

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

Newsletter – 12th 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,

What a wonderful Nativity this week. The Infants should feel so proud of their performances to the school and then parents and family. They all looked fabulous in their costumes and had clearly learnt all their lines to say them with such confidence. A huge well done to everyone, especially Sammy for his beautiful solo. Thank you to Mrs Scarrow, Miss Hampton, Miss Wright and Miss Pope for working hard to give us all such a Christmas treat.

Thank you to our year 6 leaders for the last two Friday mornings leading celebration collective worship: Ivy with Bella this week and Fergal with Benjamin the week before.

Following the KS2 cross country competition in Milton Park (Well done to everyone, especially Jack and Fergal!), the afternoon was spent making sparkly decorations to fill the classroom with Christmas cheer. They will be sent home for you to enjoy at the end of term.

Eco Committee would be very grateful to receive any of your used stamps as we are collecting for the Dogs' Trust, thank you.

Reminders for next week:

Tuesday

- School public speaking competition. Any KS2 children wishing to enter this have a few more days to practise before they are presented in collective worship next Tuesday. Please may you support your child over the weekend. They don't need to know them off by heart; we are looking for confident, interesting and entertaining speeches.
- Christmas lunch and festive top day – please do not feel that you have to buy something special, any festive, sparkly or Christmas-coloured top with normal school uniform trousers or skirt will be fine.

Wednesday

- 9am Christingle service in St Peter and St Paul church – please come and join in with singing and celebrating Christmas

Thursday

- 4:30-5:30 Christmas disco

Friday

- Last celebration collective worship of the year!
- Party food lunch

Have a good weekend!

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



St Julian class

Reception: Wow, autumn term has flown by! The children have exceeded all expectations and have worked really hard and deserve a wonderful Christmas break. The Nativity was fantastic and they have all persevered with their class work.

They have formed lovely friendships between each other and are very kind to each other. Enjoy the special moments over the Christmas break but please do also include pencil and reading time in your play.

Parents evening seems a long way back, if you would like to catch up about your child's progress then do please email or catch me on the playground.

Mrs Scarrow

Year 1/2: What a busy few weeks we have had. The children have all worked incredibly hard on the Nativity – practising their lines, learning the songs, remembering when to say their lines and when to go where on stage! What a super show they put on. Well done children! Thank you too for all your help at home with practising lines and sending in costumes.

The hard work has continued in class too and the children have been working hard this week in assessment week to show us what they have learnt this term and what they need to work on next term. Next week will be a balance of fun Christmas activities alongside some calmer time in class so that we don't get too over excited. The children are mostly quite tired so plenty of relaxed downtime with a cosy Christmas story might be in order. We have lots of lovely books in school so please do encourage them to choose a reading for pleasure book to bring home to enjoy before an early night. We will not be sending reading books home over the holidays, but tricky words will remain in book bags. Please also take a look at the Christmas reading challenge in this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy this special festive time.

Miss Hampton



St Etheldreda class

This week in St Etheldreda we have been working hard on our end of term assessments. In Art, the children are creating pop art portraits by tracing their photos onto acetate and using acrylic paint to showcase their design. Look out for these in a window display in the new year. In Forest School, we have made a log Christmas tree and a willow link chain. In Maths, we are working our way through our times tables, please keep practising them at home and using TTRS. In English, we have written our speeches for the public speaking competition. The school competition is on Tuesday, so please support your child with their speech if they are wanting to enter. Don't forget that we have Festive Top Day and Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, the Christingle service on Wednesday, school disco on Thursday and party food lunch on Friday! Such a busy week at school alongside all of our usual lessons!

Mrs Spink and Miss Corr



St Edmund class

St Edmunds have had a busy few weeks preparing their speeches about whether it is better to take risks or be cautious. An interesting debate that you might also have views on! They have drafted, edited and begun to practise delivery (to be performed in under 2 minutes!) They can choose to put themselves forward for the Public Speaking Competition at Peterhouse College, Cambridge University in January. The school auditions for this are Tuesday 16th December. If your child would like to put themselves forward, then please help them to practise for next week, with the aim of knowing speeches off-by-heart by January! In addition to all this, we have been concluding our popular units on the Vikings and Space and looking forward to some festive activities next week.

Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop

Christmas Reading Challenge

Please see attached a Christmas Reading Challenge. It would be great if the children could complete some or all of these reading challenges. They are a lovely way to spend some quality down time together over the holiday. Please feel free to record books read in any way that suits you. You can be creative or make a simple tick list! You can submit what your child has read on paper, via SeeSaw or via email to the office. We will award certificates in celebration collective worship after the holidays. Happy festive reading.



