

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

Newsletter – 28th November 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,

Christmas is creeping ever closer! Songs from the Nativity have been floating into my office, with carols close behind them. We are all set for our afternoon of Christmas art and craft fun next Wednesday, then our tree will be decorated and our classrooms full of festive cheer.

Well done to our year 6 collective worship leaders Bella and Benjamin, and to Jack and Marnie for supporting them. We celebrated our first Bronze Award of the year today when Rae was presented with her certificate! Please don't forget to encourage your child to bring in and share any awards and achievements from out of school clubs. We love to hear about these personal achievements!

After School Clubs Collection: Now the light is fading by the time we have finished our school clubs at 4.20pm, please ensure that you collect your child from the playground. We cannot send children out into a dark car park! If the gate is not open by 4.20pm, please buzz either the office or Little Owl for entry. Many thanks.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



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/>



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Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



St Julian class

Reception: We have been very busy practising the Nativity this week. The children are doing really well and you are in for a treat. Sign-up sheets for tickets will be in the office next week. There will be two tickets available per family, and also an option to request any extra seats if any are available. Thank you for practising lines at home, please remind your child to shout

when it is their turn to speak! We will be practising in costumes and with the lights next week. We have most costumes in school, but if you have been asked to provide something please send it in next week, or let me know if you are unable to provide the requested items.

The children have been working really hard in their phonics and have moved onto diagraphs ('two letters that make one sound'). Thank you for all your support with reading at home and completing their tricky word cards, we can really see all the progress coming into their writing during focused time and busy learning.

Next week the children will be decorating their home corner to make it look 'Christmassy': if you have any unneeded tinsel and decorations please do send them in.

Mrs Scarrow

Year 1/2: We have been very busy practising the Nativity this week. The children are doing really well and you are in for a treat. Sign-up sheets for tickets will be in the office next week. There will be two tickets available per family, and also an option to request any extra seats if any are available. Thank you for practising lines at home, please remind your child to shout when it is their turn to speak! We will be practising in costumes and with the lights next week. We have most costumes in school, but if you have been asked to provide something please send it in next week, or let me know if you are unable to provide the requested items.

Alongside Nativity practise we have also been busy with our usual phonics, spelling, reading and maths lessons!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Hampton



St Etheldreda class

This afternoon we have enjoyed a long Forest School session together, learning lots about nature and having lots of fun! In science, we are learning about electricity and we have been making circuits using bulbs, cell, switch, wires and buzzers! The children have absolutely loved this hands-on topic! In English we have completed our newspaper articles about the Vikings, ask your child all about it. In Maths we have begun our block on multiplication – remember to

keep practising on TTRS at home.

Mrs Spink and Miss Corr



St Edmund class

In St Edmund's this week we had a competition to write a report about our visit from Professor Matt Bothwell – read more about this below in a report co-created by Alice, Gian, Jack, Kira, Marnie and Paige!

Also over the last two weeks we have been busy working on Fractions and Biographies, alongside finishing our Viking boats and learning about Viking Gods in Topic.

Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop

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.



KS2 Viking Day

Last Monday, Key Stage 2 enjoyed their Viking Day. The children made shields or broaches, runes, learnt how to use a loom, and made and ate pancakes. The children (and staff) all looked great dressed up for a full immersive experience! Thank you to all the staff that put this together and to volunteers that helped on the day.



Visit by Astronomer - Professor Matt Bothwell

The children enjoyed another visit from astronomer Matt Bothwell from Cambridge University on Monday. St Edmunds class had a competition to write a report for this newsletter and the standard was so high that here is a co-creation from Alice, Gian, Jack, Kira, Marnie and Paige!



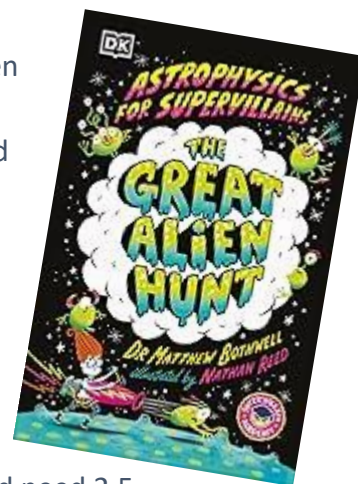
Is there life beyond planet Earth?

Introduction

It was very interesting learning from Professor Bothwell, and very exciting learning new facts. If you want to learn more about Space then we recommend “Astrophysics for Supervillains” and “The Great Alien Hunt” both by Matt Bothwell, who came into our class on Monday. Space is a wonderland for planets and it is very awe-inspiring, there are stars, galaxies and so many other things ... (by Kira, Marnie and Paige)

Is there life on Mars?

For years, researchers have been trying to discover life on different planets; especially on Mars. Recently, they have found a clue – a type of moss has been growing on the surface of rocks. Do you think this could be a breakthrough? How do we know this? The Mars Rover photographed it two weeks ago. Do you think you could live on Mars? No, I don't think so! You would need 2.5 year's supply of food, oxygen and water to survive. (by Gian)



What about Europa?

