

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

Newsletter – 30th June 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,

Well done to our Celebration Collective Worship leaders (20th June – Buddy with James, 27th June – James with Ian). There are been many visitors in school over the last couple of Fridays which didn't phase the leaders one bit!

What a busy fortnight it has been. We certainly know that summer is upon us and we are enjoying this glorious weather. Please don't forget to send your child to school with a hat, suncream and a water bottle. Today everyone played in the shade where a gentle breeze kept the children a little cooler.

Please read on in the newsletter for reports on recent events – the wonderful Feast Week Summer Music Concert held in the church. Children gave confident performances on their instruments or sang to Mrs Vincent's piano accompaniment. The choir sang and then the whole school entertained us with Somewhere over the rainbow – beautiful! Huge thanks to Mrs Vincent for preparing everyone for this performance.

The Summer Sizzler was a roaring success on Friday night. It was great to see so many familiar faces of present and former pupils and their families. The week's entertainment continued with music – drumming and singing and many stalls and attractions, including Mrs Scott on the bottle stall! Well done and thank you to everyone who gave up their time to make it a brilliant event.

Staff have been very busy over the last week or so, preparing for our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection. As with OFSTED, the report takes several weeks to be prepared, but I can tell you that Mr Trafford thought the children's behaviour was exemplary and their singing was joyous! He really appreciated the warm welcome he was given Tuesday morning on the playground.

It doesn't stop here! KS2 are deep into their rehearsals for Treasure Island and everyone is practising for Sports Day (please note that we may have to hold this in the morning if this heat continues).

Please keep up with regular reading and any homework menu projects. We look forward to seeing them.

Keep safe in this heat!

Kind regards,
Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



St Julian class

Reception: I can't believe we are approaching the end of the first year of school already. This past couple of very hot weeks, we have spent a lot of time exploring the outdoors, enjoying the water activities and shady sandpit. In English, we have been reading 'Owl Babies'. We have also had RSE week, where we learnt about how we have grown up since we were babies and how to keep ourselves clean. In maths, we have been working hard on our number formation.

Year 1/2: The children have worked really hard this past couple of weeks. We are using 'The Tadpole's Promise' as a 'hook' into our different curriculum areas. In English, we are currently writing setting descriptions whilst looking at sentence openers, in art the children have drawn amazing frogs and in science we have been looking at what humans and others eat as a healthy diet.

For the rest of the term we are going to be very busy completing all of our curriculum units. In maths, the Year 1 children will be looking at the value of money and in Year 2 they will be consolidating all their learning over the year.



St Etheldreda class

Well done to all the children on all their help with the preparations for the Summer Sizzler, and a big thanks to those who helped on the stall on the evening. Lots of cuddly toys have found new homes via the very successful cuddly toy tombola, the children made some stunning tie dye bags (thank you Miss Corr!) and they wrapped and decorated mystery books with clues.

This week we will be largely practising for the play. In terms of costumes, please could Year 3 wear all black/brown or grey and Year 4 a plain t-shirt of any colour and dark coloured shorts or raggedy trousers. Year 4s could also have a bandana or eye patch if you already have one, but as usual, please don't buy anything specific. We have a few bits in school which we will use to embellish costumes where needed. All the children who have lines need to be sure they keep practising at home and learn their lines by heart. The singing is coming along beautifully, but please do encourage your child to keep practising so that they know all the songs well and by heart. There will be no more comprehension homework this term, but please keep up with daily reading at home.



St Edmund class

There are some super fun and frenetic weeks in the lead up to the end of term for Year 5/6. Thank you to everyone who provided delicious cakes and cookies for our cake stall at the Summer Sizzler.

At the moment we are busy with RSE and planning for the £5 project in small groups. Further information for parents on this will be coming out today. There is plenty of play practice going on ... please start hunting out your costumes – homemade is fine! Scripts will no longer be allowed from Wednesday!

Last Tuesday was move up day for Year 5, who did Drama games and Yoga with Mrs Dunlop and Mrs Fairbairn. Year 6 are looking forward to their transition days to the secondary schools over the coming weeks.

There will be no more comprehension homework this school year. Instead, the children have been asked to complete two tasks from the [homework menu](#) and bring these into school before the end of term. I really look forward to seeing them.

CB23 Humanities Quiz



On Tuesday 17th June, six of our Year 5/6 children went to Bourn CE Primary Academy to take part in the Network CB23 Humanities Quiz. The quiz was made up of nine rounds: world religions, water, leaders, game changers, current affairs, Greeks and Romans, capital cities, who's who? and where on earth? Our team performed brilliantly against the eight other teams, coming joint second by just one point! Well done to Benjamin, Fergal, Jack, Laura, Leon, Michael and thank you to the parents who helped out with transport.

