



Friday 18th September 2026

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 23rd September - Kent Messenger Year R Class Photo

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 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** and **Butterfly Class** who read the most times at home this week!

Ladybird Class - 52 reads this week, total for this term 73 reads

Butterfly Class - 64 reads this week, total for this term is 134 reads

Dragonfly Class - 59 reads this week, total for this term is 130 reads

Bumblebee Class - 55 reads this week, total for this term 134 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.

Oscar B

Daphne

Alfie

Tommy

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.

Codie

Benji

Remy

Florence

Attendance



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

Ladybirds - 97.39%

Butterfly - 97.83%

Dragonfly - 98.33%

Bumblebee - 91.30%

Year R - 97.39%

Year 1 - 94.10%

Year 2 - 98.06%

We had 4 children arrive late this week.

Whole School (this week only) - 96.24%

We had 85 children achieve 100% attendance this week and join our weekly disco!

Whole School (this year) - **97.15%** (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/>

We are a nut free school

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please do not send products containing nuts in packed lunch boxes. Unfortunately these products will have to remain unopened in lunch boxes if they are sent in.

**NO NUTS OR NUT
PRODUCTS ALLOWED
IN SCHOOL**



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 202 • 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.



Photo Shoot Raffle

Win one of **FIVE** fabulous Family Photoshoot Experiences!



Kindly donated by Images Unlimited, each prize includes a professional family photoshoot plus a beautiful 10" x 8" print of your favourite image. A wonderful opportunity to capture lasting memories, with each experience worth £170.

Five lucky winners will each receive one voucher!

Ditton Infants School's much loved Daily Mile track is in urgent need of repair at a cost of £20,000.

We're applying for grants and seeking local sponsorship, but now we are asking for the support of our amazing community to help make this happen.

A HUGE THANK YOU

to Images Unlimited for generously donating this incredible prize, and to everyone who buys a ticket. Every ticket sold brings us one step closer to giving our children a safe, active space to learn, play and thrive.

£2 PER TICKET or 7 FOR £10



Please make payment via PayPal (using the Friends & Family option) to dittoninfantsptfa@hotmail.co.uk by Friday 25th September 2026.



Please remember to include your name and mobile number in the notes.

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED Friday 2nd October

Thank you for your support!

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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

£6 PER SCARECROW

PAYMENT DEADLINE:

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER



TRAIL LISTS

£2 EACH

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!



**TICKETS
AVAILABLE
NOW!**

**AMAZING
LEGO DISPLAYS**

**NEW & RETIRED
LEGO SETS**

**BUILD
CHALLENGES**

**ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES**

**CHARITY
TOMBOLA**

**MILLIONS OF
LOOSE BRICKS**

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MUCH MORE!!**



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FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Light up Ditton

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

DITTON C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL



Tickets on sale now

zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/light-up-ditton

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