# Ditton Infant School
# Mrs Kreiselmeier's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th November – Odd socks day
WC Monday 16th November – Antibullying week and Road Safety Week
Thursday 19th November – KS1 visit to the Victorian Classroom at Ditton Heritage Centre
Thursday 26th November – Flu Vaccinations
Friday 27th November - PTFA Christmas Jumper Swap and Treat Sale
Wednesday 9th December – Year R Nativity 9.30am and 2.30pm
Friday 11th December – Family Trust Panto
Monday 14th December – Whole school visit to the church
Tuesday 15th December – Rocksteady band performance invite only for parents of children in the band 2pm
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas jumper day, KS1 Christmas Carols 2.30pm
Friday 18th December – End of Term 2

Monday 4th January – Staff Development Day 4
Tuesday 5th January – Start of Term 3

## Reading Race




Well done to Ladybird Class who read the most times at home this week!

Ladybird Class - 67 reads this week, 208 reads for this term

Butterfly Class – 44 reads this week, 121 reads for this term

Dragonfly Class – 42 reads this week, 116 reads for this term

Bumblebee Class – 51 reads this week, 129 reads for this term

## Stars of the Week




Well done to our wonderful 'Stars of the Week'! These children have been chosen by their teacher for demonstrating one of our characteristics of effective learning.

Elisa

Keira

Paul

Paddy

Congratulations to our 'Lucky Stars of the Week'! These children were chosen by random and then the children in their class have thought of a reason for them to be a Star of the Week e.g. they have been a brilliant friend, they have helped someone with their learning or they always make their friend smile.

Owen

Malaya

Alexander

Logan

# Attendance



Well done to Dragonfly Class! Attendance Ted will be spending the week with you.

Ladybird Class – 95.65%
Butterfly Class – 88.75%
Dragonfly Class – 98.18%
Bumblebee Class – 96.19%

Year R – 95.65%
Year 1 – 92.25%
Year 2 – 97.04%
We had 4 children arrive late this week.

Whole School (this week only) – 94.56%
We had 74 children achieve 100% attendance this week.

Whole School (this year) – 95.54% (our whole school target is over 95%)

Please see the useful link below from the NHS which gives some guidance about common childhood illnesses.
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

## Children in Need

We have had a fantastic day fundraising for Children in Need, please see ClassDojo for photos. Our special mile a day was a huge success and the children had a great time.

We raised £95 from our non uniform. I will let you know the final total from our RunPudsey special mile as soon as it is confirmed.

Just a reminder that in order to receive a medal from Children in Need you **must sign your child up** for the challenge and pay your sponsorship money online.

https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/ - Register to take part, sign up, register as a parent, unique school code - 5C57.

## Odd Socks Day – Monday 16th November

The children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday to begin anti-bullying week and celebrate differences. School uniform must still be worn. Donations are not necessary.

## Our new stage

Thank you so much to the PTFA who have bought us a stage! Ladybird Class are very excited to start rehearsing their nativity on our new stage.



## Messaging staff

Just a reminder that staff do not regularly check ClassDojo messages. They have reported to me that they have missed some important communications from parents because these been sent via ClassDojo. Please contact staff via your child's contact book (which is checked daily) or via the school office in person, by phone or via email secretary@ditton-inf.kent.sch.uk

# Caterlink Survey

As part of their commitment to continually improving their catering service, Caterlink would like you to complete their Parent & Pupil Survey by 20th December.

Once all responses have been reviewed in the New Year, we will share a summary of the feedback and key findings with the schools that have participated.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L

Best Wishes,

Penny Richards

Director of Central Operations

caterlink
feeding the imagination

# Year R and Year 3 September 2027

For children starting school in September 2027 applications for both Reception and Year 3 will open on Friday 6 November 2026 and close on Friday 15 January 2027.
You can apply for up to 3 schools:

- Put the schools in order of preference.
- It is in your best interest to list 3 schools.
- Naming only 1 school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give your child priority for a place over another child.
- You cannot name the same school more than once.




https://www.ditton-jun.kent.sch.uk/our-school/admissions/



# Ditton Infant School

Caring, sharing, learning and achieving within an inclusive and happy environment.

## Reception 2027 Prospective Parents Tours

We understand that choosing the first school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make and we are looking forward to inviting you and your child into our school for a visit during **November 2026.**

Please see below for a list of our tour dates and times. Each tour will have a limited number of places so please contact the school office on **01732 844107** or email **secretary@ditton-inf.kent.sch.uk** if you would like to join one of the tours.

We will also be holding an after school **Stay & Play** session. Families are welcome to choose which session they would like to book onto.

### Tours

Mrs Kreiselmeier will show groups of parents round the school answering any questions families may have. Both parents and children welcome.

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| Monday 2nd November | 10.00am |
| Tuesday 3rd November | 10.00am |
| Monday 9th November | 10.00am |
| Tuesday 10th November | 10.00am |
| Monday 16th November | 10.00am |
| Tuesday 17th November | 10.00am |
| Monday 23rd November | 10.00am |

### Stay & Play Session

A fun filled after school session for parents/carers to bring their pre-school child to play in the Year R area after school.

**Thursday 3rd December**
**4.00 – 5.00pm**



Play • Make Friends • Discover

In the meantime do spend some time browsing our website
**www.ditton-inf.kent.sch.uk**
which will give you a flavour of what life is like at Ditton Infants!

**We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our school.**

Admission to

# Primary school in Kent 2027

**KCC residents apply online at**
***kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions***
Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023**, Transferring to Primary school in **September 2027**

# NHS Workshops

NHS
Kent and Medway
Mental Health
NHS Trust

## Parent Workshop

**Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience**

**08/10/2026 10:30am —12:30pm**

Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams

**Understanding Your Child's Behaviour**

**12/10/2026 10:30am —12:30pm**

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams

**Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears**

**18/11/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm**

Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams

**Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience**

**30/11/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm**

Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams

**Understanding Neurodiversity**

**07/12/2026 12:30pm —14:30pm**

Understanding Neurodiversity (Primary) | Join meeting in Teams | Microsoft Teams

Emotional Wellbeing team Kent
Emotional Support team Medway

Please call for more information 0300 300 1955

# Community Events

We are happy to collect items to pass on to the organisers, please bring any donations to the school office.




🎄 ❤️ Our Christmas Giving Tree opens on 1st November!

❤️ 🎄 📍 2 The Avenue, Aylesford

This year, just under 100 children have been nominated by local children's services, schools and food banks. That means 70 local families need our community's support to make Christmas a little brighter. Each family will receive presents and stocking fillers for their children, a hygiene bag and a bag of food to help ease the pressure over the festive period.

🎁 Our tags include each child's age, likes, dislikes, wishes and clothing and shoe sizes. Please choose a tag you can comfortably fulfil within your budget.

❤️ Every tag is linked directly to a local child. If a tag is taken and isn't returned with gifts, that child could miss out. If you find you cannot fulfil your tag, please return it to the tree or message us as soon as possible so we can find someone else to help. We understand circumstances change—please just let us know.

🎁 Please return presents UNWRAPPED, but bagged together with the child's tag securely attached, so everything reaches the right family.

❤️ Want to help without taking a tag? Our Amazon wishlist offers another way to help provide the gifts and essentials these families need: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1CX2ZICA40F9J?ref_=wl_share

Donations of new, unopened toiletries and Christmas food would also be gratefully received.

Every gift, donation and share makes a difference. Thank you for helping us bring Christmas joy to local children and support their families. ✨


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If you have a query or concern involving your child, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance and then I am also available and can normally call or speak to you on the same day. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Kreiselmeier