

# Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School, and Pre-School Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> April 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,

It's hard to believe that we have been back two weeks already but it's good to see the sun and feel its warmth even if there have been heavy frosts some mornings. We are enjoying using the field again for PE and playtimes.

The diary dates at the end of this newsletter detail the events for the term. I spoke to the children about the Summer Sizzler (Friday 26th June) and what sort of stalls and activities they enjoy. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and supports both school and pre-school so we would love to make it a great evening for everyone. Please see the list of suggested activities and consider if you could run one of them with your family or a friend. If you have any more suggestions for stalls, please let the office know. Ideally, we would like someone, or a group of people to co-ordinate the event. Again, please discuss with the office if you are able to do this.

If you or the company you work for would like to donate a raffle prize or sponsor for example the bouncy castle, that would be fantastic – your business would have lots of advertising before and during the evening!

We are on a continual loop of replacing IT equipment – laptops and iPads for the children – and we would like additional storage and new books for the library.

We would really appreciate if you could help your child to tell the time on an ordinary clock face please. This may sound a little old fashioned, but all of our clocks in school have hands on them to tell the time. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next Friday for Celebration Collective Worship at 9am.

Hope you have a lovely weekend in the spring sunshine!

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.

## Pre-School

Pre-school have been enjoying listening to fairy tales this term and acting out the stories with puppets and soft toys. Last week it was Goldilocks and the Three Bears and this week they have had fun being the troll hiding under a bridge in The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Poor Miss Phillips is still on jury service, but the two Ellies are managing the pre-school brilliantly with the support of school staff. Thank you to them both.

The children have been cutting and sticking to make masks and puppets and today, they have mixed colours to make green grass for the goats. They used clay to make trolls and had lots of fun on the trim trail acting out the trip trapping of the goats over the bridge.

### *Pre-school Team*



## St Julian class

**Reception:** A fantastic start to the summer term. The children have been busy in all areas of their learning. Our current topic is called 'Explorers'; we have looked at Dry Drayton as a village where we either live and go to school or just go to school. This week we have been learning about England and Britain. Next week we will be moving onto looking at the world in which we live. We have also been using 'Explorers' to look at different fiction books within this genre. This week's book (Coming to England) has generated lots of great conversations, questioning and story writing.

In maths, our focus is on subitising numbers to 10 and seeing them in different ways. We are also counting to 20 from any given number. Please could you ask your child how many real life objects they can see (to 10) and ask how they can see them. For example, there might be 6 plates on the table, and they might be in 2 rows/lines of 3.

Some children have not brought their forest school clothes back to school. Due to our lovely British weather, we also need wellies and waterproofs in summer; please could you send them in.

### *Mrs Scarrow*

**Year 1/2:** Well done to all the children on a lovely start to the term. In English, we have started reading Man on the Moon – A day in the life of Bob by Simon Bartram. The children seem to be really enjoying it and have started to write about a day in the life of one of the cheeky aliens who live on the moon, hiding from Bob.

In terms of aliens...year ones are busy having a go at reading alien words in preparation for the phonics screening check in June. Please find words to practise each week in book bags and come and see me if you would like any advice about this.

Year twos are working hard at some low-key extra practice for their SATS tests later this half term, focussing in particular on the types of questions they will see, how the questions are laid out and so on.

I was very impressed with how all the children have taken their swimming lessons in their stride. They all happily got in the water, had a super try at swimming (some of them very confidently) and have all had a really good go at changing independently. Thank you for your support at home in preparing them for this.

Our class curriculum overview for this half term is on our class page on the website. There is no specific homework menu, but the ongoing homework expectations remain the same: daily reading of books/tricky words and maths practice on the 'Hit the Button' maths app online (or practise of times tables and number facts on paper/verbally with an adult if a screen free option preferred).

Have a lovely weekend!

*Miss Hampton*



### St Etheldreda class

This week in St Etheldreda's class, we have been working hard in Maths on fractions, mass and learning our times tables. In English, we have been describing animals using adjectives and similes. In Art, we have been designing clothes by drawing our models and sticking patterned fabrics on top of the models. We have also learnt how to count to 21 in Spanish. Please work with your child to practise their times tables. The year 4 multiplication times tables check (MTC) is coming up very soon and the children only have 6 seconds to answer the questions!

*Mrs Spink and Miss Corr*



### St Edmund class

St Edmunds have had a busy few weeks developing their fast-paced narratives in response to the film 'Ruin'. We hope to publish their work and share these stories with a wider audience!

We look forward to our trip to Illumina on Friday 24th April where we will further our understanding of DNA and the application of design engineering. The Year 5 Maths Quiz team had fun on Tuesday, tackling 22 challenging questions that tested their memories! Thank you to Maxwell's Mum for transporting and supporting the team!

Benjamin's Mum came in on Tuesday to share some edible delights from Brazil! This brought our South American topic to a memorable close... ask your children about what they can remember!

Swimming has got off to a good start and the children are rising to the challenge of this new Wednesday routine and progressing well (even increasing their speed in the changing rooms!)

Year 6 will be starting to plan their SATs breakfast, so please be prepared to add an item or two to your shopping list in the next few weeks to make their breakfasts together extra special (SATs week May 11th-14th).



Our homework menu is up on the website so please take a look at projects your child may like to try at home and share with their class.

*Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop*



### **Year 6 Leavers Hoodies**

It's time to order your year 6 leavers hoodies! There are samples to look at for size and colour in the school office. Please order and pay for your hoodie via MCAS and let us know in the office which size and colour you would like. Please order by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

### **DT update – KS1**

Please could KS1 children bring in a box (shoebox size or smaller) over the next two weeks – they will be needed for a DT project.

### **International Day**

Following on from our successful MFL and Topic work on South America in KS2, we are planning to run an International Day in school on Tuesday 14th July.

This is an opportunity for us to celebrate the languages and cultures taught within our curriculum but also those that may be practised more widely within our whole school community. We would really appreciate any parents who would be happy to come in on that day to share something about their culture/language.



We are just asking for an initial show of interest at this point (and for you to save the date if you are able to volunteer...). We will put together more details after half term. Please let the office know if you are available and what culture/language you would be happy to share.

### **Ideas for our Summer Sizzler Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Your school and pre-school need you!!

Let's make this the best one ever – how can you help? If you know a business who would like to support the school, please ask them to contact the office. Perhaps they would like to offer a raffle prize or sponsor the bouncy castle? We would offer lots of advertising as a thank you. Maybe a group of parents could organise a stall or activity.

We will be having the following:

- BBQ with hot dogs/burgers and drinks stall
- Bouncy castle (hopefully!)
- Coconut shy with cans
- Photo competition – of pets eg cutest pet
- Cake sale
- Raffle

**These are the children's suggestions (they may need your help to run these!):**

- Face painting and glitter tattoos
- Lucky dip
- Millie's Claw machine
- Penalty shootout football or basket ball
- Toy stall
- Races - three legged and sack
- Popcorn making (if someone has a machine)
- Loom band making stall
- Origami making stall
- Pokemon stall swapping/selling
- Guess the number of sweets in a jar
- Hook a duck
- Crafts stall including crochet
- Sweet stall
- Lolly stick game

Any more ideas?

### **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 Summer 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 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 3/4 – Chestnuts
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3/4 – Oaks
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5/6 – Chestnuts
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 5/6 – Oaks
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	RE Enrichment Day – no Forest School
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 3/4 – Chestnuts
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3/4 – Oaks

### Summer term clubs

Booking is open for all clubs for the summer term – please contact the office to book, as we will adjust the cost to reflect the number of weeks remaining. **There are spaces in all clubs except cookery.** 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 <sup>th</sup> April-13 <sup>th</sup> July
Tuesday	Multi-Sports Club (years R-6)	Sports coach	£62.50	14 <sup>th</sup> April-14 <sup>th</sup> July
Wednesday	Craft Club (years R-6)	Mrs Sweetnam	£62.50	15 <sup>th</sup> April-15 <sup>th</sup> July
Wednesday	Code Club (years 5-6)	Claire Shih	Free	15 <sup>th</sup> April-15 <sup>th</sup> July
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club (years 2-6)	Mrs Pergande Vincent	£62.50	16 <sup>th</sup> April-16 <sup>th</sup> July
Thursday	Football Club (years 3-6)	Sports coach	£62.50	16 <sup>th</sup> April-16 <sup>th</sup> July
Friday	Gymnastics Club (years R-6)	Sports coach	£57.75	17 <sup>th</sup> April-10 <sup>th</sup> July

### **Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship Leaders: Note this has changed since the last newsletter**

Date	Lead	Assistant
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Fergal	Benjamin
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Ivy	Bella
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Marnie	Alice
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Jack	Fergal
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term	
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Alice	Jack
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Benjamin	Marnie
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Bella	Ivy
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Fergal	Benjamin
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Marnie	Alice
10 <sup>th</sup> July	No Celebration Collective Worship	
14 <sup>th</sup> July	All Year 6	All year 6



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, 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **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](mailto:clerk@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk).

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

Tuesday 28th April	Bikeability Level 1 (Year 3/4)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	First Celebration collective Worship of the term 9am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play in Pre-school 1.15-2.30pm
w/c Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Class and individual photos
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Stay and Play in Pre-school 1.15-2.30pm
w/c 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Quadkids Competition Years 4-6 1:30-4pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	RE Enrichment Day – What world would Jesus want?
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	CB23 Spelling Bee Competition
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Music Concert in the church, 2.45pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Celebration – breakfast butties from 8.30am. Bring your Dad or Stand-In Dad to breakfast before a special Celebration Collective Worship. Non uniform and bring a bottle for the Summer Sizzler bottle stall
w/c Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5/6) Chestnuts M&Tu then Oaks W&Th
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Sizzler from 5pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	S&VA Fun Run
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am KS2 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal 1.15pm Sports Afternoon – all welcome
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am KS2 Summer Production 6.00pm KS2 Summer Production
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Life Bus linked with PSHE End of year reports sent out
Tuesday 14th July	Final Celebration Collective Worship
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	International Day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.drydraytonprimaryschool.co.uk)*

Limited spaces, please book  
by emailing or ringing:

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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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# PROJECT 11



## PROJECT 11 – GIRLS RUGBY

*Mission: Get as many girls involved in rugby as possible*

**What is it?** A training programme, delivered by Shelford coaches and players, helping introduce girls aged 10, 11 and 12 to rugby. With free food offered after every session.



**When is it?** Every Wednesday evening at Shelford Rugby Club (6-7pm) from 6<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Plus, its completely **FREE!**

**For more information contact:**

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