

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

End of spring term newsletter – 2nd 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,

Welcome back to a very warm start to the summer term. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying being outside both for play and for their learning.

On Monday, we welcomed Jon Young, the new Director of Education for the Diocese of Ely, to Dry Drayton as part of his mission to visit every school in the Diocese. He was very impressed with the five children who gave him an informative tour of the school. They were careful to show him everywhere and talked with enthusiasm about their experiences here. Jon has told us it was brilliant visiting Dry Drayton School!

We are back to our Friday morning Celebration Collective Worship, led by our Year 6 team. Well done to Annabel and Laura for the first of the summer term celebrations.

You will see a list full of diary dates towards the end of this newsletter. Please do make a note of all the events to which you are welcome to attend.

The Summer Sizzler, on Friday 27th June, is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we are hoping to buy new laptops and a storage trolley with the funds raised. This is far more fun and is easier to achieve with your help and support. Please save the day and contact Mrs Arnold if you are able to help run a stall, or book a place for your own stall. With a BBQ to feed you and your family, drinks and entertainment, there will be lots for everyone to enjoy. Invite your family and friends too!

I hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday morning with KS2 in PE kit!

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



St Julian class

Reception: In reception this week we have been enjoying the glorious weather. Please apply sun cream before school and, if you provide some named sun cream, we will add it to our tray and will help your child apply a top-up before lunch. I'm sure you can appreciate how long it takes to do this for 25 children across the class so the 'once' stuff is really recommended! Don't forget sunhats and raincoats... good old British weather, we never know how the week will go!

We have begun our topic 'new life' and have been enjoying learning about baby animals. We have been exploring the book 'Monkey Puzzle' this week which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. In Maths we are working on 'one more and one less' with numbers to 10. We have been working really hard on our sentence writing, I'm sure the children would love to show off their writing at home too.

Year 1 and 2: What a great start to the summer term, the sun has been shining and the children have had great focus in their work. We have started our New Life topic in a variety of different ways in all of the curriculum areas. For example, in Science the children have been looking at seeds and growing tomatoes, in History the children have been looking at the history of farming and how it compares to now. In Maths, the Year 2 children have been working on their fractions and understanding what a $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and a $\frac{1}{3}$ is, whilst the Year 1s have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Please could you help us with supporting your Year 1 child to learn these off by heart. In St Julian's we have a sun cream box where the children can leave their school sun cream. Before lunch we help support them put it on independently. From next week the Year 2 children will be busy preparing for their SATs (w/c 26th May), therefore Year 1s will be joining Mrs Spink every morning for their learning.



St Etheldreda class

It has been a lovely start to the summer term and we have been making the most of the weather to enhance our learning. We took the opportunity to look at some of the beautiful flowers on and around the school field to start our science topic about plants and the children made some detailed observations of the parts of flowers. We are working on a new story in English – The Great Kapok Tree. We will be looking at the features of dilemma stories and then having a go at writing our own. We are still working on fractions in maths, and the Year 4s especially are all working hard at a final push for their times tables check in June. This term's curriculum overview and homework topic menu are on our class page on the website so please do take a look to see what your child is learning about and how you can support them at home.

Enjoy the long weekend 😊



St Edmund class

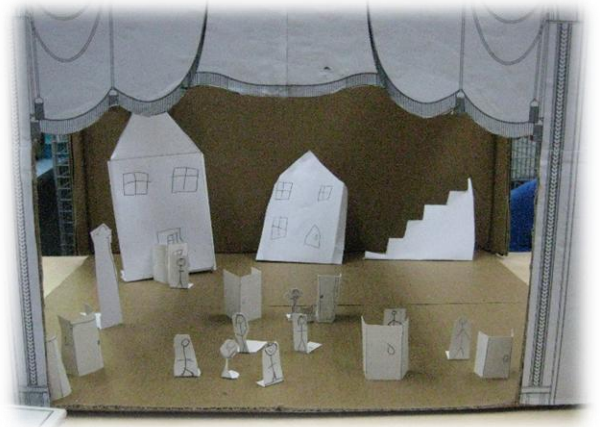
St Edmund Class have been getting their heads around ratio this term, and Year 6 are finding the links between ratio and fractions with great success. The whole class are also revising how to write a persuasive letter and have found themselves very animated about the topics we have been discussing. They may well want to practise these persuasive techniques at home!