Girls Football Festival

On Wednesday 18th June, we took a team to take part in a Girls Football Festival Tournament at Melbourne Village College. The girls had fun representing Wales in a mini Euro cup festival. They played well as a team and showed amazing team spirit in the heat. They even created their own cheer, which they demonstrated enthusiastically in Celebration Collective Worship. Well done Darya, Emma, Kira Lily, Lola, Luna, Mia, Paige, and Ruby! Thank you to parents who helped with transport and supervision.



Belated Fathers' Day Celebration

It was lovely to welcome so many dads (and dad stand-ins) into school on Friday 20th June for a breakfast bap as part of our belated Fathers' Day celebrations. During our special Celebration Collective Worship, each year group gave a short performance for their dads. Thank you to Mrs King, Ms Arnold and Mrs Sweetnam for working so hard in the kitchen to provide the breakfast baps!





Fun Run

Well done to all children and parents who took part in the S&VA fun run on Tuesday – there were 102 participants. Well done to Jack, who crossed the finish line first with a time of 9 minutes 48 seconds. What a fantastic time!

Summer Music Concert

Last Thursday we were treated to a delightful summer music concert as part of Feast Week. There were some excellent performances on a variety of instruments plus singing from individual children, the choir and whole school. Well done to all the children; it was wonderful to come together to enjoy the talent in our school and thank you to everyone who came along to enjoy the concert and support them. Thank you to the church for hosting us! We love performing in St Peter and St Paul and especially when the weather is so warm!

There are clips from the afternoon on Seesaw and we are looking at having these on our website too.

Summer Sizzler

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Summer Sizzler on Friday. It was such a lovely evening, ending with an energetic performance from Arco Iris Community Samba Band followed by local band Kiss the Duck. Thank you to everyone for selling raffle tickets and to everyone who helped out on the evening manning the stalls, and of course to Ms Arnold for pulling the whole thing together. We think the event will have raised around £1,700, which will go towards updating the IT equipment for the children.





Trim Trail

The county council have issued a press release about our lovely trim trail – you can read it here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/new-sustainable-trim-trail-installed-at-dry-drayton-school>.

Unfortunately the monkey bars and slide will remain closed on the school trim trail, whilst we get advice from the manufacturer about how to remove broken glass from the safe surface.

Forest School Summer 2025



Forest School sessions take place every week on the following days. 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 – Tuesdays 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 the following **Wednesdays**. Please send your child to school in PE kit including their PE sweatshirt (and not a hoodie).

Date	Year Group
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 3/4 – Oaks
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 3/4 – Chestnuts
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 2
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 1
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last day – no Forest School

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 27th 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!

Online safety tip of the week: mobile phones

How to start a conversation with your child about using a mobile phone safely: What would you do if something worrying or upsetting happened on your phone?

You can ask them about the places they can go to find the safety advice, find out what they know about privacy settings, and ask them how to report or block on the services they use.

Find more online safety tips here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Celebration Collective Worship

20th June

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Clover, Gucio, Maxwell, Leon.

Clover, Fletch, Antonio and Darya were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Halle and John-Thomas for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points, to Lily for achieving her **Gold** certificate for 300 house points and to Melammu for achieving his **Platinum** certificate for 400 house points.









27th June

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Jonah, Jamie and Ivy.

Alex, Harry, Cameron and Millie were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Jacob for achieving his Bronze certificate for 100 house points, to Aria, Erica, Ivy and Joshua P for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points and to Daria and Robin for achieving their **Gold** certificate for 300 house points.

House Points	
	
	
Totals for w/c 16th June	
Ennis - 203 Farah - 161 Simmonds - 130 Wiggins - 137	
Totals for last week	
Ennis - 64 Farah - 69 Simmonds - 57 Wiggins - 82	
Totals for the year so far	
Ennis - 3,845 Farah - 4,012 Simmonds - 3,108 Wiggins - 4,007	

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

Wednesday 9 th July	KS2 Production – 9.15am
Thursday 10 th July	KS2 Production – 2.00 pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Sports Day – gates open from 1.10pm on the school field, but may be moved to the morning if this heat continues
Tuesday 22 nd July	Forest School fun morning and picnic – whole school
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers service in the church – all welcome – 9.00am Year 6 Leavers Assembly in the hall – all welcome – 2.00pm End of term
Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September	Staff training days
Wednesday 3rd 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.drydraytonprimaryschool.co.uk

