



Friday 2nd October 2026

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6th October - KS1 visit to the church

Tuesday 6th October - Year R School Health Service delivering the National Child Measurement Programme

Wednesday 7th October - KS1 Harvest Celebration and Meet the Teacher session 2.45pm

Thursday 8th October - Year R Phonics Parent Workshop 2.15pm

Thursday 8th October - Year R Harvest Parent Stay and Play 2.40pm

Wednesday 14th October - Individual and sibling school photos

Thursday 15th October - Whole School Disco

Tuesday 20th October - Parents Evening 1

Thursday 22nd October - Parents Evening 2 / End of Term 1

Friday 23rd October - Staff Development Day 3 - No School

Monday 2nd November - Start of Term 2

Website

Our website is www.ditton-inf.kent.sch.uk

We try to keep our website as up to date as possible and it should have the answer to most general questions. You can find copies of this week's spellings, class newsletters and home learning on the class pages. You can also access the school term dates and calendar from the home page.

Reading Race



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

Ladybird Class - 48 reads this week, total for this term 157 reads

Butterfly Class - 40 reads this week, total for this term is 225 reads

Dragonfly Class - 56 reads this week, total for this term is 247 reads

Bumblebee Class - 57 reads this week, total for this term 244 reads

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.

Rafe

Ivy

Evie

Alfie

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.

Reggie

Dexter

Stuti

Ronnie

Attendance



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

Ladybird Class - 90.91%

Butterfly Class - 95.22%

Dragonfly Class - 98.33%

Bumblebee Class - 92.73%

Year R - 90.91%

Year 1 - 97.18%

Year 2 - 93.33%

We had 7 children arrive late this week.

Whole School (this week only) - 94.40%

We had 77 children achieve 100% attendance this week and join our weekly disco!

Whole School (this year) - **96.5%** (our whole school target is over 95%)

There have been some horrible bugs going around this week and we know that most of our absences have been due to illness. We hope everyone is starting to feel better and look forward to seeing you again next week.

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/>

Phonics Workshop

I will be running a phonics workshop for Year R parents and any Year 1 and 2 parents who would like a phonics refresher. I will discuss how we teach phonics and reading at school and how you can support at home. I am also happy to answer any questions you may have. The workshop will take place on **Thursday 8th October 2.15pm**. It will finish in time for the Year R Harvest Stay and Play at 2.40pm.

Harvest

Thank you for all of your harvest donations. Our school councillors enjoyed delivering them to the church today.

On Tuesday 5th October KS1 children will be visiting the church to see the Harvest decorations. We will also practise our Harvest songs.

On **Wednesday 7th October** we would then like to invite **KS1 parents** in to school at **2.45pm** to listen to the children's Harvest songs and to then meet their child's class teacher/s and look around their new classrooms.

Year R parents are invited to attend a Harvest Stay and Play session with their child on **Thursday 8th October at 2.40pm** (this will follow a Phonics Workshop for parents at 2.15pm).

Information Gathering

Thank you to everyone who has returned their information gathering form. If you need a replacement form please see the office. As part of our responsibilities under Benedict's Law, we are required to ensure that we have accurate and up-to-date information about children's medical needs, conditions, allergies and medication. This helps us to make sure we can provide appropriate care and respond safely should a medical situation arise.

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.

Ditton Church of England Junior School Open Sessions for September 2027

Tuesday 13th October 2026 • 09:00 - 09:30
Thursday 21st October 2026 • 09:00 - 09:30
Thursday 7th January 2027 • 14:00 - 14:30

Please call the office or email to book your visit

📞 01732 843 446
✉️ schooloffice@ditton-jun.kent.sch.uk



<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.

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.

PTFA

Ditton Infants School
PARENT TEACHER AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



PTFA AGM

You're warmly invited!

All parents, carers
and staff welcome!



 **TUESDAY
20TH OCTOBER**

 **COFFEE &
PASTRIES FROM
9:00AM**

 **AGM BEGINS
9:15AM**

 **FIND OUT MORE**
Hear about what we've been up to, upcoming events and how you can get involved.

 **NEW FACES WELCOME**
Whether you've been part of the PTFA before or you're just curious, we'd love to see you!

 **IMPORTANT INFO**
Nomination forms for the committee and AGM details are available from the school office. If you'd like to nominate yourself or another parent, please get in touch.

 **QUESTIONS?**
Contact us at dittoninfantsptfa@hotmail.co.uk

*Come along, grab a cuppa,
meet the team and be part of our school community!*



BOO-GIE NIGHT

SPOOKY BEATS & HALLOWEEN TREATS!

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER

4:00-5:00PM £4PP INCLUDES GLOW STICKS
DRINK AND SNACK.