In art they have used their pen and ink skills to create optical illusion sketches to great effect. Have you spotted the wonderful insects drawings in the hall?

The term's homework menu will be on the website next week as will the topic plan for the summer. Please continue to support your child with daily reading and tables practise to hone their skills and with their weekly comprehension task. Thank you.

DT Update

The first half of KS2 have started their new DT topic with enthusiasm. We are designing scale model sets for a Royal Ballet production of Alice in Wonderland. In the first lesson we had fun learning how to use scale rulers and creating scale models of ourselves to put in our box theatre. I can't wait to see the creative ideas they all come up with over the term. If you don't already know the story of Alice in Wonderland, maybe you could spend some time finding out about it to help with your design?



Fundraising committee

As you are probably aware, the fundraising team have been raising money to help SafeHaven4Caitlin develop their multi-sensory garden. Before the holidays, some members of the team gave up their lunchtime to write letters to local garden centres asking them if they would consider donating some terracotta plant pots in which they would plant some fragrant plants. Oakington Garden Centre very kindly replied and made an incredibly generous donation of three large pots and some compost. The letter writers visited the garden centre yesterday, chose some plants and planted them in the terracotta plants. Here is their report of the activity:

On Thursday 1st May Luna, Millie, Lily, Darya and Emma went to Oakington Garden Centre to get sensory plants for SafeHaven4Caitlin. We have chosen some lovely scented plants and some that feel nice. We have planted them and they are on the way to Caitlin. It was very good fun, and all of us agree that we had an excellent time there! We hope Caitlin like the sensory plants.



Summer Sizzler – Friday 27th 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!



Tomato Project

This week we have started taking part in the 'Growing to love' project, a fabulous adventure to grow our own delicious tomatoes from seed to fruit. St Julian class have all planted their seeds and more children got involved during Gardening Club. We will look after them and learn about germination and growing. Then the plants will be ready to go home for the Summer holidays to continue their learning about the magic of nature!

More information and activities can be found at www.growingtolove.com



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:

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!



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



Online safety tip of the week: games consoles

How to start a conversation with your child about gaming safely: Do any of your friends have a smart speaker at home?

This can open up a discussion about whether your child has used a smart speaker before, and also help you find out more about what they expect to use the speaker for.

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

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 7 th May	Year 1
Wednesday 14 th May	Year 2
Wednesday 21 st May	Year 6
Wednesday 28 th May	Half Term
Wednesday 4 th June	Year 5
Wednesday 11 th June	Year 5/6 Residential – no Forest School
Wednesday 18 th June	Reception
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

Celebration Collective Worship





2nd May

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Jason, Lily and all of Year 5/6.

Isla, Jason, Albie and Luna were chosen to sit on the **golden table** next week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Elizabeth for achieving her **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points and to Daria for achieving her **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.



House Points			
			
			
Totals for this week			
Ennis - 207 Farah - 182 Simmonds - 165 Wiggins - 195			
Totals for the year so far			
Ennis - 3,351 Farah - 3,442 Simmonds - 2,712 Wiggins - 3,557			

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

Thursday 15 th May	Tennis Festival – years 3 & 4
Monday 12 th – Thursday 15 th May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 16 th May	Movie night in the school hall – 4.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 20 th May	KS2 Residential, parents meeting and presentation – 3.20pm
Monday 2 nd June	Shavuot Day
Thursday 5 th June	QuadKids Festival, Wilberforce Road
Tuesday 10 th - Friday 13 th June	KS2 residential trip to the Chellington Centre, Bedford
Wednesday 18 th June	Girls Football Tournament – years 3 & 4
Friday 20 th 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 rd - Saturday 28 th June	Dry Drayton Feast Week
Tuesday 24 th June	S&VA Fun Run from the school field – 6.00pm
Thursday 26 th June	Summer Music Concert – 1.45pm
Friday 27 th June	Summer Sizzler on the school field from 5.00pm – volunteers wanted!
Wednesday 9 th July	KS2 Production – 9.15am
Thursday 10 th July	KS2 Production – 2.00 pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Sports Day – PM on the school field
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

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

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

Dry Drayton Primary School

SUMMER SIZZLER!

Friday 27th June from 5pm on the school field

Fun for all the family!

BBQ AND LOCAL BEER

STALLS, RAFFLE AND PRIZES

CAMBRIDGESHIRE LORD CONRAD'S BREWERY

LIVE MUSIC

KISS The Duck