

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School, and Pre-School Newsletter – 22nd 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,

Well done to Year 6 for completing their SATs last week. They all worked so very hard to do their best. We are very proud of them.

Then it was Year 2s turn this week and they worked equally hard on their tests. Well done to all the teachers who have helped with preparing the children for these, and to the rest of the school for being so considerate and working quietly when they were in progress.

Thank you to our Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship leaders, Marnie and Alice, Jack and Fergal.

Next half term is full of so many different activities, so please do look at the diary at the end of the newsletter so you can save the dates. A few to mention:

Stay and Play is now happening in pre-school every Friday from 9.15 until 11am so please let any friends and neighbours know. Anyone is welcome to bring their children, from baby to pre-school age. They can play in our wonderful pre-school room.

Summer Sizzler 26th June: please let the office know if you are able to help in any way. We need people to help with setting up and clearing away – remember the old saying – many hands make light work (and an earlier home time!) We are raising funds for laptops and iPads plus books and baskets to upgrade the libraries.

S&VA Fun Run 30th June: the S&VA really need help with the running of this fun event. They are particularly looking for sweepers to walk at the back and check everyone is ok (so you only need to walk, not run the course!), a first aider and again, people to help with setting up and clearing away. Please let the office know if you are able to give your time to another worthy cause and village occasion. Thank you.

It was lovely to see so many families walking into school this week and we had good weather for it too. I hope this will carry on after half term – I have pledged to walk or cycle to school after the holidays! Thank you for participating.

It looks as if we are set for a fabulous warm and sunny week so I hope you all have a lovely time wherever you are and whoever you are with. Hopefully the children will be able to enjoy being outdoors, but for when they're not, a gentle reminder to please ensure you have parental controls set up on any devices they are using.

Please remember sun hats and sunscreen for after half term as optimistically, I think this weather will last for the rest of the summer!

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 1st June. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.

Pre-School

This week, the pre-school children have enjoyed a wonderfully creative and scientific journey inspired by the traditional tale of "The Three Little Pigs" through storytelling, music, and hands-on experimentation. We explored the key concepts in science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM) through play and discovery. This led to lots of wonderful discussion about building and looking after each other when in trouble. The children especially enjoyed acting out the story using the story sack props and joining in with repeated phrases; they built houses out of different materials and even sang songs inspired by the pigs and the big bad wolf!

We discovered that pigs do not have chins – using mirrors and photos the children were able to explore their own faces which lead into a scientific discussion about anatomy and evolution, asking big questions like "Why do we have chins?"

We discovered that, unlike humans, wolves can't close their lips tightly, so blowing down houses might be a challenge! However, there are other animals who can blow or spout, like dolphins, elephants and whales!

The children used a wide range of materials, like straws, sticks, bricks, boxes, etc. to construct their own houses. The grand finale was a "wind test", where Miss Phillips used her hairdryer to simulate a strong gust and see which structures could withstand the Big Bad Wolf's mighty huff and puff! This led to rich discussions about structure, stability, and real-world building materials like bricks and cement.

Next term's theme is 'Travel and Transport'; there will be with lots of exciting adventures to look forward to! Please look on the website, where you will find our updated pre-school curriculum and overviews.

Have a lovely half term break.

Pre-school Team



St Julian class

Reception: I can't believe that we have finished another half term, it has flown by with lots of amazing progress from the children. We have finished the half term with some tasty work on comparing our country to others and delved into different food from around the world; it was a delicious experience.

Your child completed some Little Wandle and common exception word assessments this week. A copy of their common exception word assessment has been sent home. Please could you focus with your child on the ones that they are still needing support with. If your child is able to read them all, please start at the top and practise writing them. There will be no more 'tricky words' sent home this academic year as we will be going over the ones that they have already learnt.

The EYFS reception page has been updated. On the page you will find the curriculum that we follow, alongside a document which shows the progression that we plan with to support your child in achieving the Early Learning goal. Before the start of the new and last half term, please check that your child has a

set of spare clothes in their bag. We normally use the spare clothes when children are wet from water play, or muddy from the mud kitchen.

Many thanks for your continued support and enjoy the sunny half term.

Mrs Scarrow

Year 1/2: A very big well done to the year two children for their brilliant attitude towards completing their year 2 SATs. The tests are a useful opportunity to highlight both progress and areas to work on for the children as individuals or as a year group. I will share successes and targets in the end of year reports, but if you would like to discuss your child's results before then, please do catch me at home time or email the office and we can arrange a time to have a chat.

Year ones are continuing to prepare for their phonics screening check. Please do keep practising the real and alien word which are being sent home in book bags.