Scientists believe that there is life on Europa (Jupiter's ice-moon). They think that the big, ice-moon just has a very thick layer of ice then underneath all that they think that there might be an ocean that may contain life. Maybe fish.... This moon might actually be a water planet. Scientists' robots are in space right now as you read this; heading to Europa. They will take 7 years to get there. When they do, they are going to scan the ice moon for water and life. They have been practising their skills in the South Pole. (by Alice)

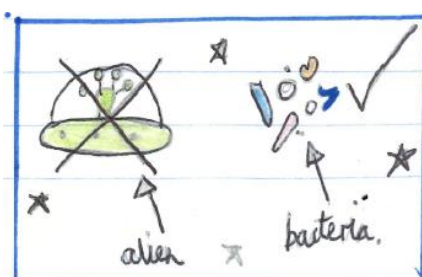
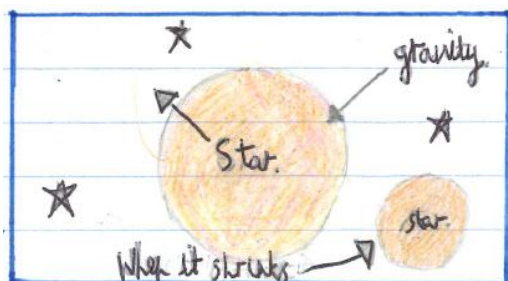


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Year 3/4 Football Competition

Yesterday all of the Year 3/4 boys travelled to Melbourn Village College to take part in a 'boys new to football' tournament. The aim of the event was to introduce new players to the game of football and to inspire them to continue playing. The boys played really against six other teams, winning or drawing all their matches. Well done to Benedict, Gucio, Harry, Jamie, John-Thomas, Joshua, Robin and Vlad. Thank you to Mrs Spink for taking them and to Mr Barker for helping with the transport.

Forest School Autumn 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).

Note: There is no Forest School on Friday 5th December because of Hanukkah Day. Years 1 & 2 will have a combined Forest School session on Friday 12th December.

Date	Year Group
Friday 5 th December	No Forest School – Hanukkah Day
Friday 12 th December	Year 1 & 2
Friday 19 th December	Last day – no Forest School

Autumn term clubs

It is still possible to book places at our school-run clubs – please contact the office if your child would like to attend, as we will adjust the cost to reflect the number of weeks left in the term.

All clubs except Code Club still have places available.

Our sports clubs are run by JS Sports:

Multi-Sports: The multi-sports club 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.**

Reception children will be offered the opportunity to book school clubs when they have settled into school life and their teacher agrees that they are ready. If you can see a club available on your reception child's MCAS page, then it is available and Mrs Scarrow has agreed that they are ready for that club.



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 (priority given to KS2)	Mrs King & Miss Wright	£70	8 th September-15 th December
Monday	Sports Multi-Skills Club (years R-2)	Sports coach	£66.50	8 th September-15 th December
Tuesday	Science Club (years 1-2)	Mrs Sweetnam	£66.50	9 th September-16 th December
Tuesday	Multi-Sports Club (years 3-6)	Sports coach	£66.50	9 th September-16 th December
Wednesday	Craft Club	Mrs Sweetnam	£66.50	10 th September-17 th December
Wednesday	Code Club (years 5-6)	Claire Shih		10 th September-17 th December
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club (years 2-6)	Mrs Pergande Vincent	£66.50	11 th September-18 th December
Thursday	Football Club (years 3-6)	Sports coach	£71.25	4 th September-18 th December
Friday	Gymnastics Club	Sports coach	£71.25	5 th September-19 th December



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 21st December.

Celebration Collective Worship

21st November

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Aga, Jonah, Daria and Fergal.

Aga, Michael, Alice L and Alice B chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.







28th November

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Ellie-Rose, Halle, Millie and Benjamin.

Halle, Sammy, Emma and Isabella were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.



We awarded our first **Bronze** certificate of the year to Rae – well done for earning 100 house points.

House Points			
			
			
Totals for w/c 17th November			
Ennis - 115 Farah - 103 Simmonds - 69 Wiggins - 63			
Totals for w/c 24th November			
Ennis - 170 Farah - 107 Simmonds - 151 Wiggins - 112			
Totals for the year so far			
Ennis - 1,180 Farah - 988 Simmonds - 936 Wiggins - 927			

Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship Leaders

Date	Lead	Assistant
5 th December	Fergal	Benjamin
12 th December	Ivy	Bella
19 th December	Marnie	Alice

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

Wednesday 3 rd December	Cross Country Morning Christmas Decoration Afternoon – volunteers welcome
Friday 5 th December	Hanukkah Day
Thursday 11 th December	Nativity Performance, 9.15am
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 18th December	School Christmas Disco – 4.30-5.30pm
Friday 19 th December	Last Celebration Collective Worship Last Day of Term
Monday 5th January	Staff Training Day – School Closed

Tuesday 6th January	Children Return to School
Monday 19 th January	CB23 KS2 Public Speaking Competition
Tuesday 20th 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.drydraytonprimarieschool.co.uk

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Thursday 18th
December
4.30-5.30pm

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GOODY BAG!



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Friends Of CVC Trust Fund
And The School Council
Presents:
CHRISTMAS
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Saturday 29th November
From 11AM - 2PM
Comberton Village
College Performance Hall

Stalls available for local sellers
Contact: friends@combertonvc.org

ENTRY FEE:
ADULT 50P
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Refreshments,
Lunches, Gift
Stalls, Raffle,
Tombola and
much, much
more.

