

# Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

## Newsletter – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025



*'I pray that your love for each other will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.'* Philippians 1:9

Dear parents and carers,

As another year comes to a close and we prepare to say goodbye to some of our children, it provides an opportunity to reflect and consider all the wonderful achievements since September. These could not have happened without the dedication of our staffing team, to nourish each and every one of our school community, in a variety of ways that enables us all to flourish here, and for that I am very grateful. I would like to thank our governing body for their tireless support and also to you, our parents; we are all so lucky here at Dry Drayton!

As I said at the leavers' service in church this morning, what a terrific group of year 6 leaders we have had this year, many of whom have been with us since reception. We have all loved watching you mature into the responsible, considerate and determined young people that you are today. Thank you for being such excellent role models to the whole school. You have an exciting and bright future ahead of you, so go out there, with your heads held high and make the most of every opportunity you can find. Good bye and good luck!

Sadly, we have also had to say goodbye to Antonio who has moved to Lake Como in Italy, Daisy whose family is relocating to Jersey, Jason because his father has been stationed to Wyton and Elizabeth and Victoria since there are now spaces for them at their local primary in Bar Hill. We have thoroughly enjoyed having all of you in our school. You, too, should be proud of all of your achievements and go forth to enjoy new opportunities.

Please do take the time to read this newsletter, to see more of our recent achievements, most notably, the year 5 and 6 enterprising £5 challenge whose enterprising business plans and impressive selling raised a combined, considerable sum of money for their various charities.

Thank you to all the year 6 for leading Celebration Collective Worship this year. It has been marvellous to see your confidence grow in front of our eyes, literally, with Leon and Chris the week before last and then our final CW of the year, lead so calmly by Michael with a multitude of certificates to award, and supported so ably by Raphael.

I hope you all have a well earned rest over the summer break, enjoy family time and catching up with friends too. Let's hope the sun returns! We look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Happy holidays from all the staff!  
Best wishes,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



### **St Julian class**

#### **Reception-**

I have had an amazing year in reception with the most wonderful class. The children are all so kind, caring and eager learners and it has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of the beginning of their journey in school. I can't wait to see how much they've grown in September. Thankfully, as we're a small school I still get to be a part of their lives. Thank you so much for all your kind cards and gifts. Mrs Spink

**Year 1/2** –What a fantastic hard working academic year we have had. The children have all done themselves proud by working very hard and challenging themselves in numerous of ways. We have had many highlights this year some of my favourite highlights have been the Nativity, the castle school trip, their English stories and their magnificent art work.

Have a lovely, restful and adventurous summer break. Mrs Scarrow



### **St Etheldreda class**

Well done to all the children on a super year's work. They have been a fantastic class and there have been so many personal and whole class successes over the year. I am sure there were many very proud families when reading the end of year reports, they were a pleasure to write. Thank you too to all parents and carers for the support you have provided over the year. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and come back

fully re-charged in September.



### **St Edmund class**

St Edmunds have had a wonderful last few weeks of school, following on from their excellent Treasure Island show, they have raised their game one last time for the £5 challenge! Wow. What excellent team work, organisation and creativity! We very well may be

looking at young entrepreneurs of the future... They all raised significant amounts for charity or school supplies. We have had thanks from Addenbrooke's, Cancer Research and British Heart Foundation amongst others and welcome the contributions other groups have chosen to make to school art supplies and sports equipment.

We thank you for all your support in this project and wish you a wonderful summer. Mrs Dunlop, Miss Hampton and myself are really looking forward to teaching St Edmunds next year.

*Mrs Fairbairn*



### **Summer reading Challenge**

As always, we would love it if the children were to have a go at the annual Summer reading Challenge. This year's theme is Story Garden-adventures in nature and the great outdoors.

Please see the link below for details, or alternatively visit a local library to find out more.

