



Ditchheat Primary School

Inspiring a Love of Learning for Life

Wednesday 22nd July



Dear Parents/ Carers

It's only a week and a half since the last newsletter and this one was supposed to be a brief goodbye! However, so much has gone on in this short time that this newsletter is crammed with more wonderful photos of our Ditchheat children having fun with their learning.

Year 6 have had a fantastic week in Okehampton, staying at the youth hostel and going out on outdoor pursuit activities with the local guides/ instructors. They have been horse riding, raft building, climbing, high ropes, cycling, hiking as well as a camp fire and disco on the last day. Ditchheat year 6 have been making friends with the Year 6 from Upton Noble and Bruton, which is lovely for secondary school friendships. Thank you to Miss Cook and Miss Carolan for going with them for the week. We look forward to hearing their stories when they return.

Last Friday, Mrs Sandford, who is a paramedic, brought in an ambulance and spoke to the children about the work of a paramedic and how and when to call 999. They all had a look inside the ambulance in turn and asked questions. We are grateful for parents sharing their expertise at school, thank you.

On Monday, year 3 and 4 went on the quarry trip, which was previously cancelled. We were lucky to get an alternative date and to keep the trip running. The children saw the quarry and did lots of scientific testing and sorting with the rocks in the education centre. Also on Monday, Year 6 went to Greenbank Pool for a swim and freetime by the pool. This was paid for by FODs for their Year 6 treat. They were lucky to have a special Ditchheat leavers cake from Fods – a perfect trip in this weather and enjoyed by all.

We said goodbye to Mrs Cooper at her special assembly yesterday afternoon. Thank you for the kind gift and card from parents. Mrs Cooper has worked at Ditchheat School for 30 years as a teaching assistant and she will be missed greatly. She also attended the school herself as well as her father and children and now grandchildren. She has shared many stories of Ditchheat School over the years. We wish her every happiness in her retirement and hope she enjoys her travels to Peru and beyond in term times!!

We all sadly said goodbye to the 14 Year 6 children leaving us today in the Year 6 leaver's ceremony. They go on to Ansford, Sexeys and Whitstone and we wish them the best of luck at their new schools. They have gained so many skills from their time at Ditchheat to put them in good stead and we look forward to them coming back and telling us how well they are doing. I would like to say that Year 6 have worked hard this year and achieved an excellent set of SATS results, with high percentages of greater depth – well done. Stay in touch with us at Ditchheat.

Finally, have a wonderful summer holiday as a family. Thank you for your summer good wishes to staff and your continued support this year.

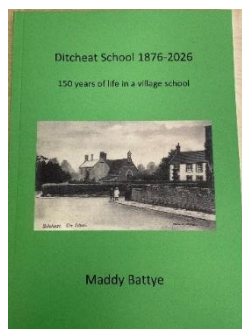
HAPPY SUMMER! Best wishes,

Mrs Cosser and Mrs Bisset
Head of School Executive Headteacher

Year 6 Okehampton



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.



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

Year 6 Greenbank

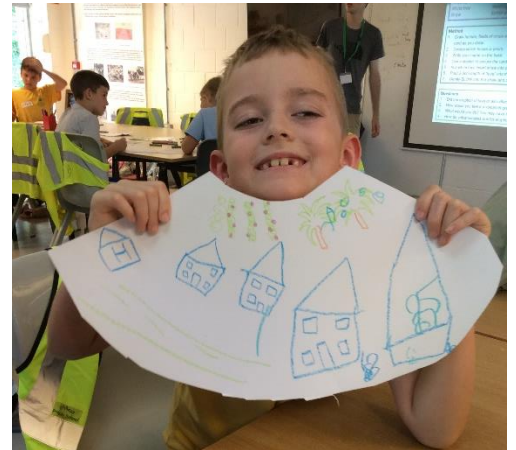
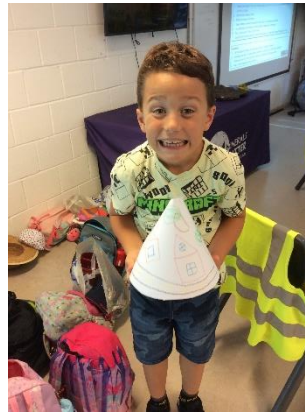
Year 6 had a great afternoon at Greenbank Poll Street, as their Year 6 Leavers treat-thank you FODS and thank you to Mrs Holding for making such amazing cupcakes.