ALL CURRENT STUDENTS WELCOME. PLEASE DROP OFF AND COLLECT FROM YOUR USUAL DESIGNATED AREAS AND ENSURE TO COMPLETE FORMS AND MAKE PAYMENT BY THE DEADLINE.

WE'D LOVE TO SEE EVERYONE GETTING INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT.
PLEASE CHOOSE AGE APPROPRIATE COSTUMES THAT ARE FUN RATHER THAN FRIGHTENING.
NO MASKS FAKE BLOOD OR CAPES, TO HELP KEEP THE EVENT ENJOYABLE AND SAFE FOR EVERYONE.
THANK YOU FOR HELPING US MAKE IT A FUN FRIENDLY AND SPOOK-TACULAR EVENT FOR ALL.



BOO-GIE NIGHT!

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING FORM TO SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER.

CHILD'S NAME(S) _____

CLASS(ES) _____

[] I HAVE MADE PAYMENT OF £_____ TO PTFA PAYPAL, USING THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY OPTION. DITTONINFANTSPTFA@HOTMAIL.CO.UK PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME(S) AND CLASS(ES) IN THE NOTES.

[] I HAVE INCLUDED £_____ IN AN ENVELOPE WITH MY CHILD'S NAME & CLASS

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.




DITTON INFANTS PTFA SCARECROW TRAIL

LET'S BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER THIS OCTOBER!

Create your very own scarecrow to display proudly at the front of your house, pay just **£6** entry, and we'll add your address to our Scarecrow Trail list!

Families can purchase a **£2** trail list on the dates and locations listed below, and then over the October half term holiday from Friday 23rd of October to Sunday 31st of October can enjoy walks round our beautiful village hunting down the fantastic scarecrows!

Let your imagination run wild and give our children something fun, wholesome and exciting to do together this October half term...

A PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR the best scarecrow voted for by our community on our PTFA Facebook page.

IMPORTANT DATES

SCARECROW ENTRIES	TRAIL LISTS
£6 PER SCARECROW	£2 EACH
PAYMENT DEADLINE: FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER	AVAILABLE TO BUY ON THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES AND SAT 24TH OCTOBER OUTSIDE THE KILNBARN

Please pay your £6 entry fee via PayPal, using the Friends & Family option, to: dittoninfantsptfa@hotmail.co.uk

IMPORTANT: Please include your name, contact number and full address in the PayPal payment details so we know who you are and where your scarecrow will be located.

Alternatively, contact us via Facebook Messenger to arrange a cash payment.

PLEASE NOTE: SCARECROW ENTRIES ARE OPEN TO DITTON ADDRESSES ONLY.

Every scarecrow entered and every map sold will help raise much-needed funds for Ditton Infants PTFA and our lovely little school.

LET'S MAKE THIS HALF TERM ONE TO REMEMBER!

Ditton Junior School Sunflower Competition

If you have a sibling or relative at the Junior School you can enter their sunflower competition and earn house points for your sibling/relative.

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Sunflower

Art & Design House Competition

 **Create Your Artwork** _____
Use any safe materials!
Pencil, Paint, Collage, Clay, Lego,
Fabric & More! 

 **Extra Points** _____
Relative in Ditton Infants joins in?
+5 Bonus Dojos! 

 **Forest School Exhibition** _____
See all the artwork on display!

 **Deadline** Entries due by _____
Tuesday 6th October

 **House Prize!** _____
Winning House Gets an Extra Playtime!

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

Shine Survey

For Reception and Year 6 parents only

Dear parents and carers,

We are pleased to invite you to take part in the **SHINE (Studying Happiness, self-Image and Nutrition and Eating in children) Parent & Carer Survey**. The survey will help us understand the health and wellbeing of children in **Reception (4-5 years)** and **Year 6 (10-11 years)**. The survey is open to parents and carers of children in these year groups.

The survey takes around **20 minutes** and can be completed **online (or on paper, if preferred – see below)**. It includes questions about:

- Your child's mental wellbeing,
- You and your child's eating and physical activity habits,
- Your household and background.

By sharing your experiences, you will help us make changes at both local and national levels to support children's wellbeing.

As a thank you for taking part, you can enter a **prize draw** to win one of **four £50 shopping vouchers**, awarded to parents and carers in your local community.

The information you provide will only be used only for research purposes and will be kept completely confidential.

[Click here to access the survey.](#)

For more details, [visit our website](#).

If you have any questions or want a paper version of the survey, contact the study team at shine@ucl.ac.uk.

Thank you for supporting this important research,

The SHINE Study Team



SHINE is a collaboration between University College London, Durham University and Newcastle University.

