

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School, and Pre-School Newsletter – 8th May 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,

'Walk to school' week is only 10 days away, starting Monday 18th May, and so we have been thinking about how we travel to school and whether it would be possible to walk or cycle for all or some of the journey on all or some of the days each week. The Eco Council have been collecting this information to calculate our carbon count across the whole of school life to see how we can all help to make a difference.

I will be asking the children to pledge to walk/cycle/scoot more often or for some of your journey during 'Walk to school' week, so obviously this needs to be a family discussion! I know that this is not always possible, but if you are able to pledge to make a difference on just one day, that would be excellent.

With this in mind, and now that the weather is warmer and dryer and the sun is out for longer, more children are taking to the footpaths to travel to school. Please ensure you drive slowly and considerably along Park Street in particular, giving pedestrians and cyclists priority, and do not turn in front of the school. The turning circle should always be free for you to use, rather than our neighbours' drives and the zigzag area in front of the gates. Thank you.

We thought about Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday today as we closed our Celebration Collective Worship. We will be looking at his life next week and some of the wonderful places he has visited and animals he has been lucky to encounter or see. If your child wants to share any information, research, draw pictures, do encourage them to bring these in to school.

Thank you to our Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship leaders: Fergal with Benjamin last week and today, Ivy and Bella.

Please always send your child to school with a coat, or leave their forest school waterproof in school. We do like to play outside in the showers! Remember: it's not the wrong weather, it's the wrong clothes!! A sunhat for breaktime is essential too and children are welcome to bring in a named suncream for them to apply themselves if you so wish.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



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Big ambitions.

Pre-School

We have had an exciting couple of weeks in pre-school, continuing with the theme Traditional Tales.

The pre-school room had a lovely aroma of ginger! We made ginger play dough and decorated gingerbread men biscuits with coloured icing, sugar sprinkles, and dried fruit. We especially enjoyed using 'The Gingerbread Man' story sack to retell our own story using the props and masks.



This week, our story is the 'The Enormous Turnip'. Frank's Farm at Elsworth kindly donated a large box of different vegetables. The children were able to use all their senses to look at, touch, smell and taste all the different varieties of vegetable. We changed the role-play area into a farm shop. The children took turns between being the shopkeeper and customer, they wrote shopping lists, counted the vegetables, and even had a drink and a snack at the farm cafe!

In the outside area, we started preparing the vegetable plot ready to plant our fruit, vegetables and sunflower seeds.

We had lots of fun making vegetable soup in the mud kitchen, chopping up all the different vegetables whilst comparing similarities and differences between vegetables.

Wish list: any fruit or vegetable plants, especially tomato or strawberry plants.

Pre-school Team



St Julian class

Reception: The children have really immersed themselves into their Explorers unit of work this half term. This week we have been focusing on space and the children have been working hard on the different activities; please look at SeeSaw for snippets of their week.

The weather is becoming warmer, which is a lovely feeling. We keep a tray of the children's suncreams in class and support them to independently do a top up cream before lunch. If you would like your child to have a top up, please could you supply a named suncream. We do live in the UK however, and the weather does turn quite quickly. Please can you ensure that your child brings in a coat/raincoat every day so that they can still enjoy the outdoor provision, whatever the weather.

I will be starting to collate all my information needed to write your child's end of year report, if you would like to meet me to discuss your child's progress before these are given out in July then the door is always open.

Mrs Scarrow

Year 1/2: There has been lots more super work going on in year 1/2. We have continued to use Man on the Moon to inspire our writing in English and the children have been thinking of different exciting things tourists could do if they visited the moon. Maybe they could go swimming in a moon crater, or perhaps they could play hide and seek with the aliens. There is lots of fun to be had as a visitor on the moon!

In maths, year 2 have been busy working on time, tally charts and graphs, and position and direction. To help with position and direction, please help your child learn their left and right, and also clockwise and anti-clockwise turns.

Year 1 have started working on multiplication and division. Practising counting off by heart in 10s (to 120), 5s (to 60) and 2s (to 24) will really help them with this.

