

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School, and Pre-School Newsletter – 27th 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,

What an incredible term we have had! All the children have worked so hard and made noticeable progress which is excellent to see. We have also enjoyed some super enrichment days – Science week for providing opportunities for collaborative work and to be curious, a day trip to Wicken Fen on the sunniest and warmest day of 2026, Breakfast with mum (or stand in mum), Shakespeare week to inspire our writing, Young voices, Public Speaking, sports tournaments, the Humanities quiz, World Book Day, parent consultations, singing, being creative, learning and having fun. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped to make these happen. Well done to the children for engaging with these activities and for their good behaviour. I think we are all in need of a holiday to have a rest! There are lots of photos in this newsletter, so please do read on.

Well done to all of the children who were awarded our end of term certificates in Celebration Collective Worship today. As I said, all the children have worked very hard this term so it is difficult for staff to decide who should receive the awards. Paige was the worthy winner of our Courtesy Cup this term for showing kindness and care towards everyone in school and for noticing when someone needs help.

Thank you to Bella for leading Collective Worship today and having to manage presenting so many different awards, also to Marnie for helping her. Thanks also to Benjamin, Jack, Alice and Fergal for leading over the last couple of weeks.

Please see the flyer for our new 'Stay and Play' sessions for toddlers and their carers at the end of the newsletter. These sessions are taking place alternate Friday afternoons, 1:15-2:30 in Pre-school. They are invited to come and visit the Pre-school to see all the exciting activities on offer. Please do share with anyone you know who has young children.

A few reminders for next term:

- Next term commences on Tuesday 14th April at 8:40am.
- Our first swimming session for years 1-6 will start Wednesday 15th April.
- Your child needs to have school shoes plus trainers and wellies so that they can enjoy the field at playtime without bringing the mud into school. Shoes on uniform days and trainers with PE kit. Forest school waterproofs and wellies should come into school on the first day back please.
- For safety, only stud earrings are to be worn in school. Hair should be tied back too.
- We have had a couple of drink bottle spillages recently and they have created a sticky mess, so please may you only send water in the water bottles! Thank you.

Club bookings will open at 3pm today and please don't forget to book your child's delicious lunch from Mrs Clark for next term! If you wish for your child to attend After School Club, or would like to change your After School Club bookings, please do so via the office. Breakfast Club can be booked via MCAS.

This newsletter is packed with information for you to read and share with your children. The diary towards the end is very useful too. I wish you all a very happy Easter holiday. Thank you for all you do to support your child in school.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.

Pre-School

The last few weeks of term have 'flown' by. After reading the story 'What the ladybird heard' by Julia Donaldson, pre-school have been developing their own map skills to describe which way the thieves went. With the help of the remote-control ladybird, the children were able to use key directional language such as straight ahead, turn left, turn right, go backwards, and turn around.

They made some wonderful observational drawings of ladybirds, looking very carefully at the various parts, shapes, and patterns.

During our mini-beast hunt, we found a few flying around in the garden – a lovely sign spring is here!

The following week we really enjoyed sharing the story sack of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and using the colourful props to retell the story from a tiny egg on a leaf, to a very hungry caterpillar and then emerging into a beautiful butterfly. The children were inspired to paint their own beautiful butterflies, and we explored symmetrical patterns on the butterfly's wings.

This week has been very 'eggciting'(!), with lots of lovely Easter fun activities and we especially enjoyed a number Easter egg hunt around the school playground!

We would like to enhance our role-play home area and would be grateful for any of the following:

- Kitchen scales
- Old keyboards
- Telephones
- Doll's highchair, cot, pushchair, pram
- Baby equipment e.g. bottles, bouncy chair, etc.

Hope you will all have a restful Easter Holiday!

Pre-school Team



St Julian class

Reception: The children have now been in primary school for two whole terms with only one term until they transition to their new year group! It was lovely to share with you all the amazing progress they have made at the parent consultations. Thank you again for all your continued support with book reading and tricky word reading.

A few requests for summer term. Sometimes our classroom is hotter inside than working in the shade outside – please make sure that your child has a hat with them every day. The children will need to bring in sun cream that they can apply independently (we will of course support by showing them where to put it, but we cannot do it for them). New tricky words will start to come home (green) – please carry on practising the old ones and start learning the new ones.

Have a lovely Easter break with lots of family adventures and traditions.

Mrs Scarrow



Year 1/2: Wow! Such a short yet busy term. We seem to have had something special to enjoy each week and the children have worked hard throughout. The trip to Wicken Fen was glorious and the children were fantastically behaved and thoroughly engaged with all the activities. They produced some super independent writing recounting the day. It was lovely to meet with so many of you this week. I hope you found the meetings useful and enjoyed seeing the progress in your child's books. As the children will all be swimming as part of the PE curriculum next half term, please help them practise getting into and out of their swim suits/trunks independently and also getting dried and dressed independently. Please also ensure all clothes worn on swimming days are named – including underwear! I will upload next term's curriculum overview to the website over the Easter holidays so that you can see our other upcoming summer topics.

