

# Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

## Newsletter – 19<sup>th</sup> December 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,

The last newsletter of 2025, can you believe it? We've thoroughly enjoyed all of the Christmas celebrations in school this December which have finished off this week with a delicious Christmas lunch. Huge thanks go to Mrs King and her merry band of sous chefs who produced a wonderful spread for the school.

The magical Christingle Service in St Peter and St Paul Church took place on Wednesday. See the photos below of the children with their Christingles. Away in a manger sung to 60 lit candles was a very special moment.

Mrs King and another band of merry helpers gave the children a fabulous Christmas disco with hot dogs last night. Thank you to all the staff who made this happen.

A large number of children entered our school public speaking competition which took place last week. As English lead, Miss Hampton was very impressed with how confident the children were and we were all left with much to ponder having heard the children debate: "Rules or freedom: which is more important?" and "Taking risks or being cautious: which is more important?" There were many excellent speeches making judging very difficult for the children and staff so well done to everyone for putting themselves forward for the competition. The following four children were chosen to represent the school at the final in January in Peterhouse College: Isabella, Alice L, Maxwell and Jack.

Well done to Marnie for leading Celebration Collective Worship this morning and to and Alice for supporting her. There was so many certificates to present to recognise how hard the children have worked this term. A special mention to Ivy who received the Courtesy Cup for always being so thoughtful and kind towards everyone in school and in everything she does.

Please see the Forest School and Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship lead timetables towards the end of this newsletter. There are also many items of lost property in school because they are un-named. If you have lost any uniform, please do ask at the office so you can check it out our collection.

The staff would like to thank you most sincerely for your generous, words, thoughts and gifts. They are very much appreciated. We wish you all a very merry festive season, a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

We look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.

## Christingle and Carol Service

It was lovely to be in church on Wednesday for our Christingle and Carole Service. The choir sang us in and out of church beautifully, and the children all enjoyed joining in with the singing and playing their instruments. Thank you to everyone who joined us in church and to those who helped take the children to and from church safely.



## PE Spring Term 1

Reception	1/2	3/4	5/6
Thursday: Dance	Thursday: Gymnastics Friday: Dance	Wednesday: Dance and fitness Thursday: Gymnastics	Wednesday: Dance and fitness Thursday: Gymnastics

## Forest School Spring 2026



Forest School sessions take place every week. 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 (no dresses please), plus Forest School gear will be fine.)

KS2 – Wednesdays 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 a Friday, dates below. Please send your child to school in PE kit including their PE sweatshirt (and not a hoodie).

Date	Year Group
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	No forest school
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 3/4 – Chestnuts
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3/4 – Oaks
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Chestnuts
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Oaks
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4 Oaks and Chestnuts
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	No Forest School

### Spring term clubs

Booking is now open for all clubs (except Code Club) for the Spring term: please book places via MCAS. If it would help to pay in instalments, please come and talk to us in the office.

Our sports clubs are run by JS Sports:

**Multi-Sports:** Our new multi-sports club for all year groups offers children the chance to try their hand at a host of different sports. Every week is a session based on a different sport, including football, tennis, tag rugby, cricket and many, many more. It is a great activity for children to be introduced to sports and learn the rules and techniques to play the game.

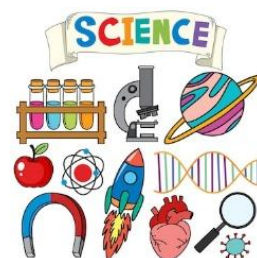
**Football:** Our football sessions involve an engaging and fun warm up followed by a skill-based activity, learning and improving on different areas of football, including passing, dribbling and shooting, The session finished with some fun matches, tournaments and a variety of football-related games.

**Gymnastics:** Our gymnastics club is an indoor club and is great for creative children. At the club, children will learn key principles of gymnastics, including rolls, balances, jumps, transitions and more making sure safety is a priority at all times. Children will be able to create their own routines and use apparatus safely, making the most of equipment available.

Please see the table below for details of each club. All these clubs run from 3.20-4.20pm.

**Please make a note of the dates each club is running, as they do vary.**

After school wrap-around-care will continue to be offered in the Little Owl room for all pupils – contact the office to book.



