

# Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

## End of spring term newsletter – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 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,

I cannot quite believe that we are approaching the end of the first summer half term! It's been sunny and short but full of such determination and hard work, especially in Year 6 who have taken all of their KS2 SATs papers and then this week, with Year 2 focusing hard each day on their assessments. Well done to everyone, we could not have asked for more as you gave the papers your all. We are very proud of you.

Year 6 were in early every morning last week for a special, pre-SATs breakfast, and they celebrated having finished by making their own pizza for lunch.

Thank you to the rest of the school for working so quietly to enable the children to concentrate and do their best.

Congratulations to the Collective Worship leaders over the last three weeks. (9<sup>th</sup> May: Raphael with Buddy, 16<sup>th</sup> May: Ian with Michael, 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Chris with Erica). There are many things to remember when standing out there at the front of the hall, but you all led the CW beautifully, thank you.

The whole school marked VE Day with an afternoon of special lessons – see the article below.



Annabel, Jack, Darya and Joshua represented the school at the sustainable Schools conference at ARU Peterborough earlier this week. It was a very interesting and inspiring day for us to find projects which we can bring back to school to help us to look after this precious world of ours. Look out for 'Eco Spots' around the place and we will be carrying out an audit of water usage throughout school. Following that, the children will be advising the whole school how we can use less water and these messages will be sent home too. Keep an eye out for them! We will also be considering how we can collect water for our gardening projects, so if you have any spare plastic guttering or a water butt you no longer use, we will gladly take them off your hands.

I wish you all a very happy half term break.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



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## **St Julian class**

### **Reception (and year 1)**

This past few weeks we have had the Y1 children join us in Reception so the Y2s can concentrate on their SATs. We have had a wonderful time reading the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and thinking about which adjectives we could use to up level the sentences. We have written our own stories 'The Very Hungry Tadpole' – I'm sure you can guess what happens at the end of these stories! In Maths, Reception have been learning how to add numbers to 5 using the '5 and a bit' method. Year ones have been working hard learning fractions, half and quarter. It would be great if you could continue this learning at home... food is great for fractions! Have a fantastic half term break.

### **Year 1/2**

The year 2 children should be highly commended for their attitude and hard work in their SATs tests this week. They have all made fantastic progress over the academic year and this week showcased all this hard work. You should all be very proud of them. After half term the year 1s will rejoin us and we will be looking at a variety of areas of the curriculum using our 'new life' topic. In English we will be writing instructions and reading Tadpole's promise, in Science they will be carrying on working on their experiments linked to their topic. Have a lovely restful and, fingers crossed, dry half term.



## **St Etheldreda class**

It has been a short half term but the children have been busy. They have finished writing their dilemma stories and have made a start at looking at writing some poetry based on song lyrics and the natural world. We grabbed a sunny moment and went outside to gather some ideas. The children came up with some fantastic words and phrases to share with each other and begin to use as ideas for their writing.



In maths we have finished working on fraction and have moved on to work on measure. We have looked at mass and capacity and are now working on time. Time is an area many children find tricky, and it is another area in which practise at home can really help. If possible, please use a bit of time over half term to encourage your child to practise telling the time on analogue and digital clocks, and also use the time in practical ways such as timing things when cooking, looking at the time to see when you need to set off for an outing and so on.

We have made a start at preparing for the summer school play this week. This year we will be putting on a musical version of Treasure Island. St Etheldreda will mainly be singing, although there will be some speaking parts for year 4s who would like one. The children will have brought home the song lyrics today.