We look forward to hearing about the children's summer reading achievements and will celebrate them in a Friday celebration collective worship in early September.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library/children-and-young-people-in-libraries/summer-reading-challenge>

## Spelling Bee

Well done to Alice L, Benjamin, Darya and Michael, who represented Dry Drayton at the CB23 Spelling Bee competition. They did a fabulous job, coming second overall.



## Parenting Children Course

### 💡 *Ever wished kids came with a manual?*

This autumn you are invited to join **The Parenting Children Course**. Over six relaxed Wednesday evenings (complete with tea, coffee, and delicious bakes!), we'll explore how to strengthen family relationships and support each other through the ups and downs of raising children.

📅 **When?** Six Wednesday evenings, October 1 – November 12 (excluding half-term)

🕒 **Time?** 7:30–9:30pm

📍 **Where?** Dry Drayton Primary School Hall

👤 **Who?** Anyone in Dry Drayton (village or school) with responsibility for raising children

*Content covered includes: connecting with your kids, meeting your children's needs (loving them well), setting clear boundaries, teaching healthy relationships, considering your long-term aim, and a Q&A with an experienced panel!*

📌 **Full details and registration info available in September — so for now, pop it in your diary and save the date!**

## Sports Day

We had a wonderful sports day! The children cheered for each other, as well as showing amazing sportsmanship and teamwork. A big thank you to Mrs Scarrow for organising a wonderful event for us.

**Congratulations to team Simmonds for a well deserved win.**





### Autumn Term PE Lessons

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on their class designated PE day/s. Thank you

	PE Autumn term 1	PE Autumn term 2
Reception	<b>Thursday-</b> Balance ability (we have enough balance bikes and helmets for all the children. If you would like to bring your own helmets, you are more than welcome to)	<b>Thursday-</b> Gymnastics
Year 1/2	<b>Thursday-</b> listening skills games <b>Friday-</b> OAA (teamwork)	<b>Thursday-</b> Gymnastics <b>Friday-</b> Fundamentals
Year 3/4	<b>Wednesday-</b> Football (shin pads required) <b>Thursday-</b> Netball	<b>Wednesday-</b> Tag rugby <b>Thursday-</b> Gymnastics
Year 5/6	<b>Wednesday-</b> Football (shin pads required) <b>Thursday-</b> Netball	<b>Wednesday-</b> Tag rugby <b>Thursday-</b> Gymnastics

## School Lunches

The price for a paid school lunch will unfortunately need to rise to £2.50 a day from September. We are still priced below many other local primary schools and sure you agree that Mrs King's lunches are worth every penny.

Please see the new menu for September on the school website [here](#)

## Autumn term clubs

Please see the table below for planned school-run clubs. All these clubs run from 3.20-4.20pm. **Please make a note of the dates each club is running, as they do vary.**

Booking will be available on MCAS before the start of the Autumn term. Reception children will be offered the opportunity to book school clubs when they have settled into school life and their teacher agrees that they are ready. After school wrap-around-care will continue to be offered in the Little Owl room for all pupils.

Code Club – We are reviewing the way children sign up for Code Club. Further information will be sent regarding this separately.

Day	Club	Adult	Cost (per term)	Dates
Monday	Cooking Club (priority given to KS2)	Mrs King, Mrs Arnold, Miss Wright	£70	8 <sup>th</sup> September-15 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday	Sports Multi-Skills Club (years R-2)	Sports coach	£66.50	8 <sup>th</sup> September-15 <sup>th</sup> December
Tuesday	Science Club (years 1-2)	Mrs Sweetnam	£66.50	9 <sup>th</sup> September-16 <sup>th</sup> December
Tuesday	Multi-Sports Club (years 3-6)	Sports coach	£66.50	9 <sup>th</sup> September-16 <sup>th</sup> December
Wednesday	Craft Club	Mrs Sweetnam	£66.50	10 <sup>th</sup> September-17 <sup>th</sup> December
Wednesday	Code Club (years 5-6)	Claire Shih		10 <sup>th</sup> September-17 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club (years 2-6)	Mrs Pergande Vincent	£66.50	11 <sup>th</sup> September-18 <sup>th</sup> December
Thursday	Football Club (years 3-6)	Sports coach	£71.25	4 <sup>th</sup> September-18 <sup>th</sup> December
Friday	Gymnastics Club	Sports coach	£71.25	5 <sup>th</sup> September-19 <sup>th</sup> December



## Fundraising committee update: Get Your Lead On

Please raise money for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity!