We have had several shoe boxes sent in, thank you. If you have any more at home, they will be gratefully received in preparation for the next DT/art project.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Hampton



St Etheldreda class

It has been another fantastic, busy week of learning in St Etheldreda! Following our work on How Rabbit Stole the Fire, the children have been busy planning their own folk tales featuring animals with unique characteristics. We are focusing heavily on reading fluency, so please continue to read with your child at least five times a week. While many are now excellent independent readers, hearing them read aloud is vital for developing the expression and intonation we have been practising in class.

We are reaching the conclusion of our Fractions unit, specifically mastering how to add and subtract fractions with improper numbers. With the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) approaching quickly after the half-term break, please keep up the daily times table practice at home!

RE: We have been learning about Guru Nanak and the specific customs Sikh people follow before entering their place of worship.

Art: Our budding designers have been creating incredible outfits for fashion models using a creative mix of fabrics and reclaimed materials.

Geography: We have been exploring the key differences between rural and urban environments.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning journey.

Mrs Spink and Miss Corr



St Edmund class

Using a short film, Ruin, as their inspiration, Year 5 and 6 have been writing their own suspense stories. In order to produce fabulous writing, they are using 'Dadwavers' to help them remember to use:

- Description
- Adjectives

- Dialogue
- Where things are
- Adverbs/adverbial
- Verbs
- Estimation of the time
- Rhetorical questions
- Similes and metaphors

They have also been completing then editing their Illumina presentations from their trip a couple of weeks ago, which was light relief after working with decimal numbers in maths. The next Dolce and Gabbana duo could be in the making, as the children have been designing some stunning outfits using scraps of fabric and other creative items in their DT project!

Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop

PE information

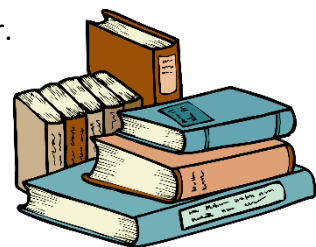
Year 6 need to bring an old pair of shorts and t-shirt or PJs for next week's swimming lesson, as they will be joining together as a year group to complete the water safety part of the year 6 swim curriculum.

After half term, year 5/6 have orienteering/map reading in their PE curriculum. The children will be using a route within the village to complete their work. If your child owns a watch, please could you ensure that they bring it in on a Wednesday (and that they know how to tell the time!).

In lesson 1, the children will have a briefing on the safety aspects of being outside of the school grounds. The children will be grouped in 3s (including a child who is familiar with the village) and Mrs Scarrow will be taking them around the village as a whole group to show them the different routes that they can take. In the following lessons, the children will go off in their groups to complete various challenges around the village. Mrs Scarrow and another member of staff will be positioned at different points in the village to support. Two years ago, we did the same unit of work and it was a great success. Any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Help with the KS2 library

Thank you so much to families who have donated good condition, pre-loved books so far. Any further donations will continue to be gratefully received. We are also on the lookout for nice storage baskets; if you have any unwanted ones at home we would love those too. In addition, we would be immensely grateful if any parents (or grandparents) would be able to spare an hour or so on a Monday afternoon to help tidy and sort the library, and to label some of the lovely donations. These library 'working parties' will happen from around 1.20pm-3.20pm on Monday 8th and Monday 15th June. Please let the office know if you are able to help. Any amount of time would be appreciated; there is no need to have to commit to the full two hours.



Many thanks

Miss Hampton

Illumina DNA day

On 24th April, the year 5/6 children enjoyed a trip to Illumina Biotech. During the day, children experienced a variety of workshops, learning more about DNA and Illumina's work producing equipment for this field of biotech. This followed on nicely from our experiments in Science Week, where we extracted the DNA from strawberries. This trip was organised and funded through Cambridge LaunchPad, a STEM outreach programme managed by Form the Future. Thank you to them for providing such a fascinating experience for the children.



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.



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/>



Summer Sizzler: Friday 26th June

Your school and pre-school need you!!

