



Ditchheat Primary School

Inspiring a Love of Learning for Life

Friday 25th September



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back from a super, sunny summer holiday. Hope you managed to have a good break and make some special memories with your families.

The school now has a beautiful new roof, which was constructed over the summer holidays - some of you may have seen all the scaffolding across the entire school up until three days before we started back! After a big downpour at the start of September, the roof was properly tested and managed to flood the Elsa room. This is now completely fixed and hopefully we have a water tight school. We are very lucky as many schools across Somerset have leaks. We were also lucky to have our new stage erected in the playground, this was bought by the Ditchheat players. Children have enjoyed performing on this stage to each other.

The Autumn term has started in its usual busy exciting way. On the first day, we welcomed our new reception children to Ditchheat Primary School. They have settled in very well and are playing in the big playground, going to assembly and know lots of the older children already.

On the second day back, year six were out around the village on their bikes doing their Bikeability course for two days, in the sunshine. All of them passed their level 2 Bikeability so well done to all of them.

Year six have been given their year six ties to wear around school. Year 6 have been given many special responsibilities including looking after their reception buddies, which they are doing very well indeed.

In week two, year three and four went off to the Newt Roman Villa, learning about the life of the Roman tradesperson living in England. They enjoyed the interactive museum, and meeting the actors re-enacting life in Roman times.

Clubs have started back with popular axe throwing, art club, hockey, carnival club and still art. There are many choices and hopefully a good variety for children to try. Cross country runners are off to Millfield for a special running event after school - we wish them lots of luck.

This week, Willow class have been to Carymoor Environmental Centre for a vicious Viking day. This included weaving a willow plate, orienteering for Viking artefacts, rune puzzle games, timelines and grinding wheat. This afternoon we look forward to the annual colour fun run, organised by the Fods. Thank you for your kind sponsorship – all money goes towards School and buying resources that enriches the children's learning.

Next week, we have road safety workshops for all four classes. This will give children experience understanding how best to cross the road and other important messages. Key stage 2 will also be having a Geography skills water workshop from the reservoir team at Sutton Bingham.

Thank you for sending the children back in such smart uniforms. They look really well presented around School. Please make sure the jumpers are named with a sharpie pen label or sticker – then children will be sure to get their jumpers back - this will really help us at school.

We look forward to meeting all the parents at Parents evening in a few weeks' time, before October half term. If you are free on the 10th of October, please come along and see the Ditchheat Primary School carnival club in action in the children's carnival at Castle Cary - this year's theme is Hubble Bubble!

Best wishes,

Mrs Cosser and Mrs Bisset

Head of School Executive Headteacher

Playground Stage – THANK YOU TO THE DITCHEAT PLAYERS FOR FUNDING THIS.



Bikeability- year 6 all got their level 2 Bikeability. They cycled over 2 days around the village and beyond.



Art Club – Art club is back doing some amazing artwork.





Wellbeing Tip



Saying *Please* and *Thank you* to people thought out your day can make a big difference not only to others but also yourself, showing respect, kindness and helping to build positive relationships.

Year 3 and 4 Newt Trip – a super day out to learn about Roman Life, thank you to the Newt.



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WHEN?

18:00-19:30 8th October 2026
13:00-14:30 13th October 2026

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

- ✓ Learn how positive mental health supports your child's happiness, confidence and success at school and beyond.
- ✓ Recognise the early signs that your child may be struggling and understand how to respond.
- ✓ Discover practical, everyday strategies to support your child's emotional wellbeing at home.
- ✓ Find out where to access help and support for your family when it is needed.

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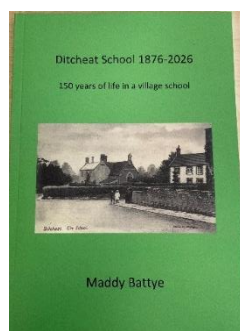

DITCHEAT PRIMARY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After-school club Hosted by ms peters
Come along after school for fun, games and activities!

- Outside play
- Dance/music
- Games and activities
- Colouring & creative activities
- Make new friends
- Monday - Thursday (term time only)
- Short stay: 3:30 - 4:30pm
- Long stay 3:30 - 5:00pm
- A snack is included!
- Come and join the fun!
- For more information and prices of sessions please contact the school office on: 01749 860329
- Email: ditchheatoffice@eastsomerset federation.co.uk



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



Advise for separated and divorced couples, courses available:

https://www.cypsomersethealth.org/support_for_separated_parents

Online Safety Information see this link for parents:



<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit/>

Three resources that offer practical tips and advice on different aspects of keeping your child safe online.

SHEPTON INFANTS OCTOBER CAMPS

October 26th to 30th

MONDAY	Target Day
TUESDAY	Batting Day
WEDNESDAY	Gymnastics Day
THURSDAY	Tournament Day
FRIDAY	Racket Sports

Extra Time available - 8am to 8.30am and 3.30pm to 5pm.




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

Carymoor Willow Class

Willow class had a great Viking day at Carymoor. They made willow plates, orienteering, learnt about Viking runes and artefacts as well as learning in the round house.

