

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

End of spring term newsletter – 4th April 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 Leon and Laura who were in charge of presenting so many certificates at this morning's Celebration Collective Worship. It is lovely to see who has been chosen to receive the various awards for the term and to hear the staff talk about each of the children's achievements. Congratulations to you all.

This term, Raphael was the recipient of the Courtesy Cup for his impeccable manners, respectful behaviour and kindness shown to everyone at school.

Well done to James and Erica for the smooth running of last week's Celebration full of appreciation for our mums and stand in mums. A big thank you to all staff for preparing breakfast for so many of you. I hope you enjoyed it; the smell permeating through school was delicious. I was sorry to miss this, but I had a conference to attend.

There has been so much exciting learning happening around school – St Edmund classroom has been covered in glitter, I've seen wonderful castle creations in St Julians and St Eltheldreda were drawing the most intricate pen and ink patterns.

I hope you enjoyed hearing the new school song at our Easter service this week! We hope it will enable the children to remember everything we have created to make our school unique. The rest of the singing and all the readings were super, clear and joyful too. Well done to everyone.

The summer term is packed full of all the special events we do love to hold in school so please read the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. We update these in every edition as necessary. Please do book for next term's lunches and clubs.

All that remains to say is to wish you all a happy Easter holiday with time for fun, rest and chocolate eggs!

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no 'Ready to Learn' circuits before school the first week back on the Thursday and Friday and no Celebration Collective Worship Friday 25th April.

PE will take place Thursday 24th, the first day back, for everyone, so please wear PE kit and remember a change of shoes in case the field is muddy.

All back to normal from Monday 28th April.

A polite reminder that leggings and cycling shorts are not considered as school uniform, but they may be worn under a shirt or dress for modesty.

Break time snacks – we ask for fresh fruit only please in a reusable pot if required. Thank you.



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



St Julian class

Reception: We have had an amazing spring term in reception, and we've finally been able to enjoy the lovely weather (Please remember hats and suncream as we do spend a lot of time outdoors). We have been working hard on our sentence writing, thinking about all the sounds as we write. Please try to encourage your child to keep writing and reading over the Easter break as 2 and a half weeks is a long time. Have a lovely break.

Year 1 and 2: Another term has flown by and I have seen great academic and personal achievements with every child. A lot of children have matured, made new friendships and have a greater understanding of the people around them. The children have also grown in confidence with their academic work and when looking through their books with parents at parent consultations this week I could see huge improvements in every child.

Have a lovely relaxing and adventurous Easter break whilst picking up a book/magazine/sign reading every day. Next term's curriculum map and homework menu is up on the website.



St Etheldreda class

This has been a fantastic term with lots of hard work and progress. As always, the children have been a delight to teach.

It was great to meet with so many of you on Tuesday, and it was lovely to see so many mums in school for their breakfast on Friday. Well done to the children for their two different versions of Frere Jacques inspired rounds in the celebration collective worship and the Easter Service.

The children have finished their non chronological reports about animals in English this week and we have continued with work on fractions in maths. The children are all working hard with their reading, and it was delightful to hear that so many of them are keenly reading for pleasure at home.

Please complete the next comprehension homework over the holidays and continue with daily reading and times tables practice. Again, all the practice is paying off and there has been some super progress in speedy recall of times tables facts.

Have a fun and relaxing break.



St Edmund class

The term finishes in sunshine, long may it last. This has been a busy term for St Edmund class. We have been working hard in all subjects but particularly English and Maths. It has been a pleasure to teach the children. Please encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes every day, this makes a huge impact on both their comprehension and writing skills. If the children are not sure if they are reading a book that they can take a book quiz on, they can check at www.arbookfinder.co.uk. Enjoy the Easter Break!

Tag rugby festival

Last Wednesday, a team of 10 year 4/5/6 children took part in a tag rugby competition at Shelford Rugby Club. The children played with great flare and teamwork. They came a respectable 13th out of 20 teams. The team was commended for playing with a great understanding of the rules. Well done to Annabel, Bella, Buddy, Fergal, James, Laura, Leon, Melammu, Michael and Raphael.



