

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School, and Pre-School Newsletter – 6th March 2026



'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 all the children who made such an effort with their World Book Day costumes. Everyone looked terrific. Pre-school children joined us to share their books and so be part of the costume catwalk! Children were given a voucher to be used in most major booksellers and supermarkets in exchange for a new book. Some may also have brought home great finds in the book swap which took place at lunch time and after school. Thank you to Miss Hampton and the fundraising team for organising the day and to Mrs Clark for cooking a delicious WBD lunch!

The super Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship leaders have been in action once again – Jack and Ivy this week and Marnie and Bella the week before.

What a joy it has been to see the sun this week, to hear the birds and see the leaves starting to pop!

The S&VA's AGM was held this week and we are hoping for new support to organise events. We were reminded to ask if any parents work for a company which offers match funding. Please do let me know and then we can arrange an event to make the most of this additional funding stream. Out of the £6,653 raised last year at various S&VA events and through the hiring out of the marquee (do consider joining the marquee team, it is quite a sociable activity once all the hard labour is completed!), the S&VA gave the school and pre-school £3,550 towards new iPads, equipment, books and the Accelerated Reader scheme. This money really makes a difference and is very much appreciated by us all.

Science week, although officially running from Monday, began today for KS2, with two speakers coming to share their scientific expertise – a medical doctor and a nuclear engineer. This continues on Monday with a week full of awe, wonder experimenting and being curious and also learning about careers in science through other speakers visiting school.

I hope you will have received and read the letter about our whole school trip to Wicken Fen on 18th March, funded completely by the 'Mayor's Day Out' initiative.

Don't forget to book your Mother's day breakfast for you/your stand-in and your child for next Friday 13th. Please don't worry if you are not able to join us, you can still book for your child and send in a stand-in mum, or they can eat with friends. Mums/stand-in mums are welcome to stay for Collective Worship following breakfast.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.

Pre-School

Pre-school has had a wriggly start to the second half of this term: our focus book was 'Super worm' by Julia Donaldson and we have been learning all about 'wiggly, wiggly earth worms'! In our outdoor learning, we have been digging for worms in the soil to add to the wormery and then watching to see them wriggle around and eat the leaves we gave them. This week, we have gone from wriggling last week to slithering this week! Yes, there has been a lot of slimy and spirally creativity. Inspired by the famous artist Henri Matisse, we created our own Matisse Snails using vibrant colours! We created our snail trails using white paint and pizza cutters and then went onto 'clay-play', where we made snails for the trail and other minibeasts by using clay tools to create individual patterns. We had fun retelling the story of the 'Snail Trail' by Ruth Brown: the slimy snail went on an adventure, up a hill, over a bridge, down a slope and we described all the different directions the snail took. Outside we pretended to be snails and left a chalky trail all around the garden!

In the next few weeks, we are learning about the past and present. We would love to see what the children looked like as babies! Please can you bring in a photo of your child as a baby. This will help the children understand the differences between then and now!

Please ensure the children have a pair of welly boots in pre-school for outdoor activities.

Donation wish list:

- Empty cardboard egg boxes

Pre-school Team



St Julian class

Reception: Reception have been working fantastically in all areas of our curriculum. In maths, we have just learnt that two numbers that are the same and added together are called doubles. Some children need some support in writing their numbers: I have planned in some activities to support this but please could you practise number formation at home. In drawing club we are using books from our unit title of 'Once upon a time..'. We have looked at 'The three little pigs' and 'Rapunzel' and next week we will be using 'The three billy goats gruff' to inspire us in our writing and to also support our Science week project of making bridges.

In phonics, we are using the knowledge that we already know to write longer words, whilst also now being able to write the 'tricky words' that we have learnt. Therefore, there will be no new 'tricky words' at the moment. Please could you look at the words that your child needs support with from the last assessment sent home just before half term.