School Clubs – Summer term

Day	Club	Adult	Cost (per term)	Dates
Monday	Cooking Club (years 2-6 but priority given to KS2)	Mrs King, Mrs Arnold, Miss Wright	£52.25	28 th April-21 st July
Monday	Sports Multi-Skills Club (years R-2)	JS Sports coach	£52.25	28 th April-21 st July
Tuesday	Science Club (years R-2)	Mrs Sweetnam	£49.50	29 th April – 22 nd July
Tuesday	Multi-Sports Club (years 3-6)	JS Sports coach	£52.75	29 th April – 22 nd July
Wednesday	Craft Club (years R-6)	Mrs Sweetnam	£45	30 th April – 16 th July
Wednesday	Code Club (years 5-6) FULLY BOOKED for 24/25	Claire Shih		30 th April – 16 th July
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club (years 1-6)	Mrs Vincent	£49.50	24 th April – 17 th July
Thursday	Football Club (years 3-6)	JS Sports coach	£52.75	24 th April – 17 th July
Friday	Gymnastics Club (years R-6)	JS Sports coach	£52.75	25 th April – 18 th July

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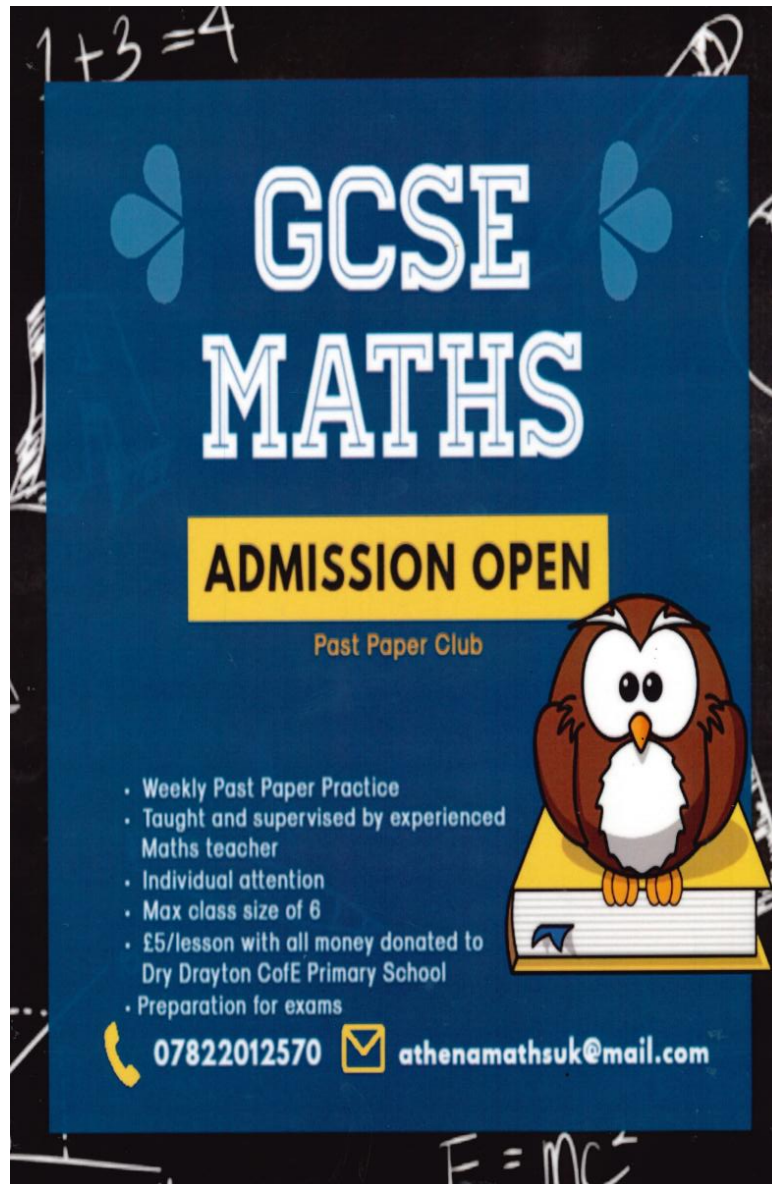
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Do you know anyone studying for their Maths GCSE exam in 2026? Local resident and maths teacher Tasha, will be running a small tuition group here at Dry Drayton School, starting in September on a Tuesday evening. Please pass this advert onto any student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



The poster features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. At the top, the equation $1+3=4$ is written in white. The main title 'GCSE MATHS' is in large, white, outlined letters. Below it, 'ADMISSION OPEN' is written in black on a yellow rectangular background. Underneath, 'Past Paper Club' is written in orange. A cartoon owl with brown feathers and a white belly is perched on a yellow book. To the left of the owl, a list of bullet points describes the club's activities. At the bottom, contact information is provided, including a phone number and an email address, each preceded by a yellow icon (a telephone handset and an envelope). The equation $E=mc^2$ is written in white at the bottom right of the poster.

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