

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

Newsletter – 24th October 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,

Well done to all of the children and staff too for an excellent start to the school year. It's been a long half term; everyone has worked very hard and there has been lots to celebrate

Thank and congratulations go to the year 6 children who have led Friday's Celebration Collective Worship – Ivy with Benjamin and then this week, Marnie with Bella.

There are lots of news items and also interesting updates in this newsletter so I shall simply wish you all a lovely holiday week, hope the weather is kind for you to enjoy some family time and I'll leave you to read the newsletter!

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



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Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



St Julian class

Reception:

What an amazing half term the children have had. It has flown by whilst we have had so much fun and so many learning opportunities. The children are often asking "When is it Drawing club?" or "can we do 'What's in the box?'"

Outside, the children have been having fun in the mud kitchen making many delights and have been playing teachers in the outdoor classroom. Photo snippets are sent out on SeeSaw.

Please could children not wear dresses on Forest School days as it is harder to put their all-in-ones on (skirts are fine as we can remove them). See more information about Forest School further down the page.

Mrs Scarrow

Year 1/2:

Well done to all the year one/two children on a super half term's work. They have enjoyed working on Traction man in English, and are now working on Toys in Space, by the same author. The children are working hard at addition and subtraction in maths. We have finished our history topic on toys and will be moving on to a geography topic about the counties of the UK and their capital cities next term. It has been great seeing some of the children's homework creations this week, and it was lovely to meet with so many parents this week. Enjoy the half term break - the children are certainly ready for it, and so are the teachers!

Miss Hampton



St Etheldreda class

In St Etheldreda it is great to see all of the homework coming in from the homework menu (which is found on the school website in the class page). Don't forget to play TTRS every day, the more you play the better you will become at your times tables. This week we have finished off our exciting topic of 'rocks and soils' in Science. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about lots of different types of rocks. In Maths, we have begun our addition and subtraction block. The children are working so hard to master the column method and I think we finally have got it! During our English lessons we have been exploring the features of non-fiction texts.

Mrs Spink and Miss Corr



St Edmund class

Well done to the children for delivering their lovely Harvest Prayer in church last week. The words are now displayed in school for us to all reflect on, particularly in light of what has been going on around the world. The children have had a really positive week developing their writing styles using our class text 'Viking Boy' to think about our main character's arrival in Iceland (where amazingly, two of our children have already been!)

They've also explored the names of locations on maps that have links to their Anglo-Saxon origins. If you have a chance over half term, do watch 'The Dig' with your children to consolidate learning at home; a fascinating Netflix drama about Sutton Hoo. Or take a visit to the site itself

Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop

Year 5 Careers Fair

All the Year 5 children from our CB23 cluster of schools, were taken to Cambourne village College for the annual Careers Fair where they were able to learn about a variety of careers, ask questions, collect badges and have their eyes opened to different options when the time comes to choose a career. They were all so polite and considerate of the other children and I heard them interviewing the adults about their careers! It was an excellent morning.



Harvest festival



Last Wednesday the whole school walked over to the church for a harvest celebration led by Rev. Clare Coates. Each class performed their own harvest celebration beautifully and the children joined in joyfully with the harvest songs. Well done also to the choir, who did a wonderful job of singing us into and out of the church. Thank you to everyone for all the donations for the food bank in Cambridge, and thank you also to those who helped us walk the children to church and back safely.

The infants sang 'Bumping up and down on my little red tractor' beautifully. St Etheldreda read their fantastic Autumn Kenning poem and St Edmund wrote and read a heartfelt prayer.

We thought you might like to read them:



St Edmunds Harvest Prayer October 2025

Dear God,

Each Autumn brings us colourful leaves; gold, scarlet and crimson,

The bright sunny days and dark, stormy nights,

Nutritious fruits falling from heavily-laden trees,

Each new season brings hope of laughter and joy.

Thank you for the wonderful colours that Autumn brings,

Thank you for the crunchy leaves under our feet that mark the season,

Thank you for supplying us with scrumptious nutrition,

Thank you for our hard-working farmers that work day and night.