Miss Hampton

Appeal for boxes for DT

Next term, KS2 will be doing a DT project making moving toys. We will need enough small, strong, cardboard boxes, similar to the one pictured, for each child. So, if you are having parcels delivered in the run up to Christmas and receive any similar to this, please could you save them for our project? We need them to be made of corrugated cardboard and approximately 24cm x 16cm x 11cm, although slightly larger or smaller is fine. Please give any boxes to Mrs Dunlop in school or bring them in after Christmas. Many thanks.



Requests from Mrs Scarrow

- PINE CONES: The reception class would love lots of pine cones for their outdoor maths area.
- FRONT OF CHRISTMAS CARDS: I am also collecting the front covers of Christmas cards ready for next Christmas's provision, please bring in any that you may have received.
- JUNK MODELLING: If any of your gifts arrived in any wonderfully shaped boxes please could we have the boxes for our junk modelling trolley.

Cross Country Morning



Last Wednesday all of Key Stage 2 travelled to Milton Country Park to take part in the Small Schools Cross Country Competition. The event saw 700 pupils from 18 primary schools take on a 1-mile route, with separate boys' and girls' races for each year group. The children all showed great determination and resilience, and did a fantastic job of supporting each other. Well done to all of them, and in particular to Jack and Fergal, who came 1st and 2nd in the Year 6 boys race.

Hanukkah Day

Last Friday the children enjoyed an RE enrichment day learning about Hanukkah. They spent the morning in their classes, learning about the story of Hanukkah and looking at how it is celebrated today. In the afternoon, the whole school came together in the hall and the children worked in their house groups, making a house menorah, Lego Driedels, and a Driedel garland. The children also all enjoyed trying potato latkes.



Infant Nativity Performance

On Thursday we were treated to a wonderful infant nativity. All of the children had done a fantastic job learning their lines and all of the songs. Everyone spoke so beautifully and clearly, and the singing was so joyful. Well done to all of the children, and to Mrs Scarrow and Miss Hampton for putting it together.





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 2025



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 th January	No forest school
Friday 16 th January	Year 3/4 – Chestnuts
Friday 23 rd January	Year 3/4 – Oaks
Friday 30 th January	Year 5/6 Chestnuts
Friday 6 th February	Year 5/6 Oaks
Friday 13 th February	Year 2
Friday 20 th February	Half term
Friday 27 th February	Year 1
Friday 6 th March	Reception
Friday 13 th March	Year 5/6 Chestnuts
Friday 20 th March	Year 5/6 Oaks
Friday 27 th March	Year 3/4 – Chestnuts

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:

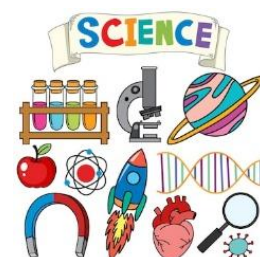
<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/>

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)	Mrs King & Miss Wright	£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

5th December

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Joshua L, Adele, Robin and Mia

Bronze certificates were awarded to Alexander, Ellie-Rose, Errol, Frederik, Joshua L, Joshua P, Luna, Michael and Sebastian – well done for earning 100 house points!



Grace, Rae, Maxwell and Mia were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

12th December

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Harry P, Sammy, Isla and Lola.

Well done to Aga, Alice L, Benedict, Grace, Gucio, Harry P, Isabella, Isla, Jamie, Robin, Sammy and Sophia for achieving their **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points.



Edward, Sebastian, Emma and Lily were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.



House Points



Totals for w/c 1st December

Ennis - 126 Farah - 107 Simmonds - 96 Wiggins - 86

Totals for w/c 8th December

Ennis - 143 Farah - 137 Simmonds - 136 Wiggins - 139

Totals for the year so far

Ennis - 1,449 Farah - 1,232 Simmonds - 1,168 Wiggins - 1,152

Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship Leaders

Date	Lead	Assistant
19 th December	Marnie	Alice



St Peter and St Paul's Dry Drayton

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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 21st December.

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

Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch & Festive Top Day
Wednesday 17 th December	Christingle & Carols in St Peter and St Paul Church 9am all welcome
Thursday 18 th December	School Christmas Disco – 4.30-5.30pm
Friday 19 th December	Last Celebration Collective Worship Last Day of Term
Monday 5 th January	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 6 th January	Children Return to School
Monday 19 th January	CB23 KS2 Public Speaking Competition
Tuesday 20 th January	Young Voices at the O2
Thursday 5 th February	CB23 Year 3/4 Maths Quiz
Friday 13 th 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