Mrs Scarrow

Year 1/2: Wow! The last two weeks have flown by! Two weeks into half term and so much already achieved. The children have made an enthusiastic start to their hot and cold countries topic in geography and are enjoying learning all about spring and the Easter story in science and RE. In maths, the year twos will be moving on to some units on different aspects of measure, starting with money. The year ones will be extending their work on place value – moving on to working with numbers up to 50. All the children are all working incredibly hard at reading, spelling and phonics. The year twos are all doing really well at independently logging on and completing AR quizzes. Well done!

We had a lovely time enjoying books on World Book Day and the children looked super in their character costumes. I hope they all managed to choose a couple of 'new' books to enjoy in the book swap.

Next week is science week, and we will also be preparing a little treat for Friday Collective Worship.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Miss Hampton



St Etheldreda class

We are so happy to welcome Miss Corr back from her placement school swaps at Willingham and Hatton Park Primary schools.

In English, we have completed our animal poems, where we showcased our writing to include lots of literary features, including similes, alliteration, fronted adverbials, adjectives and rhyme. We have also begun to look at scientific report writing ahead of Science week next week.

In Maths, we are looking at the perimeter of shapes. Please keep practising your times tables on TTRS. In PE, we are continuing our hockey lessons.

Mrs Spink and Miss Corr



St Edmund class

The year 5/6s have been working hard over the last two weeks. In English, we've written poems about places that are special to us using a range of poetry devices such as similes and alliteration. The children all created imaginative poems, which we have now made into a class poetry book.

It was lovely to see the children in their fantastic World Book day costumes. We also created Rivers of Reading: we thought about important reading experiences in our lives and presented them as rivers, demonstrating how our reading has built over the years.

In Maths, we have completed our topic on multiplication and division and have started our new topic on fractions.

The second DT group has been working hard on their mechanisms for their moving toys. They will all look forward to bringing them back home at Easter.

Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop

Year 5/6 Humanities Quiz (25th Feb)

Following a quiz in school, Bella, Benjamin, Emma, Fergal, Lily and Maxwell were invited to represent Dry Drayton at the Network CB23 Year 5/6 Humanities Quiz last Wednesday. The children were competing against teams from six other schools over several rounds of questions on topics that they had covered in history, geography and RE as well as some questions on current affairs. They put on an amazing performance to come second, and were only one point away from first! Well done to them all! Thank you to Mrs Hegan for taking them and to Maxwell's mum for providing additional transport.

World Book Day

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DAY**
5 MARCH 2026

It was fabulous to see everyone dressed up for World Book Day yesterday, and the whole school enjoyed a shared reading session in the school hall.

Thank you to the fundraising and justice committee for organising a sale of pre-loved costumes to help us 'Take a stand for second hand'. The sale raised £46.32 for Water Aid – thank you to everyone who supported it.



Mothering Sunday celebration

On Friday 13th March, mums and stand-in mums are welcome to join their children for a breakfast butty from 8.30am before a special Celebration Collective Worship. If you can't attend you will still be able to buy a bap for your child for them to enjoy in the hall with their friends. The deadline for booking your bap has been extended – please book by Monday.

Co-opted Governor Vacancy

The school governing body currently has a vacancy for a co-opted governor. The governing body has an important role in monitoring and evaluating the work of the school, as well as providing strategic direction.

All governors are asked to attend the meetings of the Full Governing Body (normally six per year). Governors will also join either the Resources or the Curriculum & Learning committee, and take on responsibility for a particular area of the school's work. In order to understand the working of the school, it is important for governors to make at least one visit per year to the school during the teaching day. Free training sessions are provided for governors by the Local Authority (including induction training for new governors) and all governors are expected to make use of these opportunities.

Governors are not expected necessarily to be experts in primary education. It is far more important to be enthusiastic, to have an interest in the education of all children, and a commitment to securing the best educational outcomes for all the pupils at the school. Governors are expected to be fair in their judgements, committed to equal opportunities, and ready to work as part of a team.