Please can they make a start at practising these. The sound tracks to accompany the songs are available on you tube (with adverts):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GWhC3F5N\\_I&list=OLAK5uy\\_nntTb1fU4pE7IFyHErTMVjtuqcQpIPpR\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GWhC3F5N_I&list=OLAK5uy_nntTb1fU4pE7IFyHErTMVjtuqcQpIPpR_Y)

There is also a playlist on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/album/4i4928qwyXKuaQBluaqwmS>

### **Cuddly Toy Appeal!**

**For the summer sizzler, St Etheldreda will be running a cuddly toy tombola. With this in mind, please could the children have a sort out over the half term and maybe bring one or two cuddly toys in to donate to the stall. Donations can be left at the school office.**



#### St Edmund class

It has been a short but busy half term. Year 6 have completed their SATs and are looking forward to the rest of the term. They have started working on designing a theme park in maths; they thought that it was going to be easy but are getting to grips with the costs of creating a theme park, designing the layout and including all the facilities that visitors would need. This will continue alongside our maths curriculum. In maths we are concluding our work on ratio. The children are finishing writing persuasive letters to a footballer to ask him to support an initiative to bring an end to the use of child labour in the clothing industry.

We have made a start at preparing for the summer school play this week. This year we will be putting on a musical version of Treasure Island. Every child in St Edmund class has a speaking role which they need to start learning over half term. They will have brought home the scripts and song lyrics today. Please can they make a start at practising these. The sound tracks to accompany the songs are available on you tube (with adverts):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GWhC3F5N\\_I&list=OLAK5uy\\_nntTb1fU4pE7IFyHErTMVjtuqcQpIPpR\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GWhC3F5N_I&list=OLAK5uy_nntTb1fU4pE7IFyHErTMVjtuqcQpIPpR_Y)

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### **Cake Appeal!**

**For the summer sizzler, St Edmund will be running a cake stall. We will be needing lots of cakes to sell please.**

### **Shavuot Day**



We will be having our termly special RE enrichment day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. (The first day after half term). We will be focussing on Judaism and specifically the festival of Shavuot. We have arranged a local Rabbi to come to help us learn about the festival and she has suggested that children might like to bring in a plant, some flowers or small branches to decorate the classrooms. Any plants in pots will be returned at the end of the day (please label with child's name), and we will do our best to also return any flowers or branches (although this may be more tricky depending on what we do with them!)

## DT Update

On Tuesday 10th June, KS1 will be having a DT day with Mrs Dunlop. Please could you bring in any of the following junk modelling items after half term so we can use them for our project: small cardboard boxes such as cereal boxes or tissue boxes, yogurt pots, cardboard tubes, small plastic bottles. Many thanks.



## Tennis festival

Last Thursday, six of our Year 3/4s took part in a Tennis Festival at Cambourne Tennis Club. The festival involved eight different activities and the children all did very well, getting a mention for the Kindest School Award. Well done to Albie, Cameron, Emma, Gian, Mia and Paige!

## VE Day

On 8<sup>th</sup> May the school marked VE Day with some special activities for the children. As well as learning what VE Day is all about, the children took part in some 1940s outdoor games, learning some WW2 VE Day songs and enjoyed Mrs King's spotted dick at lunchtime.





### New lunch menu

The updated menu for the first half of the summer term is available on the [website](#) and on the MCAS app, and is also sent along with this newsletter. As always, Mrs King has asked the Year 6s to choose some of their favourites for their last half term. Please note that there will be a reduced menu 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June due to the KS2 residential. **Please book any lunches via MCAS** – if you have any problems with booking your lunches, please let the school office know.

### Movie night

The movie night raised a total of £95, which will be spent on some new AR reading books. It was a fun evening. Thank you to the fundraising team for organising it and to who attended.



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### Summer Sizzler – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

We are in the process of planning our major summer event for the whole family, please get involved if you can. We are looking for prizes for our main raffle – if the company you work for might be able to donate a prize, or you have any ideas of businesses we could approach for prizes, please let us know in the office. Let's make this a fabulous family event!

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

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

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

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

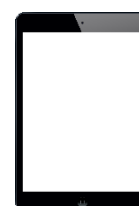
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/>

### Online safety tip of the week: tablets

How to start a conversation with your child about using a tablet safely: What do you like about using your tablet?

