

# End of Term 1!

Ditton Infant School  
What a fantastic term we've had!



New Class

First day in our  
new classes



School photos



Harvest  
celebrations



Visit to  
the church



Halloween  
disco



Parents  
evening



Take 10 to Read  
Guinness World Record



Phonics  
workshop



Stay and Play



Meet the  
teacher

PTFA



PTFA  
meetings



Scarecrow  
making



Harvest  
collection



Family Trust  
Assembly



Rocksteady  
assembly



Thank you to everyone who has made  
Term 1 so special at Ditton Infant School!



Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Staff Development Day 3 - No School

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Start of Term 2

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need non uniform day and fundraising event

WC Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Antibullying week and Road Safety Week

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Socks Day for Antibullying week

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Year R Nativity 9.30am and 2.30pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Family Trust Panto

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day, KS1 Christmas Carols 2.30pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - End of Term 2

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Staff Development Day 4

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Start of Term 3

## Reading Race



The Reading Race trophy was awarded to **Bumblebee Class** today!

**Ladybird Class** - total for this term 354 reads

**Butterfly Class** - total for this term 346 reads

**Dragonfly Class** - total for this term 424 reads

**Bumblebee Class** - total for this term 435 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.

Alfie  
Joseph  
Tyler  
Marnie

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.

Skye  
Archie  
Abigail  
Bella

## Attendance



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

**Ladybird Class** - 94.32%  
**Butterfly Class** - 90.76%  
**Dragonfly Class** - 93.75%  
**Bumblebee Class** - 86.36%

Year R - 94.32%

Year 1 - 91.35%

Year 2 - 89.17%

We had 4 lates this week.

Whole School (this week only) - 91.35%

We had 74 children achieve 100% attendance this week.

### End of Term 1 Attendance

**Ladybird Class** - 96.08%  
**Butterfly Class** - 96.74%  
**Dragonfly Class** - 96.88%  
**Bumblebee Class** - 92.85%

Year R - 96.08%

Year 1 - 95.33%

Year 2 - 95.79%

We have had 40 lates this term.

Whole School (this year) - 95.67% (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/>

## Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our parent questionnaire. We would really like to use this opportunity to reflect as a school on what is going well and what still needs to be developed. We would be very grateful if you could fill out the survey with your thoughts by Monday 2nd November (the link has been sent to you via parentmail and is on ClassDojo). 28 parents/carers have completed the survey so far with 96% of parents saying that they would recommend us as a school to other parents! We have had some lovely comments and also some great suggestions, such as a request to provide more information on the methods the children are using in maths, which we will action next term. Thank you as always for your continued support.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our parents evenings. It was lovely to see so many of you and to be able to share all of the wonderful things that the children have been engaged in. If you were unable to attend an appointment and would like one please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Rocksteady Music

It has been lovely to see some children sign up for the Rocksteady band. Please see below for how to sign up to this paid club. The first session is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and there is no cut off date for sign ups.



**ROCK STEADY**

**DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?**

**With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.**

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!

**98%** OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS

**94%** OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

Scan QR code to find out more!

**QR Code**



**DITTON INFANTS PTFA**

# SCARECROW TRAIL

## TRAIL MAPS ON SALE!

**£2 EACH**  
CASH PREFERRED

AVAILABLE TO BUY ON

|  <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER</b> |  <b>SATURDAY</b><br><b>24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <b>OUTSIDE THE<br/>SCHOOL GATES</b>               |  <b>OUTSIDE THE<br/>KILNBARN</b>                   |
| <b>3PM TILL 4PM</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>10:30AM TILL 12PM</b>                                                                                                              |

**LUCKY DIP BAGS**  
WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE  
TO PURCHASE

**50p for small**   **£1 for large**  
(subject to availability)

Perfect end of term treat!

Thank you to everyone who has entered  
a scarecrow!  
We can't wait to see all your creations.



## 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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2026 • 09:00 - 09:30  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2026 • 09:00 - 09:30  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:schooloffice@ditton-jun.kent.sch.uk)



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

The next open session at Ditton Junior School is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January. We have had some great feedback from those parents who have already attended an open session so please do book to have a look around for yourself if you haven't already.

# Admission to Junior school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at  
[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes  
at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between  
1 September 2019  
and 31 August 2020,  
Transferring to Junior school  
in September 2027

What to do

## Choose a school

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Read the guide to Primary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

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# 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](mailto: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](http://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.**

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## 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

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 half term,  
Mrs Kreiselmeier