



Friday 16th October 2026

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 20th October - Parents Evening 1 and PTFA AGM 9am

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

Friday 13th November - Children in Need non uniform day and fundraising event

WC Monday 16th November - Antibullying week and Road Safety Week

Thursday 26th November - Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 9th December - Year R Nativity 9.30am and 2.30pm

Friday 11th December - Family Trust Panto

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 - 76 reads this week, total for this term 282 reads

Butterfly Class - 44 reads this week, total for this term is 317 reads

Dragonfly Class - 51 reads this week, total for this term is 364 reads

Bumblebee Class - 69 reads this week, total for this term 390 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.

Elodie
Lacey
Reader
Henry

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.

Elijah
Ivy W
Teddy
Brooklyn

Attendance



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

Ladybird Class - 96.36%

Butterfly Class - 99.57%

Dragonfly Class - 91.67%

Bumblebee Class - 88.64%

Year R - 96.36%

Year 1 - 93.59%

Year 2 - 93.0%

We had 5 children arrive late this week.

Whole School (this week only) - 94.07%

We had 78 children achieve 100% attendance this week.

Whole School (this year) - **96.20%** (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/>

Parents Evening

You should have now received your parents evening appointments for Tuesday 20th or Thursday 22nd October. If you have not received an appointment yet and would like one, please contact your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Rocksteady Music

We have had a wonderful afternoon today with Rocksteady Music. The afternoon began with an assembly and then the whole school took part in a music workshop. Please see ClassDojo for photos. There is a letter about a paid rocksteady music club opportunity in your child's book bag.

School Photos

Individual and sibling school photos took place on Wednesday this week. Thank you to everyone who also came after school for a family photo. You should have received your child's photo ticket with information on how to view and purchase their photo/s.

End of the Day Pick up

A gentle reminder to parents to stand behind the snake when collecting their children at the end of the day. It is very difficult to safely dismiss the children when parents are very close to the line and it can be confusing if parent is pointing out another parent to a child who may then leave without staff being aware. We are happy to talk to parents at the end of the day but would be grateful if you could wait until the rest of the class has been dismissed.

Halloween Disco

Thank you to everyone who came to our Halloween Disco on Thursday. The children had a great time and their costumes were amazing! Thank you to the PTFA for organising such a fantastic event and to the members of staff who stayed to help. We raised £290!

Ditton Infants School
PARENT TEACHER AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



PTFA AGM

All parents, carers
and staff welcome!



You're warmly invited!



**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!*

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 22nd 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/>

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

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Junior schools, inside or outside of Kent. You are unable to name Primary schools on this application.

Apply for a school place

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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** 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.

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Primary school in Kent 2027

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2027.

Common misconceptions

MYTH #1

Attending a nursery or pre-school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the associated school.

MYTH #2

A sibling attending the school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the same school.

MYTH #3

Attending an infant school will automatically guarantee a space for your child at the linked junior school.

TRUTH

You **must still apply** using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions 

★ Nurseries and primary schools are not linked for admissions purposes.

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★ If eligible, your application may be considered under a school's 'sibling' oversubscription criteria.

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★ Children do not automatically transfer to a junior school. Admissions are ranked according to the school's admission criteria, including any linked school arrangements.



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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

Community Events

Have fun this half-term at the Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival, 26-31 October!

Come and enjoy world-class puppetry in all its forms, because not all puppets have strings!

There are free and ticketed performances and workshops taking place across Tunbridge Wells and Southborough, including Royal Victoria Place, Southborough Civic Centre, The Forum and The Pantiles.

With plenty of free activities and performances to choose from, it's a great opportunity for families looking for affordable half-term entertainment.

Special offer: Use discount code TICKLEMONSTER to receive 25% off tickets!

To explore the programme and book tickets, visit:

[Whats On 2026 - Tw Puppetry Festival](#)



The poster for the Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival 2026 features a teal background with a white wireframe puppet head at the top. The text 'tunbridge wells PUPPETRY festival' is prominently displayed, with 'PUPPETRY' in large, bold, pink letters. A QR code is located on the left, with the text 'Click here for more info and to book tickets' below it. A pink banner across the middle reads '26 th - 31 st OCTOBER 2026'. Below this, a collage of six images shows various puppets and performers: a man with pig puppets, a woman in a red sari with a large puppet, a stylized black and white graphic, a person in a traditional mask, a woman in a yellow costume, and a silhouette of a person holding a small puppet. At the bottom, logos for 'ROYAL TONBRIDGE WELLS TOGETHER', 'ROYAL VICTORIA PLACE TONBRIDGE WELLS', 'SOUTHBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL', 'THE PANTILES EVENTS & MARKETS', and 'THE FORUM' are displayed. Social media handles '@Tunbridge Wells Puppetry Festival' and '@twpuppetryfest' are on the left, and the website 'www.twpuppetryfestival.org' is on the right.

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PUPPETRY
festival

Click here for
more info and
to book tickets

26 th - 31 st OCTOBER 2026

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For more information visit: www.twpuppetryfestival.org

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