Ditton Infant School
Mrs Kreiselmeier's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd November - Start of Term 2
Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day
Friday 13th November – Children in Need non uniform day and RunPudsey, last day to return Elfridges forms
WC Monday 16th November – Antibullying week and Road Safety Week
Thursday 26th November – Flu Vaccinations
Friday 27th November - PTFA Christmas Jumper Swap and Treat Sale
Wednesday 9th December – Year R Nativity 9.30am and 2.30pm
Friday 11th December – Family Trust Panto
Tuesday 15th December – Rocksteady band performance invite only for parents of children in the band
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 - 141 reads this week

Butterfly Class – 77 reads this week

Dragonfly Class – 74 reads this week

Bumblebee Class – 78 reads this week

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.

William

Dhyaan

Lorenzo

Edie

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.

Aria

Evie

Oscar

Tommy

Attendance



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

Ladybird Class – 93.48%
Butterfly Class – 97.08%
Dragonfly Class – 97.39%
Bumblebee Class – 90.00%

Year R – 93.48%
Year 1 – 95.5%
Year 2 – 94.14%
We had 6 children arrive late this week.

Whole School (this week only) – 94.57%
We had 82 children achieve 100% attendance this week.

Whole School (this year) – 95.53% (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 have tried our best to match our staff development days to Ditton Junior School's. Unfortunately, there are some days that we haven't been able to match. A huge thank you to those families who did send their children to school on Monday even though the Junior School had a staff development day.

For future reference:

Ditton Infant School Closed	Ditton Junior School Closed
~~Tuesday 1st September – Staff development day~~	~~Tuesday 1st September – Staff development day~~
~~Wednesday 2nd September – Staff development day~~	~~Wednesday 2nd September – Staff development day~~
	~~Friday 25th September – Staff development day~~
~~Friday 23rd October – Staff development day~~	~~Friday 23rd October – Staff development day~~
	~~Monday 2nd November – Staff development day~~
Monday 4th January – Staff development day	Monday 4th January – Staff development day
	Friday 12th March – Trust Day
Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday
Monday 7th June – Staff development day	
	Friday 9th July – Staff development day

Rocksteady Music

The Rocksteady bands had their first band sessions on Tuesday. The children looked like they were having an amazing time! This is a paid club that happens during the school day. If you would like to sign your child up, please see the poster below.

Whilst there are still spaces Braden, the band leader, has suggested that different children each week can come along as a taster session. They won't be able to choose their instrument and will only be allowed to join for one week but it will be a fun session for them. We will aim for every child to have one turn over the next few terms or until all of the spaces are full.



Children in Need

Children in Need will take place next Friday 13th November and children are invited to wear non-uniform for a donation of £1.

We are also going to provide the opportunity for children to take part in Run Pudsey.

WHAT IS RUNPUDSEY?
RunPudsey is a sponsorship challenge which pupils can complete individually, together as a class or even as a whole school. Teachers set the challenge! The best thing about RunPudsey is you get to choose!
It doesn't matter what activity your pupils do to take part – they can run, cycle or another activity of their choice – as long as they are having fun and getting involved in fundraising!

We have decided to do a special Mile a Day. On Friday 13th November children can decide how they would like to complete their mile a day. They may bring in a scooter or bike from home, they may choose to use one of our scooters or bikes, they may want to walk, skip, jog or run. The choice is theirs and we are happy with whatever they choose. Please ensure that if you bring a bike or scooter than you also remember your helmet.

If your child takes part **and raises some sponsorship money** will be eligible for **a medal provided by Children in Need**. In order to receive a medal, you **must sign your child up** for the challenge and pay your sponsorship money online.

https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/ - Register to take part, sign up, register as a parent, unique school code - 5C57.

Every child will be able to take part in the special mile a day. However, Children in Need will not send medals for children who have not registered online and sent their sponsorship money online.

Christmas Celebrations

YrR will perform their Nativity on Wednesday 9th December at 9.30am and 2.30pm. Families are welcome to attend either or both performances.

The PTFA will be holding a Christmas Jumper Swap and Treat Sale on Friday 27th November (donations of jumpers by Friday 20th November).

On Tuesday 15th December the Rocksteady Bands will be performing to the rest of the school and their parents.

On Wednesday 16th December we will be having Christmas dinner and children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper for Christmas Jumper Day. At 2.30pm KS1 (Year 1 and 2) will be having their Christmas Carols celebration which families are welcome to attend. The PTFA will also be running a 'Merry Little Market' during this event.

Forms for Elfridges need to be returned by Friday 13th November.