Day	Club	Adult	Cost (per term)	Dates
Monday	Cooking Club (years 1-6)	Miss Wright	£51	12 <sup>th</sup> January-23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Tuesday	Multi-Sports Club (years R-6)	Sports coach	£53	6 <sup>th</sup> January-24 <sup>th</sup> March
Wednesday	Craft Club (years R-6)	Mrs Sweetnam	£53	7 <sup>th</sup> January-25 <sup>th</sup> March
Wednesday	Code Club (years 5-6)	Claire Shih		7 <sup>th</sup> January-25 <sup>th</sup> March
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club (years 2-6)	Mrs Pergande Vincent	£53	8 <sup>th</sup> January-26 <sup>th</sup> March
Thursday	Football Club (years 3-6)	Sports coach	£53	8 <sup>th</sup> January-26 <sup>th</sup> March
Friday	Gymnastics Club (years R-6)	Sports coach	£53	9 <sup>th</sup> January-27 <sup>th</sup> March

### School lunches



The updated menu for the first half of the spring term is available on our [website](#). Please remember to book your school lunch via MCAS.

### Celebration Collective Worship

Celebration CW leader's timetable for Fridays

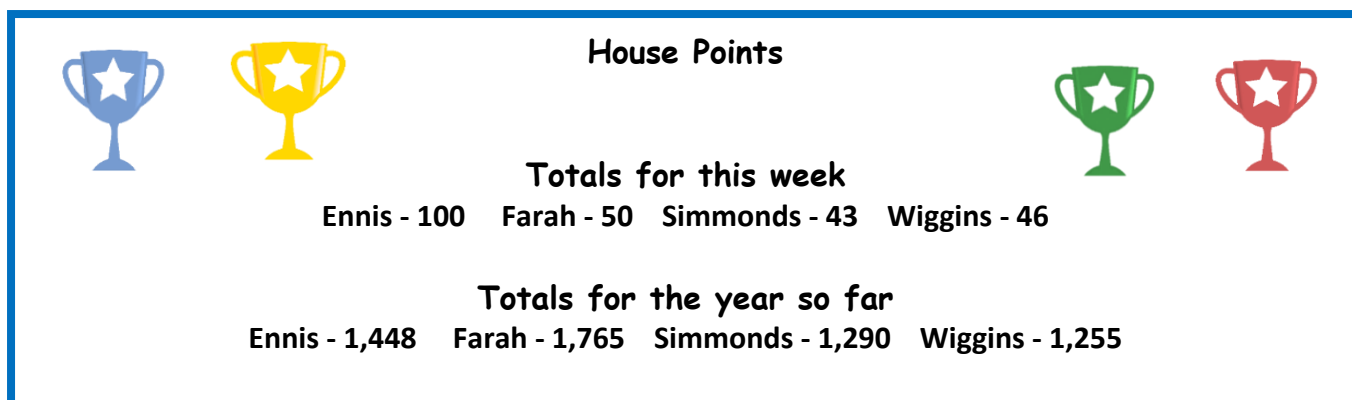
Date	Lead	Assistant
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Jack	Fergal
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Alice	Ivy
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Benjamin	Marnie
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Bella	Jack
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Fergal	Alice
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Ivy	Benjamin
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Marnie	Bella
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half term	
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Jack	Ivy
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Alice	Fergal
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Benjamin	Jack
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Bella	Marnie
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Fergal	Benjamin
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Ivy	Bella
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Marnie	Alice



19<sup>th</sup> December

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Errol, Charlie, Gucio and Glan.

**Bronze** certificates were awarded to Adele, Darya, Halle, Lily and Millie – well done for earning 100 house points!



### End of term awards

Handwriting awards were presented to Sebastian, Halle, Alex J, Isabella, Millie, Lily and Jack.

We also presented the following awards:

- Courtesy Cup – Ivy
- PE Award – Emma
- Science Award – Alice B
- Forest School Award – Gian
- Art Award – Isabella
- DT Award – Paige
- Computing Award – Sammy



Well done to everyone!



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*A small church with a big heart*

### Church update

All are most welcome to join us every third Sunday at 11am for a short, family friendly service of Morning Worship at 11am. The next service is this Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December.

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

Monday 5th January	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 6th January	Children Return to School
Monday 19th January	CB23 KS2 Public Speaking Competition
Tuesday 20th January	Young Voices at the O2
Thursday 5th February	CB23 Year 3/4 Maths Quiz
Friday 13th February	Last Day 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)*

**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/>

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