Happy Easter and have a lovely couple of weeks.

Miss Hampton



St Etheldreda class

Wow this term has flown! We are thrilled to have Miss Corr back in school with us. This term we have had Science week with lots of exciting visitors and activities, Shakespeare week with a workshop and learning about A Midsummer Night's Dream, a trip to Wicken Fen, Easter service at Church, Mother's day collective worship with breakfast rolls!

This week we have been learning about fractions in Maths. We have been writing out A Midsummer Night's Dream character descriptions in English, thinking about the use of similes in our writing. In Science, we have been exploring light.

Mrs Spink and Miss Corr



St Edmund class

St Edmunds have had a wonderful few weeks engaging collaboratively in Science Week and displaying their wonderful curiosity. We then turned our minds towards Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream, in preparation for our workshop this week. In between, there was time to enjoy a wonderful day together at Wicken Fen!

During Science week, we enjoyed visits from parents who work in the field of STEM and also welcomed a 3D printing engineer, who shared some of his technical designs and insights which fascinated the children. The East Anglian Air Ambulance Service delivered training for all of KS2 on first aid and supporting emergency situations.

We extracted the DNA from strawberries, working collaboratively and preparing ourselves for our trip on 24th April to the Babraham Institute (details to follow shortly ...)

We spent a wonderful afternoon with Mrs Hegan and Ms Wright re-purposing, recycling and re-making paper in the form of decorative sheets and sturdy briquettes for the Forest School fire.

Last week we started our unit of work on Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream, (which the children have loved so far...) so we were well prepared for Monday's workshop and Shakespeare week this week!

Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop

Science Week

We enjoyed Science Week in school, with the themes of curiosity and collaboration. A big focus throughout the week was being 'paper neutral': how can we re-use, recycle or repurpose our paper supplies? During the week, the children had opportunities to make paper briquettes (for fuel), recycled paper, animal bedding and paper crafts.

During the week, each class planned an investigation to run. We also had a fascinating visit from Martin MacMahon, a 3d printer design engineer, and an online visit from Antarctica scientist Grace Ropceanu from the University of Cambridge, who spoke to the children about Antarctica and climate challenges.



Mothering Sunday celebration

It was lovely to welcome so many mums (and mum stand-ins) into school 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 Clark and Ms Arnold for working so hard in the kitchen to provide the breakfast baps, to all the staff who helped and to all the mums and stand-ins for coming to make it special!





Mayor's Day Out: Whole School Trip to Wicken Fen

Last Wednesday, we all visited Wicken Fen, thanks to the Mayor's Day Out Initiative. There we visited an old cottage, which is a traditional Fenland cottage, built using local materials, and furnished in the 1930s style. It also has a Fenman's workshop in the garden, which we explored and learnt how the land used to be cared for. We also enjoyed a 'Connect with the wild' session.

"On Wednesday, we went to Wicken Fen Nature Reserve. After a long time travelling, we finally arrived! We all filed out of the coach in a neat line and met a lady called 'Chris'. She was lovely and shared all the safety rules for our day. After that, we went for our first activity – the Fen Workshop. On the way, we were shown an ancient wind pump used by the people who used to live in the Fens. The weather was so wonderful that I took off my school fleece for the first time!" – Paige, year 5

"I loved spending the day at Wicken Fen with my friends. My favourite activity was probably the workshop because there were so many fascinating things like eel traps and other interesting tools. When we were in the old house it was like we actually lived in Wicken Fen many years ago..." – Bella, year 6



Easter service

Thank you to all the parents who joined us at our Easter service on Wednesday. It was lovely to have the choir singing us into and out of the church, and to hear the children singing the songs so joyfully. Well done to all the children who read the prayers and readings. Thanks also to our volunteers helping us to cross the road safely.



PE for summer term

Class	Summer term 1	Summer term 2
Reception	Thursday: Infant agility (athletics)	Thursday: Gross motor skills – early learning goal work
1/2 (please note the changes to your PE days in summer term 1)	Wednesday Swimming	Thursday: Infant agility (athletics) Friday: Fundamentals
3/4	Thursday Cricket	Wednesday: OAA (outdoor adventurous activity) Thursday: Athletics
5/6		Wednesday: OAA (outdoor adventurous activity) Thursday: Athletics

Requesting Term-Time Leave

Parents are reminded that, following government policy, they do not have the right or entitlement to take their child out of school for a term-time holiday. Recent government guidelines have removed the discretion for headteachers agreeing to term-time leave for holiday purposes. Any requests for leave of absence need to be submitted before the leave is taken. We have recently reviewed and updated our process for requesting any term-time leave. Parents are asked to now complete this [Term-Time Leave Request Form](#) online and provide any supporting evidence, if applicable, with their request. This also applies to parents requesting to take their child out of school during the school day. You will then receive a response via email to confirm if the leave is authorised. We are using a standard reply that is formal; this is because we are obliged to ensure you receive all of the information contained in the email. Please see our Attendance Policy on the website for further information.