You can ask your child about their favourite websites to visit, what they like using their tablet for, or you can ask them to show you how to play or use their favourite game or website.

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



## Church update



### **Forest Church**

Forest Church takes place on the fourth Sunday of the month, 3-4pm in the Churchyard and so it is happening this coming Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

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!



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## 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).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 Residential – no Forest School
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3/4 – Oaks
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 3/4 – Chestnuts
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day – no Forest School

## Celebration Collective Worship

9<sup>th</sup> May

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Joshua, Jamie and Chris.

Daria, Halle, Alice L and Ivy were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Albie and Victoria for achieving their **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points and to Daisy, Edward, Harry, Jonah and Vlad for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.



16<sup>th</sup> May

Headteacher Awards were awarded to all Grace, Albie, and all of Year 6.

Well done to Ethan, Fletch, Joshua and Laura for achieving their **Silver** certificates for 200 house points and to Fergal for achieving his **Gold** certificates for 300 house points.




Charlie, Vlad, Buddy and James were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

23<sup>rd</sup> May

Headteacher Awards were awarded to all of Year 2, Melammu and Victoria.

Adele, Gucio, Benedict and Ian were chosen to sit on the **golden table** after half term next week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Charlie, Clover, Lucas and Marnie for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points and to Isla and Reuben for achieving their **Gold** certificate for 300 house points.

		<b>House Points</b>							
<b>Totals for w/c 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>									
Ennis - 152		Farah - 102		Simmonds - 97		Wiggins - 187			
<b>Totals for last week</b>									
Ennis - 171		Farah - 121		Simmonds - 162		Wiggins - 191			
<b>Totals for this week</b>									
Ennis - 192		Farah - 131		Simmonds - 117		Wiggins - 231			
<b>Totals for the year so far</b>									
Ennis - 3,443		Farah - 3,685		Simmonds - 2,829		Wiggins - 3,788			

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

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Shavuot Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	QuadKids Festival, Wilberforce Road
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 residential trip to the Chellington Centre, Bedford
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Girls Football Tournament – years 3 & 4
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Belated Father’s Day celebration – breakfast butties from 8.30am. Bring your Dad or stand-in Dad to breakfast before a special Celebration Collective Worship Non-school uniform day – bring a bottle for the Summer Sizzler as “payment”
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Dry Drayton Feast Week
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	S&VA Fun Run from the school field – 6.00pm
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Music Concert – 1.45pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Sizzler on the school field from 5.00pm – volunteers wanted!
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production – 9.15am
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production – 2.00 pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – PM on the school field
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Forest School fun morning and picnic – whole school
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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

*Don't forget full term dates, curriculum information, photo gallery and lots more can be found on our website: [www.drydraytonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://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 <sup>th</sup> April-21 <sup>st</sup> July
Monday	Sports Multi-Skills Club (years R-2)	JS Sports coach	£52.25	28 <sup>th</sup> April-21 <sup>st</sup> July
Tuesday	Science Club (years R-2)	Mrs Sweetnam	£49.50	29 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Tuesday	Multi-Sports Club (years 3-6)	JS Sports coach	£52.75	29 <sup>th</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Wednesday	Craft Club (years R-6)	Mrs Sweetnam	£45	30 <sup>th</sup> April – 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Wednesday	Code Club (years 5-6) FULLY BOOKED for 24/25	Claire Shih		30 <sup>th</sup> April – 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club (years 1-6)	Mrs Vincent	£49.50	24 <sup>th</sup> April – 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Thursday	Football Club (years 3-6)	JS Sports coach	£52.75	24 <sup>th</sup> April – 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Friday	Gymnastics Club (years R-6)	JS Sports coach	£52.75	25 <sup>th</sup> April – 18 <sup>th</sup> July

**Please note there will be no after-school clubs from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June, due to the KS2 residential trip. Cookery club will run as normal on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Gym on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Breakfast club will continue all week too.**

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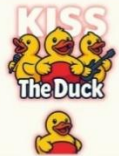
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