Let us remember those who lost their lives so that we are safe,

Let us remember the nations that have no food, shelter or fresh water,

Let us remember those without homes and those that have lost people they love,

Let us remember the women and girls who don't have our freedoms.

Please help us to make the most of amazing experiences,

Help us to be thoughtful about what we have and what we say to others,

Help us to be kind and to try to put others first,

Please help us not to be selfish and to share what we are lucky to receive.

AMEN

Hedgehog – hider

Berry – ripener

Spiced-orange – starter

Pumpkin – spicer

School – beginner

Conker – crusher

Leaf – descender

Ginger – bringer

Heatwave – stopper

Squirrel – climber

Puddle – splasher

Acorn – eater

Leaf – dryer

Summer – finisher

Amber – scorcher

Dew – beginner

Fungi – sighter

Chipmunk – scamperer

Leaf – cruncher

Tractor – driver

Fire – lighter

Windmill – spinner

Twig – dropper

Fox – camouflager

Rabbit – hunter

Autumn – seeker



St Etheldreda
Autumn Kennings poem



KS2 Anglo Saxon and Viking Day

On Monday 17th November, KS2 will have an Anglo Saxon and Viking Day in school, with themed crafts and cooking activities. Children are invited to wear a simple, reusable Anglo Saxon / Viking costume to school on that day. Some suggestions are:

- Boys: A simple belted tunic, with or without sleeves; a cloak fastened on a right shoulder with a brooch (optional); trousers, either tucked into long socks or with sting or braid crossed round the lower legs; boots or old leather laced shoes.
- Girls: A long dress, skirt and blouse or tabard; headscarf; A cloak (mantle), fastened on the right shoulder with a brooch (optional).

School lunches



The updated menu for the second half of the autumn term is available on our [website](#) and is also sent along with this newsletter. Please remember to book your school lunch via MCAS.

After school club

After school club continues after half term. If you have a regular booking we will carry that over and continue for next half term. If you need to cancel or make any changes to your regular booking after half term, please let us know as soon as possible.

Ad-hoc sessions can be booked subject to availability by emailing the school office at office@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk.

Hours and fees

- Short session1: 3:20 to 4:30
- Short session 2: 4:20 to 5:30
- Long session: 3:20 to 5:30

Short sessions £6.50; Long session £13.00.

After School Club will close at 4:30 on Fridays, so there will be no long session.



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

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).

Date	Year Group
Friday 31 st October	Half term
Friday 7 th November	Year 5/6 Chestnuts
Friday 14 th November	Year 5/6 Oaks
Friday 21 st November	Year 3/4 Chestnuts
Friday 28 th November	Year 3/4 Oaks
Friday 5 th December	Year 2
Friday 12 th December	Year 1
Friday 19 th December	Last day – no Forest School

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/>



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 16th November.

Celebration Collective Worship

17th October

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Alex H, Grace, Isabella and Ruby.

Frederik, Reuben, Darya and Robin were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.



24th October

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Harry P, Fletch, Eden, Vlad and Paige

Errol, Sebastian, Ruby and Daria were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.



BONFIRE LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

**HOT DOG, CHIPS & SWEETCORN
OR JACKET POTATO & TOPPINGS
PUDDING - MRS KING'S S'MORES**



House Points



Totals for w/c 13th October

Ennis - 103 Farah - 83 Simmonds - 81 Wiggins - 85

Totals for w/c 20th October

Ennis - 93 Farah - 89 Simmonds - 102 Wiggins - 97

Totals for the year so far

Ennis - 611 Farah - 540 Simmonds - 468 Wiggins - 511

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

w/c Monday 27 th October	Half Term
w/c 10 th November	Kindness Week
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service in St Peter and St Paul Church 10:30am all welcome
Friday 14 th November	2pm Dry Drayton's Got Talent Wear something spotty and bring a donation for Children in Need
Monday 17th November	KS2 Anglo Saxon and Viking Day
Monday 24 th November	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 27 th November	Year 3/4 Football Competition
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
Wednesday 17 th December	Christingle & Carols in St Peter and St Paul Church 9am all welcome
Friday 19 th December	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