

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

Newsletter – 21st March 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,

It's been a strange week starting with frost and finishing with suncream, but so lovely to feel warmth in the sun at last!

Everyone had fun in Science Week organised by Mrs Fairbairn. 'Adapt and change' was this year's theme. I have never seen so much glitter which was used to show year 5&6 how 3D printers work, and there are now dissected tomatoes in a search for DNA and seedlings sprouting in the infants' classroom.

The children were all encouraged to 'Eat to defeat' the vegetables last week, collecting stickers from Mrs Scarrow for every cooked vegetable eaten each day. I have also seen many collections of stickers from all their adventurous eating at home - well done to those who completed the challenge. Hopefully children have discovered veggies which they now like!



The Eid fruit sticks and crescent biscuits were a great treat this afternoon as part of our Eid day.

We have been thinking about everything that makes our school unique and special from:
Our Vision (at the top of the newsletter)

Our Values (we wish for everyone in school to be Inclusive, Respectful, Attentive, Kind, Attentive and Engaged)

Our 6Rs (to help us to be the best learner we can be - a Reasoner, Reflective, Resourceful, Responsible, Respectful and Resilient)

The children are really good at remembering all of these, but to make it easier, we now have a song to help us!

Thank you to Michael and Raphael, then Buddy and Annabel for leading celebration collective worship over the last fortnight.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



St Julian class

Reception enjoyed many Science week activities last week. We had a fantastic time learning all about bees and the amazing jobs they do. We built houses for them to live in, made very cute crafty pipe cleaner bees and baked delicious honey shortbread biscuits. We have been working really hard on our writing, ensuring that all of our letters are formed correctly, and we are using our phonics to help us sound out words. In Maths we are looking at the number 7 and learning different ways to build it.

Year 1 and 2 have been working hard this week carrying out their spring assessments, the results of which I can share with you all at the upcoming parent consultations. In maths the year 2s have been working on mass and have been using everyday objects to weigh. Year 1s will be starting this unit for their level next week.

In DT the children have started making their own castles which ties in with their history work. Looking at who lived in castles and the key features of them. In geography last week the children enjoyed a walk around the village whilst looking at the local area that they live in.

Reading at home allows the children to flourish in their reading and writing in all subjects, please could you carry on supporting us with this. Thank you.



St Etheldreda class

St Etheldreda class have had a busy few weeks. Last week we enjoyed having a science visitor and joining a special live assembly for Science Week. The children made great posters showing what they had learnt, and some were shared with the rest of the school in collective worship on Monday.

This week the children have been working on their spring assessments - as is often the case, lots to celebrate and lots of new targets to develop. Next week we will be beginning a new unit of work in English; writing non-chronological reports about animals. In maths we will be starting a unit of work on fractions. Again, times tables help with fraction work, so please do keep up the practice!

Please also keep on supporting your child with reading at home - there has been some great progress in reading scores this term, and time spent reading at home really does complement all the hard work in school - we learn to read so that we can read to learn!



St Edmund class

In St Edmund class we had a glittery start to the week with creating 3d pictures, which involved layering glue and glitter. We are still seeing glitter in people's hair, five days later!

We have been looking at the Big Question 'What did Jesus do to save human beings?' in our RE lessons this half term. This included learning about the stations of the cross and the links to the relevant extracts in the Bible. In Geography we have been learning about Greece and will be comparing it to the UK.

Our English work has been linked to writing non-chronological reports about Greece. In maths we have been learning about decimals.

Safeguarding at Dry Drayton C of E Primary School

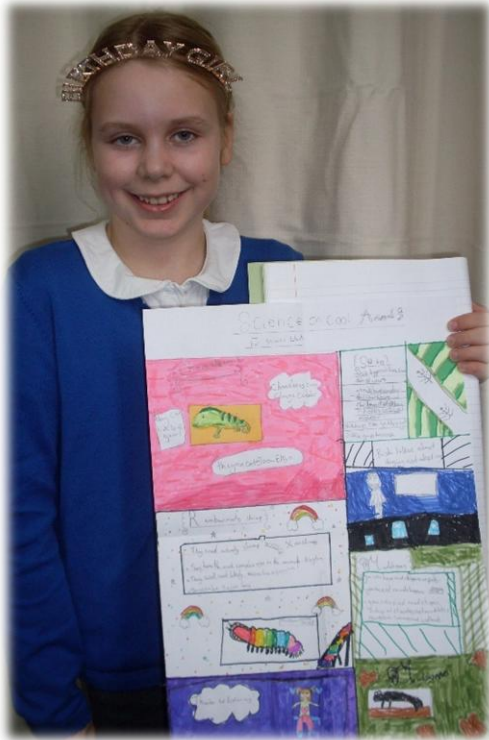
Mrs Sonia Hegan, Mrs Nicole Spink and Mrs Fiona Sweetnam are the designated safeguarding leads at Dry Drayton C of E Primary School.

