the library and they will give you
two stickers for your poster.
3. After you've read six books, you will receive a certificate and a badge!

When does the challenge run?

This year's challenge runs from Saturday 4th July until Saturday 12th
September.

The challenge is completely free and is open to children of all ages.



**FREE WEBINARS FOR
PARENTS & CARERS**

**SURVIVING &
THRIVING OVER
THE SUMMER
HOLIDAYS**

WHEN?
10:00-11:30 7th July 2026
18:00-19:30 16th July 2026
13:30-15:00 28th July 2026

REGISTER AT:
www.linkinbttsummer2026

SCAN ME!

In this 90 minute workshop hosted by Somerset's
Mental Health Support Team, we will explore...

- Creating flexible routines and boundaries
that actually work during the holidays
- Why sleep still matters (even without school)
and how to keep it on track
- Simple ways to stay organised, reduce stress,
and enjoy more quality time together
- Fun activities, local support, and what's
happening for families across Somerset

Pupils Flourish at Ansford Academy
2026 OFSTED REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

STRONG STANDARD
Leadership & Governance

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Personal Development &
Wellbeing

"Pupils behave well. They work hard, concentrate on their learning
and conduct themselves sensibly around the school site."
- Ofsted Inspection Team, Feb 2026

Expected Standards Met:

Curriculum & Teaching Inclusion Behaviour Achievement & Attendance

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