Severe Weather

In the event of bad weather such as snow or high winds, it may be necessary to temporarily close the school or open a little later. If the weather causes concern overnight, please remember to check your emails or ClassDojo. Please avoid calling the school as this ties up the phone lines and slows down our ability to make any necessary changes for the day ahead. If the weather deteriorates during the school day, Parentmail will be used to convey any messages. Parentmail is a very useful tool for us when contacting parents via email or text. If you have not yet signed up, please consider this, as it enables us to pass on information to you more quickly.

You can also register for alerts regarding school closures via the website below
https://kentclosures.co.uk/

Telephone calls will be made to parents or emergency contacts, if necessary. No child will be allowed to leave the premises without an adult who is on the home time collection slip or has previously been agreed by the parent so please take a few minutes to review who you have named.

Clothing

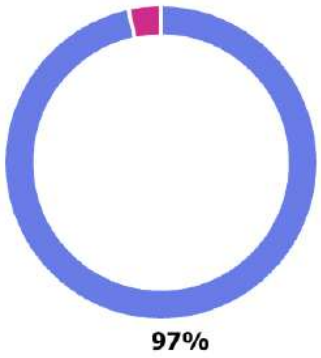
It is important now that winter weather has arrived that all children come to school with suitable outdoor clothing and appropriate footwear. All children need a warm waterproof coat, ideally with a hood, together with a hat, scarf and gloves on very cold days. Please make sure all items of winter clothes are clearly marked with your child's name.

Parent Questionnaire October 2026

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent questionnaire. Please see below for the results. I am very happy to meet with any parent who would like to discuss their answers with me in person.

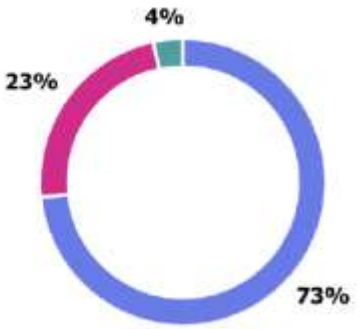
Would you recommend this school to another parent?

Yes	29
No	1



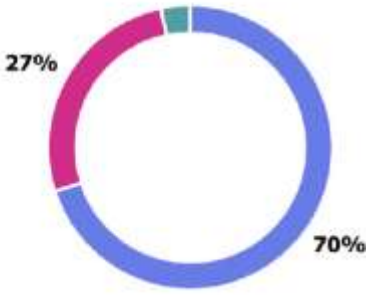
1. My child is happy at this school.

Strongly agree	22
Agree	7
Neither agree nor disagree	1
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



2. My child feels safe at this school.

Strongly agree	21
Agree	8
Neither agree nor disagree	1
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



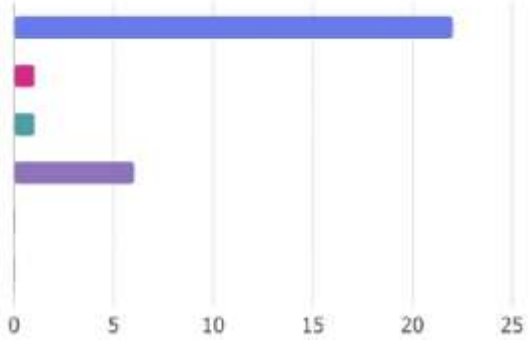
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved

Strongly agree	13
Agree	15
Neither agree nor disagree	2
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



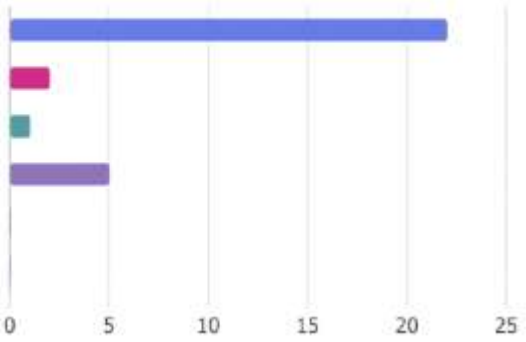
4. My child has been bullied at this school. When the bullying took place, the school dealt with it quickly and effectively.

NA My child has not been bullied at this school	22
Strongly agree	1
Agree	1
Neither agree nor disagree	6
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



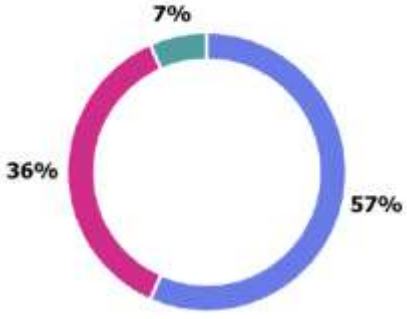
5. My child has special educational needs and/or disabilities. The school gives them the support they need to achieve.