This September, dog owners can walk 90km to help those who need end of life care.

The perfect source of exercise! The perfect way to raise money!

We are encouraging people to do it because we have already fundraised for Arthur Rank.

## Forest School Autumn 2025



Forest School sessions take place every week. Please ensure that your child always has their Forest School Gear at school which is a pair of wellies plus a waterproof jacket and trousers (or an all in one). Remember, it's never the wrong weather, it's the wrong clothes, so please don't let your child miss out. We have some second-hand wellies in school if you need to borrow them, so do ask in the office. We are happy to have any outgrown waterproofs

for our spares. PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHES AND SHOES.

**Infants – Mondays** (No need to wear PE kit. School uniform, plus Forest School gear will be fine.)

**KS2 – Wednesdays** This year KS2 will have either half a term of Forest School or of DT, they will then swap for the following half term.

In addition to these, each year group will have a whole afternoon of Forest School on a **Friday, dates to follow**. Please send your child to school in PE kit including their PE sweatshirt (and not a hoodie).

### **Safeguarding at Dry Drayton C of E Primary School**

Mrs Sonia Hegan, Mrs Nicole Spink and Mrs Fiona Sweetnam are the designated safeguarding leads at  
Dry Drayton C of E Primary School.

If you have a concern about a child, please inform **any** member of staff.

If you think a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/>

## Church update



### **Forest Church**

Forest Church takes place on the fourth Sunday of the month, 3-4pm in the Churchyard. The next Forest Church will be Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July.



St Peter and St Paul's Dry Drayton  
*A small church with a big heart*

Forest Church is a service for all ages, and everyone is welcome! There will be a bible story, songs and craft, with lots of space to run about, explore nature and make noise during this short, informal service. The service meets outdoors whatever the weather so do please come prepared and wrapped up warm!

## Celebration Collective Worship

### **18<sup>th</sup> July**

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Sammy, John-Thomas, Jamie and Laura.

Grace, Sammy, Benedict and Jamie were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Gian for achieving his **Silver** certificate for 200 house points and to Grace for achieving her **Gold** certificate for 300 house points.



## End of term awards

Courtesy Cup – Buddy, PE Award – Annabel, Science Award – Erica, Art Award- Daria, Forest School Award – Ian and Chris, DT Award – Gucio, ICT Award – Benjamin

Handwriting Awards – Raphael, Ivy, Lola, Benedict, Isabella, Sammy, Charlie

### **House Points**



#### **Totals on 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Ennis - 226   Farah - 245   Simmonds - 132   Wiggins - 234

#### **Totals for the term**

Ennis - 1638   Farah - 1085   Simmonds - 1215   Wiggins - 1725

#### **Totals for the year**

Ennis - 4,240   Farah – 4,358   Simmonds – 3,200   Wiggins - 4,446- well done!

**Proposed Diary Dates** New dates added in red.

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Staff training days
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return to school

Don't forget full term dates, curriculum information, photo gallery and lots more can be found on our website: [www.drydraytonprimarieschool.co.uk](http://www.drydraytonprimarieschool.co.uk)

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Do you know anyone studying for their Maths GCSE exam in 2026? Local resident and maths teacher Tasha, will be running a small tuition group here at Dry Drayton School, starting in September on a Tuesday evening. Please pass this advert onto any student that may be interested in the extra support that she offers. All money raised is donated to our school.