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/>

Science Week in Pictures



RE enrichment day - Eid

Today in school the children enjoyed an RE enrichment day about Eid, the Muslim festival that marks the end of Ramadan. The children spent time in the morning learning about Ramadan and Eid, why and how they are celebrated, and thinking about how Muslims might feel during these times. In the afternoon, the children worked in their house groups creating some Eid foods and crafts.





School and Village Association

You are invited to - Murder Most Foul – hosted by the S&VA

Friday 28 March, 7pm in the Village Hall

Before the local dramatic society can put on their latest play, one of the cast dies in mysterious circumstances. Can you and your table-mates guess who-dunnit?

Come join our fabulous Murder Mystery evening to find out!



Many of you will remember David Valentine Wyatt's previous murder mysteries which were held in the Village Hall and other venues for many years to benefit charity. His latest offering, the "Sea Sunday" murder, is chock full of the usual intrigues, red herrings and divas. You will not want to miss it!

The evening includes appetisers, a fish and chips supper and a selection of desserts, interspersed with clues and a chance to question the suspects. Tickets are £20 (£10 for children under 12). Gluten-free and vegetarian options available. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Why not put together a table of 8?

Contact Janet and Richard Watson for tickets and further information at (01954) 782487 or by email at jwbi5455@gmail.com.



Online safety tip of the week: laptops

How to start a conversation with your child about using a laptop safely: What is your favourite thing to do on the laptop?

You can ask your child about their favourite apps or games, what they like using their laptop 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>

Forest School Spring 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.

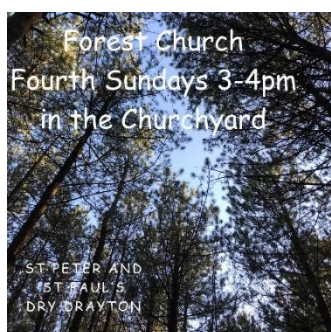
Infants – Mondays (No need to wear PE kit. School uniform, plus Forest School gear will be fine.)

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 26 th March	Reception
Wednesday 2 nd April	tbc

Church update



Forest Church

Forest Church takes place on the following dates, 3-4pm in the Churchyard:

- Sunday 23rd March

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

Eco Committee

Today, some of the Eco Committee and other eco warriors spent a couple of hours at Comberton Village College with other local primary schools who are part of the PECT Climate Initiative. We talked about sustainability, which bags are the most environmentally friendly and what we can do as a school to help to look after our world. We have returned full of ideas to share with the children and their families.

Here they are puzzling over how to make 8 nails balance on just one in a block of wood!



Celebration Collective Worship

14th March

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Fletch, Emma and Annabel.

Harry, Isabelle, Bella and Paige were chosen to sit on the **golden table** this week with a friend of their choosing.

Well done to Darya for achieving her **Silver** certificate for 200 house points and to Luna and Mia for achieving their **Gold** certificate for 300 house points.



21st March




Headteacher Awards were awarded to James, Darya and Edward

Tala, Victoria, Adele and Ethan were chosen to sit on the **golden table** next week with a friend of their choosing.



Well done to Grace, Robin, Jamie, Kira, Lily, Sammy and Isabella for achieving their **Silver** certificates for 200 house points and to Leon and Annabel for achieving their **Gold** certificates for 300 house points.

***Special commendation to Mrs Hegan this week for all her hard work in sewing a curtain for the St Etheldreda classroom!**

House Points			
			
Totals for last week			
Ennis - 102	Farah - 94	Simmonds - 96	Wiggins - 99
Totals for this week			
Ennis - 288	Farah - 180	Simmonds - 241	Wiggins - 186
Totals for the year so far			
Ennis – 3,085	Farah – 3,029	Simmonds – 3,100	Wiggins – 3,171

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

Wednesday 26 th March	Tag Rugby Festival – team from years 4/5/6
Friday 28 th March	Mothering Sunday celebration – breakfast butties from 8.30am. Bring your Mum or stand-in Mum to breakfast (booking required) before a special Celebration Collective Worship S&VA Murder Mystery Dinner in the Village Hall – 7pm
Tuesday 1 st and Wednesday 2 nd April	Parent Consultations – please book on MCAS
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter Church Service 2.15pm – all welcome
Thursday 3 rd April	KS1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
Friday 4 th April	Final Celebration Collective Worship, 9.00am Last Day of Term
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
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!





Mothering Sunday Breakfast

BRING YOUR MUM (OR STAND-IN MUM) FOR A
BREAKFAST BAP BEFORE A SPECIAL CELEBRATION
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH
8.30AM

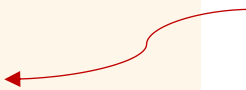
PLEASE BOOK ON MCAS BY MONDAY 24TH MARCH

ADULTS £2.50
CHILDREN £2.00

PRICE INCLUDES A BAP AND A DRINK



**Booking
closes
Monday
24th!**



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