



Friday 11th September 2026

Dates for your Diary

WC Monday 28th September - Harvest Food Collection

Friday 2nd October - Delivering our Harvest food collection to Ditton Church

Tuesday 6th October - KS1 visit to the church Wednesday

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 (more details to follow)

Tuesday 20th October - Parents Evening 1

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

Friday 23rd October - Staff Development Day - 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 - 21 reads this week

Butterfly Class - 60 reads this week, total for this term is 71 reads

Dragonfly Class - 60 reads this week, total for this term is 70 reads

Bumblebee Class - 72 reads this week, total for this term 79 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.

Sylvia

Zahra

Eva

Poppy

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.

Finley

Oliver

Ivy

Sloane

Attendance



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

Ladybirds - 97.3%

Butterfly - 95.65%

Dragonfly - 100%

Bumblebee - 96.96%

Year R - 97.3%

Year 1 - 96.2%

Year 2 - 99.4%

Whole School - **97.53%** (our whole school target is over 95%)

We had 87 children achieve 100% attendance this week and join our weekly disco!

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/>

Leadership Roles and Responsibilities

KS1 children have been busy voting for the children's leadership roles and responsibilities this week. As the oldest children in our school, every Year 2 child will have a role or responsibility this year. Some Year 1 children will also be supporting the Year 2 children.

School Council - Daphne, George, Benji, Ivy, Joseph, Huxley, Finley, Millie, Myla, Brooklyn, Arabella, Scarlett

Eco Committee - Eva, Stephen, Arlo, Archie, Maya, Ronnie

Play Leaders - Danny, Hailey, Bella, Malaya, Archie, Finley, Zahra, Leah, Logan

Gardeners - William, Mila, Reagan

Prayer Leaders - Dexter, Owen, Remy, Millie, Abigail, Edie

iPad Monitors - Oliver, Elsie, Bella, Lucas

Assembly Helpers - Ivy, Benji, Dexter, Owen, Archie, Teddy, Bella, Alfie, Abigail, Edie

Information Gathering

We are currently updating our medical records and would be grateful if you could complete and return the information-gathering forms sent home. 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.

Community Events

A Message from Play Sports Juniors

We're Play Sports Juniors and this September we're launching a brand new Play Sports Juniors Netball Academy just a short distance from your school. We'd love to invite children from your school to come along, and we're offering every child a **FREE taster session**.

📍 **Ditton Community Centre, Kiln Barn Rd, Ditton, Aylesford, ME20 6AH**

Saturdays 9:00–9:50 – Reception–Year 2

10:00–10:50 – Years 3–4

11:00–11:50 – Years 5–7

Our Academy is designed to give children a fun, friendly and welcoming place to enjoy netball, whether they're completely new to the sport or already love playing.

🏐 All abilities welcome

★ Experienced coaches

👏 Fun, structured weekly sessions

🏐 All equipment provided

👥 Join on your own or with friends

📺 **First taster session FREE**

🏠 **PLUS – WIN NEW NETBALL EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR SCHOOL!** We'd also like to give something back to the local schools that support our new Academy. Every parent who signs up and names your school name as their child's school will give your school one entry into our September prize draw. And there's no limit to the number of entries your school can receive. So the more children from your school who get involved, the more chances your school has to win!

The winning school will receive:

🏐 **A set of new netball posts**

🏐 **Two sets of netball bibs**

🏐 **A set of new netballs**

We'll draw the winning school **at the end of September**.

Parents can find out more and register here:

<https://www.playsportsjuniors.co.uk/netball-academy/locations/kent/ditton/>



Tonbridge and Malling Family Hubs

Timetable

14 September 2026 - 23 October 2026

Our Family Hubs:

East Malling FH

Chapman Way, West
Malling ME19 6SD

03000 418008

eastmallfgh@kent.gov.uk

Snodland FH

Holmesdale School Site
Malling Road, Snodland
ME6 5JG

03000 418008

snodlandfh@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups
and services are
free to attend.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

East Malling Family Hub

Talking Walk -in
1st Monday
monthly
9:30-11:30

The
Communication
Tree
14/9 - 5/10
10:00 - 11:00

Little Talkers
14/9 - 19/10
1:30 - 2:30

Childminders
Drop-in
10:00 - 12:00

Introducing
Solid Food
8/9 & 27/10
1:00 - 3:00

Health Visiting
Drop-in &
NCT Infant
Feeding Drop-in
9:15-11:15

Baby Family &
You
30/9 - 21/10
1:00 - 3:00

Baby Massage
16/9 - 14/10
1:00 - 2:00 &
2:30 - 3:30

Stepping Up
16/9 - 21/10
3:45 - 5:15

Stay and Play
9:30 - 11:00

Stay and Play
(SEND)
1:00-2:00
2:30 - 3:30

The
Communication
Tree
17/9 - 8/10
10:00 - 11:00

Baby Massage
17/9 - 15/10
1:30 - 2:30

Baby Group
10:00-11:30

Health Visitor
Services

Snodland Family Hub

Health Visitor
Services

Health Visiting
Drop-in
9:15-11:15

Stay and Play
(SEND)
1:30 - 2:30

Health
Visitor Services

Stepping Up
17/9 - 22/10
3:45 - 5:15

Stay & Play
9:45-11:15

Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

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Our Family Hubs:

Longmead FH

Waveney Rd,
Tonbridge TN10 3JU

03000 418008

longmeadfh@kent.gov.uk

Tonbridge FH

Danvers Rd,
Tonbridge TN9 1TR

03000 418008

tonbridgefh@kent.gov.uk

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and services are
free to attend.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Longmead Family Hub

Stay and Play
(SEND)
9:30 - 10:30
11:00 - 12:00

Perinatal
Mental Health
1:00-2:30

Baby Group
1:30-3:00

Baby Massage
10:00 - 11:00

Health Visitor
Services

Understanding
Your Child
15/9 - 24/11
12:30 - 14:30

Stepping Up
15/9 - 20/10
3:45 - 5:15

Talking Walk -in
4th Wednesday
9:30-11:30

Health Visitor
Drop-in
9:15 - 11:15

NCT Infant
Feeding Drop-in
9:30-11:30

Introducing
Solid Foods
24/9 & 8/10
1:00 - 3:00

Portage
9:30-11:00

Tonbridge Family Hub

Health Visitor
Services

Online Safety
11-19 years
14/9 - 19/9
4:00 - 5:00

Compass
21/9 - 30/11
6:00 - 8:00

Stay and Play
10:00 - 11:30

Little Talkers
15/9 - 20/10
1:30 - 2:30

NCT Infant
Feeding
9:30 - 11:30

Saturday

Read, Play Grow
Larkfield Library
19th September
17th October
10:00-12:00

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Information



Portage Focused groups delivered by the Kent Portage Service. Invite Only Please see the Kent Local Offer for more information.	Understanding Your Child Togetherness: understanding your child A 10-week course helping parents understand behaviour and emotions from toddler to teen years. Booking Required	Talking Walk-ins Talking Walk-ins are play-based drop-in sessions for pre-school aged children where you can speak to a speech and language therapist for advice and support. Just turn up - no need to book! Children come along	Childminders Drop in for childminders Community lead group for local childminders to meet and for the children in their care to play and socialise together. Led by local childminders.
NCT Infant Feeding drop-in Friendly, free infant feeding support from pregnancy through early parenthood. Trained peer supporters help you feel supported and connected. A great way to meet other parents!	Health visiting drop in Child Health Visiting A drop in clinic, where you can get your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team.	Perinatal Mental Health Specialist support group for women and their babies who need ongoing support for their well-being. Invite Only	Health Visitor Services Booked appointments for 6-8 week checks, 9-12 month development reviews and 27 month development reviews.
Stepping Up A 6-week programme for 5-11 year olds to boost confidence, manage emotions and make friends. Booking Required	Adult Education Adult Education who have a great selection of courses available. Next term: Supporting your teen with their mental health 1/12 online Understanding Autism and ADHD in the Home 9/11 - 30/11 East Malling Family First Aid 17/11 Snodland Booking Required	Online Safety 11 - 19 years 6 fun interactive sessions for children aged 11-18 years covering key online safety support. Booking Required	Read, Play, Grow Monthly story-themed drop-in for 0-5s and their parents, with fun activities, support, and signposting for families
Healthy Start Vitamins Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins? If so, complete this form to order Healthy Start Vitamins to your door.	Free for 2 Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week. For more information and how to apply	Useful Contact Numbers: Health Visitor 0300 123 3017 Let's Chat text service 07312 263368 Midwife 01227 864152	Please Note: For Health and Safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place.
		For more information about opening times give your local Hub a call	SEND Roadshow If your child or young person has (or may have) special educational needs or disabilities, come along to meet local services. Get advice, support and guidance from partners who help deliver our SEND offer.

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3-5 Years Old Stay and Play (SEND) A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0-5 For children with additional needs such as disabilities or social communication needs. Invite Only	Introducing Solid Food 1 Session Course A parents & carers session, suitable just before you introduce solid food to your baby from 6 months old. Advice and techniques to support your child through their journey. From 6 months Booking Required	8 Weeks to Five Months Baby Massage 5 Week Course A 5-week course to learn soothing massage techniques to help your baby relax, sleep better and ease colic. Great for bonding. For babies 0-6 months. Booking Required	Baby Group A welcoming space to bond with your baby and meet other parents. Includes songs and sensory play. For babies who are pre-walking.
Weekly Stay and Play A relaxed session for families with play, singing, stories and messy fun for children aged 0-5 Stay and Play (Dads) as dedicated Stay & Play for male carers and their children 0-5	Up to 12 Months 'Baby, Family and You' A supportive course for expectant and new parents to build positive routines and confidence in baby's first year. Booking Required	3-4 Years Old Little Talkers 6 Week Course A playful 6-week course for 2-5 year olds to build speech, language and attention skills. Booking Required	The Communication Tree 4 week course A 4-week course to understand how communication develops. For children aged 2 years plus, including fun activities to boost your child's communication skills. 3-4 Years Old Invite Only
Healing Together 6 Week Course A 6 week trauma-informed programme for children aged 5-16 to support emotional wellbeing and recovery. Invite Only	Compass 10 week course A 10 session course helping children 11+ manage emotions and develop skills to cope with life's challenges. Invite Only	SOP: Speak Out Parents Join other parents to share feedback and help shape Family Hub services. Keep an eye on our social media for more information.	Strengthening Family relationships Workshop: 2 sessions A Workshop to help parents reduce conflict and build positive family relationships. Booking Required

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Parents, carers and loved ones can find support and answers to common questions on the Kent Family website <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/> . It brings together trusted information and advice for families before and after birth, through childhood and up to age 19.

Please remember...

If you have a query or concern involving your child, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. 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