If you are interested in becoming a governor, or know someone in our wider community who would like to offer their skills and experience to our governing body, please do get in touch via the clerk: clerk@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk.

Safeguarding at Dry Drayton C of E Primary School, and Pre-school

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

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 13 th March	Reception
Friday 20 th March	Year 3/4 Oaks
Friday 27 th March	Year 3/4 Chestnuts

Spring term clubs

Booking is still open for all clubs (except Code Club) for the Spring term: please contact the office to book places. If it would help to pay in instalments, please come and talk to us in the office. **There are spaces in all clubs except Code Club and Cooking Club. Please support our clubs as we don't want to lose them!**

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 Pre-school room for all pupils aged 3 to 11– contact the office to book.

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

Celebration Collective Worship

27th February

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Joshua L, Rebeca, Ivona and Maxwell.

A **Bronze** certificate was awarded to Albie – well done for earning 100 house points! Well done to Isabella and Rae for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.



Joshua L, Sammy, Paige and Robin were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.





6th March



Headteacher Awards were awarded to Joshua P, Lucas, Vlad and Alice B.

Well done to Gian for achieving his **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points.

Halle, Rae, Darya and Paige were chosen to sit on the **golden table** next week with a friend of their choosing.

House Points			
			
Totals for w/c 23rd February			
Ennis - 181 Farah - 169 Simmonds - 113 Wiggins - 103			
Totals for w/c 9th February			
Ennis - 124 Farah - 109 Simmonds - 113 Wiggins - 79			
Totals for the year so far			
Ennis - 2,524 Farah - 2,721 Simmonds - 2,090 Wiggins - 1,986			

Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship Leaders

Date	Lead	Assistant
13 th March	Alice	Fergal
20 th March	Benjamin	Jack
27 th March	Bella	Marnie
Easter Holiday		
17 th April	Fergal	Benjamin
24 th April	Ivy	Bella
1 st May	Marnie	Alice



St Peter and St Paul's Dry Drayton
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 Sunday, 15th March.

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

w/c Monday 9th March	Science Week
Friday 13th March	Mothering Sunday celebration – breakfast butties from 8.30am. Bring your Mum or stand-in Mum to breakfast before a special Celebration Collective Worship
Wednesday 18th March	Whole school free trip to Wicken Fen funded by the Mayor's Day Out initiative
w/c 23rd March	Shakespeare Week launching with 'Theatre in schools' workshops
Wednesday 25th March	Easter Church Service 9am Parent consultations
Friday 27th March	Final Celebration Collective Worship 9am and Last Day of Term
Saturday 28th March	Orsino Choir 6pm in St Peter and St Paul Church
Monday 13 th April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 14 th April	Children Return to School
Wednesday 15 th April	First swimming session (Years 1-6) then every Wednesday for the half term
Friday 24 th April	Year 5/6 trip to Babraham Institute
Tuesday 28 th April	Bikeability Level 1 (Year 3/4)
w/c Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 5 th June	RE enrichment day – What world would Jesus want?
Tuesday 16 th June	CB23 Spelling Bee competition
Thursday 18 th June	Summer Music concert in the church 2:45pm
Friday 19 th June	Father's Day celebration – breakfast butties from 8:30am. Bring your Dad or Stan-in Dad to breakfast before a special Celebration Collective Worship
w/c Monday 22 nd June	Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5/6)
Friday 26 th June	Summer Sizzler from 5pm
Wednesday 8 th July	9:30am KS2 Dress Rehearsal 1:15pm Sports afternoon – all welcome
Thursday 9 th July	9:15am KS2 Summer Production 6pm KS2 Summer Production
Friday 10 th July	Life Bus linked with PSHE
Thursday 16 th July	Final Celebration Collective Worship
Friday 17 th July	Last day of the year so no after school clubs 9:00am Leavers' church service 2:15pm Leavers' assembly
Monday 20 th July	Inset day

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

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Dry Drayton Knitted
V-Neck Jumper

From £15.45



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