NA My child does not have special educational needs and/or disabilities	22
Strongly agree	2
Agree	1
Neither agree nor disagree	5
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0

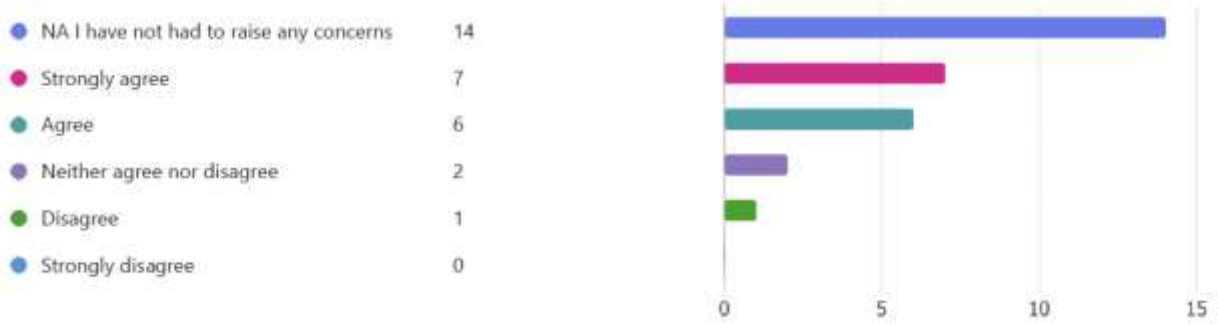


6. The school communicates well with me about the things I need to know.

Strongly agree	17
Agree	11
Neither agree nor disagree	2
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



7. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.



8. When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart.



9. The school gives my child the right support to enable them to learn well.



Very happy with the school. My child seems happy and safe and is learning well.

Very well organised and well run school. It is a calm but playful atmosphere and children have a lovely time at the school.

My child loves attending school and enjoys the activities they participate in. As a parent, I feel that the school keeps me well-informed about what is happening in school and if I want to know more they are happy and confident to answer me.

My daughter is coming on amazing I'm so proud of her and that's all down to her wonderful teachers.

I find the school to be nurturing and my son has grown in so much confidence since being there.

My son loves going into school and while supporting with the Halloween disco it was so lovely to see how much the teachers all clearly care about the children. It really shows with the time they take to get down to there level, the holding hands and supporting the ones that needed it. A very special school xx

My son enjoys coming to school everyday I am extremely happy with all aspects of his school life. I feel he is given the support he needs and the staff go above and beyond to make sure he receives the best start in his education.

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.



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.

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at
kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023**, Transferring to Primary school in **September 2027**

NHS Workshops

NHS
Kent and Medway
Mental Health
NHS Trust

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

Dear families,

As the term moves towards Christmas, here's a round-up of what's happening at Maidstone Museum, including exhibitions that work well for class visits and family events you may want to share with your school community.

Exhibitions

· Hiroshige's Tōkaidō: A Japanese Journey opens on 14 November. Follow the famous Japanese woodblock prints along the Tōkaidō road, with plenty to spark art, history and geography work. Make your own Japanese print to take home with you!.

Family events

· Stories & Rhymes: Wednesday 4 November and Wednesday 2 December, 10.30am to 11.30am. Book at reception.

· Dungeons & Dragons Taster Session: Saturday 7 November, 11am to 3pm.

· Christmas Craft Market: Saturday 5 December, 10am to 3pm.

· Father Christmas' Fireplace: 5 to 19 December. Full listings are at https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/events/.



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Christmas Market

5 December 2026
10am to 3pm

Find something special this Christmas

Browse over 40 stalls showcasing independent makers, with gifts, food, fashion, jewellery, home décor and more.

bit.ly/christmas-craft-market-2026

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A Postbox Full of Imagination competition



Blustery weekend ahead? Grab the crayons! Royal Mail is celebrating 100 years of Disney Winnie the Pooh with a free-to-enter creative competition for children aged 11 and under.

From colourful drawings and poems to brand-new adventures in the Hundred Acre Wood, children can let their imagination lead the way and create a piece that will fit in an envelope. Every eligible entry could be in with the chance to win 1 of 3 Disney Winnie the Pooh stamps and collectibles prize bundles.

To enter, add your child's first name and age, along with the contact details of a parent, guardian, teacher or authorised adult. Post the entry to **FREEPOST WINNIE THE POOH COMPETITION** by 30 November 2026. No stamp is needed.

Ready to take part? Download the entry guide, get creating and send your child's entry in the post. Find out more and read full T&Cs:
https://www.royalmail.com/sending/stamps/imagination

© Disney. Based on the 'Winnie the Pooh' works by A.A. Milne and E.H. Shepard.

Sheridan Myers - School meal transport vacancy



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