Thank you to Lievito Bakery (Eva's Dad) for coming in to make fresh pasta with the children.



Year 3 and 4 Quarry

Year 3 and 4 visited the quarry and investigated rocks and soils in the education room.



Did you know Roblox now checks players' ages?

Everything you need to know about Roblox's new age verification checks

Roblox has created age-based accounts which they say will help young people access "age-appropriate games and features". Age checks are used to verify users are the same age their account says they are.

What is Roblox?

Roblox is an online gaming platform where users can create or play games. Many games allow players to chat with each other.

Our advice to parents and carers whose children use Roblox:

1. Check what age the account your child uses to play Roblox is registered as
2. Set up parental controls on Roblox to help your child play safely
3. Talk to your child about their use of Roblox and how to keep themselves safe

For more information and advice visit:

- [What you need to know about Roblox age checks blog](#)
- [What do I need to know about Roblox? A guide for parents and carers](#)

How do the age checks work?

All users are prompted to age check by scanning their face when they access the Roblox platform. They are then automatically assigned to a relevant account. Those who do not age check cannot chat and have restricted access to content. The age estimation process uses a user's camera to capture their face in different positions. If a user's estimated age appears to be different to the age set in the account, Roblox will adjust the age the account is set to.

It is important not to complete the age check for your child, as this will give them access to games intended for adults and allow them to only talk to other users aged 16+.

What accounts are there?

Roblox Kids (ages 5 to 8)

Default settings:

- Minimal or mild content
- Chat turned off

Roblox Select (ages 9 to 15)

Default settings:

- Minimal, mild or moderate content
- Access to in-game chat with players in similar age groups
- Direct (one-on-one) chat turned off
- Access to chats outside of games (party chat)

Roblox (ages 16+)

Default settings:

- Access to all content (with adult rated content accessible at 18)
- Access to all chat features with people in similar age groups



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Ambulance Visit

The whole school looked around the ambulance, learnt bandaging skills and how to ring 999.



Holly Class Puppet Shows
Some super teamwork
and great scripts. It was
lovely parents could
come in and watch them!



Abbey Farm Drive next to
school
Please do not walk down
Abby Farm drive to get to
and from school. This is a
private drive way.
Thank you

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:
canva.link/mhsummer2026

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

SCAN ME!

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

After 30 years at Ditchheat Primary School Mrs Copper is retiring. We would like to thank her for all her love, support, kindness and dedication to the school over the last 30 years. Children, staff and parents are all going to miss her so much. We would like to wish her a very happy well deserved and restful retirement.

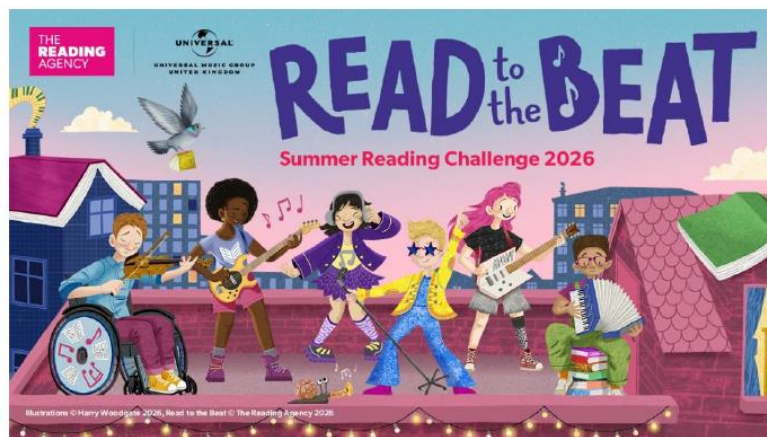


**Happy Summer Holidays from everyone at
Ditchheat Primary**



Thank you everyone for all our kind and generous end of year gifts

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.