This week in PSHE we have been thinking about how we use media to find out about what is going on in the school and the local area. We had a look at the latest village newsletter, extracts from the village Facebook page, the school website and the school newsletter. With this in mind, I am now handing over to the children as they have worked in groups to write some sentences to share in this week's newsletter...

"The year 1/2 go to Forest School on Mondays. On Wednesdays the year 1/2, the year 3/4 and the year 5/6 go swimming. The year 1/2 do cricket in PE at school. Halle got the science coat in science!"

By Adele, Ethan and Charlie.

"In year two we have been doing our SATs with biscuits. We have been learning time, cm, ml, kg and g. Year twos are working hard on spellings. Year one have been doing busy learning and practising sounds. In year 1 and 2 we have been swimming for 5 weeks and we are having fun at swimming. Last time at multi-sports we did football and Ellie-Rose got the trophy. At Forest School we built shelters and it poured down in buckets and we went under them. Year 1 and 2 have been doing cricket in their PE lessons. In DT we have been making cars that have wheels."

By Reuben and Jonah.

"1/2 have been swimming for a few weeks. Year 2 have jumped in at the deep end. In year 1 Miss Wright teaches year 1 maths. Year 2 have been doing SATs and got biscuits."

By Grace, Halle and Lucas.

"Year 1 have been practising their phonics. Year 2 have been practising SATs. In swimming we are having a pool party tomorrow **. This week is walk to school week and we are doing it! Edward walked to school and saw a rabbit."

By Edward, Fletch and Samuel.

** this was written on Tuesday!

"Year one do phonics and busy learning and year two do spellings. We go swimming on Wednesday. The Summer Sizzler is coming soon!"

By Alex, Aria and Rebeca.

Have a lovely half term.

Miss Hampton and the children



St Etheldreda class

It's been a very quiet couple of weeks in St Etheldreda, as the Year 3 and 4 children have been supporting their friends in Year 6 and Year 2 by keeping very quiet during SATs assessments. During this time, the children have been practising their independent editing skills in English and have now completed their folk tale story writing – we look forward to sharing these with the Reception children after the holiday!

We are all very pleased to have reached the end of our double unit on fractions and look forward to starting our next topic on time after the half term break. Please continue to provide opportunities for your child to practise recognising and telling the time, as this really reinforces the learning in the classroom. We will be looking at both analogue and digital clocks, as well as the 24-hour clock. It is not long now until the Multiplication Tables Check, so please encourage your Year 4 child to also practise times tables over the holiday.

In Art we have started our next topic on Pop Art and anticipate some very fun and colourful pieces of work based on food items.

In Topic we have continued with our Geography unit on rural and urban areas.

Both year groups have now finished their comprehension homework books, so please keep an eye out for their printed homework coming home with them tomorrow; this is due in on the first Wednesday back.

Thank you for you for continued support.

Mrs Spink and Miss Corr



St Edmund class

The Year 6s worked really hard in their SATs last week – we were really proud of the way they approached the tests and how positive they remained. Thank you to the Year 5s for being so supportive to their classmates.

We cast our summer play this week – A Midsummer Night's Dream. This was a difficult job with so much talent in the class and we were so impressed by all their auditions and the maturity with which they received their roles. We are really excited to get started on rehearsals after half term. The Year 5s and 6s have their scripts and they should read them over half term, so they are familiar with their lines, even if they haven't learnt them all yet. Please do support your child with learning their script over the coming weeks.

The class did a presentation in Collective Worship on Monday about their trip to Illumina. In English they have been working on song lyrics – we will be moving onto poetry after half term.

Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop

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 Sizzler Update

Plans for the Summer Sizzler on 26th June are well underway now. Shortly after the half-term break there will be a volunteer sign-up sheet in the office for anyone who is able to help on the day. Please do give an hour or two if you can – if we don't have enough volunteers, some stalls won't run.

We will also be sending the children home with books of raffle tickets. The raffle is our main fundraiser and there are some fabulous prizes up for grabs, including:

- Cambs Cuisine: £50 voucher
- Clip n Climb Cambridge: admission voucher
- Cambridge United FC: family ticket
- Raptor Foundation: family admission
- Cambridge Ice Arena: family admission
- LA Academy: free swimming lessons
- Heatsense Plumbing & Heating: free boiler service
- Shepreth Wildlife Park: admission voucher
- JS Sports: one-day activity camp
- Burton's Butchers: £25 voucher
- Denny Abbey Farmland Museum: family one-day ticket
- Lalbagh Restaurant: voucher
- Jack's Gelato: ice cream tokens
- Sol Creative Foundry: workshop for two

Please do sell tickets to all your family and friends – there are more tickets available in the school office if you run out!