School lunches



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

Summer term clubs

Booking is now open for all clubs (including code club) for the summer term. 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 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 wraparound care** 3:20-5:30pm 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	£56	20 th April-13 th July
Tuesday	Multi-Sports Club (years R-6)	Sports coach	£62.50	14 th April-14 th July
Wednesday	Craft Club (years R-6)	Mrs Sweetnam	£62.50	15 th April-15 th July
Wednesday	Code Club (years 5-6)	Claire Shih	Free	15 th April-15 th July
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club (years 2-6)	Mrs Pergande Vincent	£62.50	16 th April-16 th July
Thursday	Football Club (years 3-6)	Sports coach	£62.50	16 th April-16 th July
Friday	Gymnastics Club (years R-6)	Sports coach	£57.75	17 th April-10 th July

Celebration Collective Worship

13th March

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Frederik, Fletch, Isabella and Marnie.

Well done to Errol and Harry P for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.



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

20th March

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Alex H, Alex J and Isla.

Well done to Ivy for achieving her **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points. Congratulations to Aga, Alex H, Ellie-Rose, Errol, Frederik, Isla, Joshua L, Michael, Sebastian and Sophia for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.

Aga, Aria, Benedict and Daria were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

27th March

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Joshua L, Halle, Vlad, Lola and Cameron. Well done to Benjamin and Jacob for achieving their **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points.



House Points



Totals for w/c 9th March

Ennis - 71 Farah - 41 Simmonds - 87 Wiggins - 64

Totals for w/c 16th March

Ennis - 85 Farah - 106 Simmonds - 137 Wiggins - 126

Totals for w/c 23rd March

Ennis - 75 Farah - 78 Simmonds - 69 Wiggins - 71

Totals for the year so far

Ennis - 2,755 Farah - 2,946 Simmonds - 2,373 Wiggins - 2,241

End of term awards

Handwriting awards were presented to Joshua L, Jonah, Aria, Clover, Benedict, Ruby and Ivy.

We also presented the following awards:

- Courtesy Cup – Paige
- PE Award – Luna
- Science Award – Adele
- Forest School Award – Alice B
- Art Award – Michael
- DT Award – Daria
- Computing Award – Gucio



Well done to everyone!

Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship Leaders

Date	Lead	Assistant
17 th April	Fergal	Benjamin
24 th April	Ivy	Bella
1 st May	Marnie	Alice
8 th May	Jack	Fergal
15 th May	Alice	Jack
22 nd May	Benjamin	Marnie
29 th May	Half term	
5 th June	Bella	Ivy
12 th June	Fergal	Benjamin
19 th June	Ivy	Bella
26 th June	Marnie	Alice
3 rd July	Jack	Fergal
10 th July	Alice	Jack
14 th July	All Year 6	All year 6



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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, 19th April.

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.

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

Saturday 28th March	Orsino Choir 6pm in St Peter and St Paul Church
Monday 13th April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 14th April	Children Return to School
Wednesday 15th 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 28th April	Bikeability Level 1 (Year 3/4)
w/c Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs
w/c 25 th May	Half Term
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	Fathers Day Celebration – breakfast butties from 8.30am. Bring your Dad or Stand-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
Tuesday 30 th June	S&VA Fun Run
Wednesday 8 th July	9.30am KS2 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal 1.15pm Sports Afternoon – all welcome
Thursday 9 th July	9.15am KS2 Summer Production 6.00pm KS2 Summer Production
Friday 10 th July	Life Bus linked with PSHE
Tuesday 14th July	Final Celebration Collective Worship
Thursday 16 th July	Pre-School Picnic
Friday 17th 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

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/>

Limited spaces, please book
by emailing or ringing:

office@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk

TEL: 01954 780618



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Stay and Play



FREE toddler play session with parents/carers in the
wonderful preschool room at Dry Drayton School

FRIDAY 24th April 1:15 – 2:30

FRIDAY 8th May 1:15 – 2:30

FRIDAY 22nd May 1:15 – 2:30

Parking available at St Peter and St Paul's Church Dry Drayton

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Dry Drayton Knitted
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From £15.45



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