We are starting to plan our Summer Sizzler event on Friday 26th June. This is our main fundraising event of the year – the funds raised from the Summer Sizzler help us provide new books and IT equipment for the children.


The Summer Sizzler takes a lot of organising, both before the event and on the day itself, and we don't have a PTA that would ordinarily take this on in a larger school. We would therefore love parents to get involved!

How can you help?

There are many ways you can help us with the Summer Sizzler:

- Can the company you work for donate a prize for the raffle?
- Do you have any ideas for stalls or activities you would like to see?
- Can you help organise and plan one or more of the stalls?
- Can you help on the day, with setting up, manning stalls, or clearing away?
- Is there anything else we haven't thought of?

If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you – drop us an email at office@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk. It would be lovely to form a group of parents that can help us make this the best year yet!



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

1st May

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Jed, Adele, Clover, Josh M, Robin, Gian, Lily and Ruby.



Well done to Alice B and Jack for achieving their **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points.

Congratulations to Adele, Alice L, Benedict, Clover, Halle, Luna, Robin and Vlad for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.

Jonah, Sophia, Alice B and Ivona were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

8th May

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Aga, Jonah, Jamie and Bella.

Well done to Tala for achieving her **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points. Congratulations to Emma, Jamie, Lily, Rae, Reuben, Sammy, for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.

Ethan, Lucas, Isabella and Jacob were chosen to sit on the **golden table** next week with a friend of their choosing.

House Points



Totals for w/c 13th, 20th & 27th April

Ennis - 302 Farah - 334 Simmonds - 197 Wiggins - 333

Totals for w/c 4th May

Ennis - 177 Farah - 120 Simmonds - 98 Wiggins - 111

Totals for the year so far

Ennis - 3,234 Farah - 3,406 Simmonds - 2,668 Wiggins - 2,685

Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship Leaders

Date	Lead	Assistant
15 th May	Marnie	Alice
22 nd May	Jack	Fergal
29 th May	Half term	
5 th June	Alice	Jack
12 th June	Benjamin	Marnie
19 th June	Bella	Ivy
26 th June	Fergal	Benjamin
3 rd July	Marnie	Alice
10 th July	No Celebration Collective Worship	
14 th 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, 17th May.

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

w/c Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs
w/c Monday 18 th May	Walk to school week
Wednesday 20th May	Class and individual photos
Friday 22nd May	Stay and Play in Pre-school 1.15-2.30pm
w/c 25th May	Half Term
Thursday 4th June	Quadkids Competition Years 4-6 1:30-4pm
w/c 1 st June	RSE week
Friday 5th June	RE Enrichment Day – What world would Jesus want?
Monday 8 th June	Library Working Party
Monday 15 th June	Library Working Party
Tuesday 16th June	CB23 Spelling Bee Competition
Thursday 18th June	Summer Music Concert in the church, 1.45pm
Friday 19th 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 22nd June	Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5/6) Chestnuts M&Tu then Oaks W&Th
Thursday 25 th June	Chess Competition
Friday 26th June	Summer Sizzler from 5pm
Tuesday 30th June	S&VA Fun Run
Wednesday 1 st July	Move-Up Morning
Wednesday 8th July	9.30am KS2 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal 1.15pm Sports Afternoon – all welcome
Thursday 9th July	9.15am KS2 Summer Production 6.00pm KS2 Summer Production
Friday 10th July	Life Bus linked with PSHE End of year reports sent out

Tuesday 14th July	Final Celebration Collective Worship
Tuesday 14th July	International Day
Thursday 16th 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



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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

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May half-term

Netball camps

Fun and fitness for children
during the school holidays

 Wednesday 27 May 2026 10am to 3.30pm	 Impington Village College Sports Centre, CB24 9LX	 For children in Year 3 to Year 9 of all abilities
 £25 per child per day £23 per child per day for siblings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All coaches are suitably checked and qualified. ✓ Appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoors is essential. ✓ Snacks and lunch and plenty to drink should be brought. 	 In a safe setting, children can develop skills and put them into practice

Book now for a place on our May half-term netball camps!