Mothering Sunday celebrations

It was lovely to welcome so many mums (and mum stand-ins) into school last Friday morning for a breakfast bap as part of our Mothering Sunday celebrations. During our special Celebration Collective Worship, each year group gave a short performance for their mums. Thank you to Mrs King, Ms Arnold and Mrs Sweetnam for working so hard in the kitchen to provide the breakfast baps!



KS1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle

Key Stage 1 had a trip to Mountfitchet Castle yesterday. They had a wonderful day exploring the castle grounds and the children behaved exceptionally well. A special thank you to the parents that joined us on the trip.





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. Please book any lunches via MCAS – if you have any problems with booking your lunches, please let the school office know.

PE lessons next term

Please see the chart below for the days that your child has PE in school and what part of the curriculum they will be covering. **Please note the change of day for Reception children.**

Year 5/6 Summer 1	<u>Tuesday</u> Cricket <u>Thursday</u> Athletics
Year 5/6 Summer 2 (Summer 2 will start WB 16 th June)	<u>Tuesday</u> Tennis <u>Thursday</u> Mountain biking (I have some bikes in school, please email the office if you would like to borrow one).
Year 3/4 Summer 1	<u>Tuesday</u> Cricket <u>Thursday</u> Athletics
Year 3/4 Summer 2 (Summer 2 will start WB 16 th June)	<u>Tuesday</u> Tennis <u>Thursday</u> OAA
Year 1/2 summer 1	<u>Wednesday</u> Tennis <u>Thursday</u> Athletics
Year 1/2 Summer 2 (Summer 2 will start WB 16 th June)	<u>Wednesday</u> Games leading to cricket <u>Thursday</u> Athletics
Year R Summer 1 and Summer 2	<u>Thursday</u> Athletics

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!



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/>



Online safety tip of the week: smart speakers

How to start a conversation with your child about using a smart speaker 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>

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 and wrapped up warm!



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

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

28th March

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Aria, Daisy, Millie and Raphael.

Aria, Edward, Jacob and Ruby were chosen to sit on the **golden table** this week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Lola and Ruby for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.



4th April

Headteacher Awards were awarded to all of Key Stage 1 for their exceptional behaviour on the school trip, and to Ruby and Elizabeth

Well done to Emma for achieving her **Silver** certificates for 200 house points and to Jack and Michael for achieving their **Platinum** certificates for 400 house points.







Handwriting awards were presented to Jonah, Aria, Robin, Albie, Alice L, Victoria and Michael.

We also presented the following awards:

- Courtesy Cup – Raphael
- PE Award – Daisy
- Science Award – Benjamin
- Forest School Award – Erica
- Art Award – Melammu
- DT Award – Lily
- Computing Award – Isla



Well done to everyone!

		House Points					
		Totals for last week					
Ennis - 93	Farah - 53	Simmonds - 57	Wiggins - 49				
Totals for this week							
Ennis - 112	Farah - 64	Simmonds - 80	Wiggins - 49				
Totals for the year so far							
Ennis - 3,104	Farah - 3,240	Simmonds - 3,237	Wiggins - 3,322				

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

Thursday 24 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Thursday 15 th May	Tennis Festival – years 3 & 4
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
Tuesday 10 th - Friday 13 th June	KS2 residential trip to the Chellington Centre, Bedford
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	Feast Week disco in the marquee -4.30-5.30pm
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
Change of date TBC	Summer Music Concert – 1.45pm

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 Year 6 Leavers Assembly in the hall – all welcome End of term

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.

Multi-Sports Club



After the Easter holidays, Tuesday's KS2 Multi-Sports Club will be playing NFL Flag Football for the first half of term, then athletics for the second half of term. Come and join in the fun!



Don't forget full term dates, curriculum information, photo gallery and lots more can be found on our website: www.drydraytonprimaryschool.co.uk

Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor

Clare Merrington

Virtual Parent Drop-In Session

29th April

11.30-1pm

Please email clare.merrington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk to make an appointment.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor's offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

For more information speak to your school office or contact me directly on:

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