Community Events



TYMS

TONBRIDGE YOUNG MUSICIANS

Weekly rehearsals for young players
from **pre-Grade 1 to Grade 5**
at **The Judd School, Tonbridge**

STRINGS FIRST

For beginner string players,
from open strings to Grade 2
Fridays (term-time), 3.55-4.25pm

TYMS STRINGS

For string players, from Grade 3 to 5
Fridays (term-time), 4.30-5.15pm

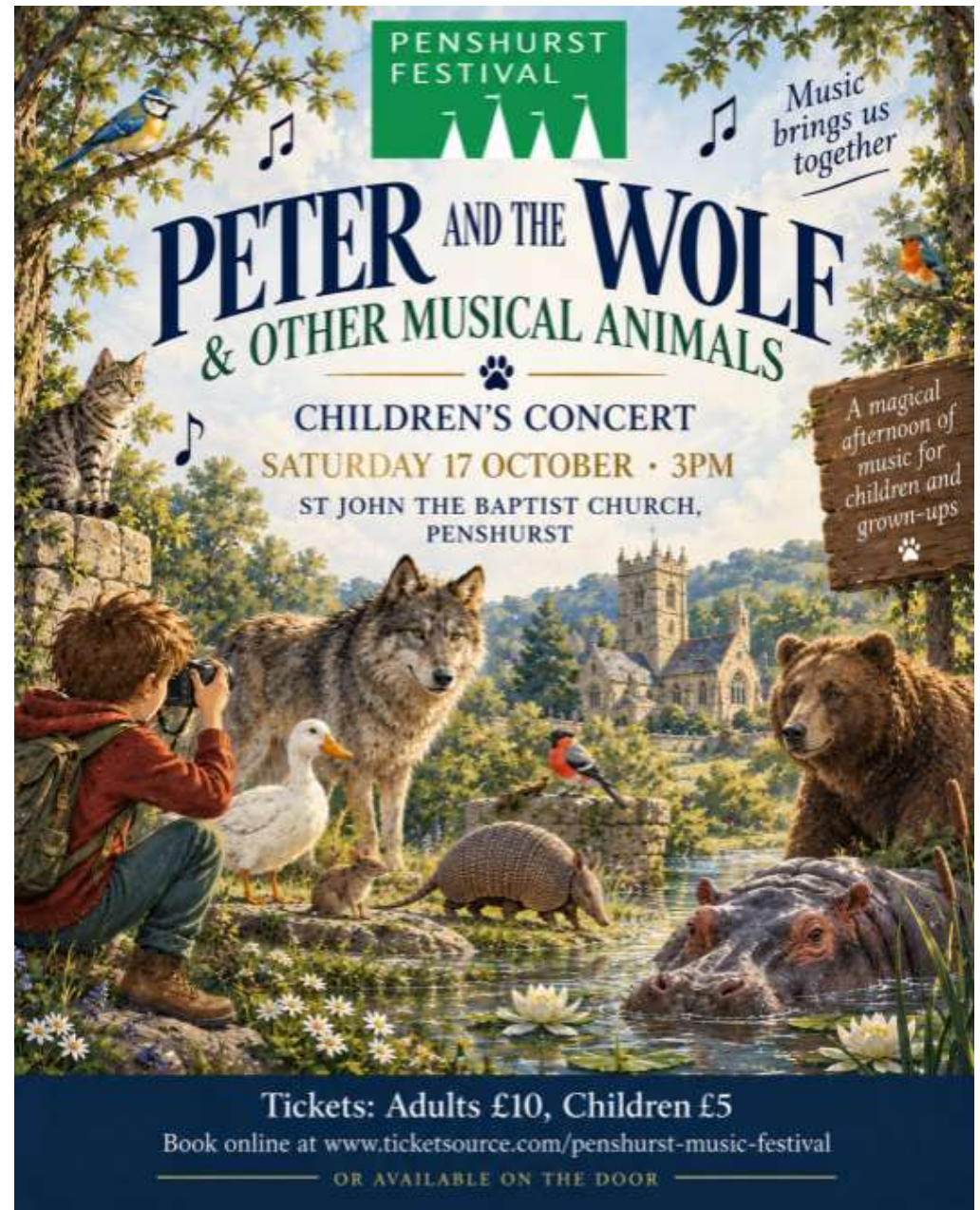
TYMS WINDS

For wind and brass players,
from pre-Grade 1 to 5
Fridays (term-time), 4.30-5.15pm

MORE INFORMATION
See www.tyms.co.uk

SIGN UP FOR A FREE TASTER SESSION
Email Kathryn at treasurertyms@gmail.com

from **£45**
a term



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Book online at www.ticketsource.com/penshurst-music-festival
OR AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

Please remember...

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