If you'd like to get involved in any way at all, we'd love to hear from you – drop us an email at office@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk.



Art appeal

Jars

In preparation for the Summer Sizzler on 26th June, we are asking for donations of empty jars, to use as part of a project for the children's craft stall. Clean jars of any size, with labels removed and without any writing printed directly onto the glass, would be very much appreciated – lids are not necessary, but can be sent in and used as part of another project detailed below!



Bottle tops

As part of a forthcoming art project on recycling, we are asking for donations of plastic or foil bottle tops. These can be of any size and any colour, such as those that can be found on a bottle of milk or soft drink.

Shirts

In September, all children will need to bring in an old long-sleeved shirt or blouse to use as an apron in the messier art lessons. Ideally, these should be adult sized, to allow space for children's own clothing to fit comfortably underneath. These items are best sourced from second hand/charity shops rather than bought new, as they will quickly get very mucky! We will also be gathering some to keep as spares in school, so please do let us know, via the office, if you have difficulty in sourcing your own.

All of the above items can be handed in via the school office, or sent in with your child to be handed in to their class teacher.

Many thanks for your continuing support,

Miss Corr and Miss Wright

PE information

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.

Class	Summer term 2
Reception	Thursday: Gross motor skills – early learning goal work
1/2	Thursday: Infant agility (athletics) Friday: Fundamentals
3/4	Wednesday: OAA (outdoor adventurous activity) Thursday: Athletics
5/6	Wednesday: OAA (outdoor adventurous activity) Thursday: Athletics

Holiday Club

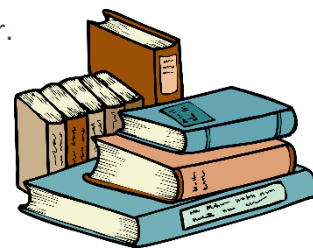
Summer Holiday Club: 20th – 31st July

We are pleased to be running holiday club for the first two weeks of the summer holiday and will be open 9.00am-4.00pm each day. The cost is £7 per hour (or £6 for siblings). If you would like to book, please email the office to let us know what days and times you would like.

We will also be offering places through the HAF programme – if you are eligible for this, you should receive your code to book on 8th June. Please do let us know beforehand, though, if you are planning to use a HAF place so we can reserve it for you. We know these places are sought after, so please only book it if you will definitely use it.

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

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), and now a SUNHAT! 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 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 still open for all clubs for the rest of 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

15th May

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Sebastian, Rebeca, Eliza, Felicity and all of Year 6.

Well done to Charlie, Daria, Edward, Jonah and Tala for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.



Charlie, Sammy, Bella and Fergal were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

22nd May

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Harry P, all of year 2, Eden, Harry B and Melammu.

Well done to Eden, Gucio, Harry B, John-Thomas and Millie for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points. Congratulations to Isabella for achieving her **Gold** certificate for 300 house points – the first one of the year!

Adele, Ellie-Rose, Cameron and Gucio were chosen to sit on the **golden table** after half term with a friend of their choosing.



House Points



Totals for w/c 11th May

Ennis - 83 Farah - 121 Simmonds - 94 Wiggins - 83

Totals for w/c 18th May

Ennis - 90 Farah - 125 Simmonds - 95 Wiggins - 180

Totals for the year so far

Ennis - 3,407 Farah - 3,652 Simmonds - 2,857 Wiggins - 2,948

Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship Leaders

Date	Lead	Assistant
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, 21st June.

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

w/c 25th May	Half Term
w/c 1st June	RSE week
Thursday 4th June	Quadkids Competition Years 4-6 1:30-4pm
Friday 5th June	Stay and Play in Pre-School, 9.15am-11.00am
Friday 5th June	RE Enrichment Day – What world would Jesus want?
Monday 8th June	Library Working Party
Friday 12th June	Stay and Play in Pre-School, 9.15am-11.00am
Monday 15th 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 Stay and Play in Pre-School, 9.15am-11.00am
w/c Monday 22nd June	Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5/6) Chestnuts Mo&Tu then Oaks We&Th
Thursday 25th June	Chess Competition
Friday 26th June	Summer Sizzler from 5pm Stay and Play in Pre-School, 9.15am-11.00am
Tuesday 30th June	S&VA Fun Run
Wednesday 1st July	Move-Up Morning
Friday 3rd July	Stay and Play in Pre-School, 9.15am-11.00am
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 Stay and Play in Pre-School, 9.15am-11.00am
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

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/>

office@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk
TEL: 01954 780618



Dry Drayton C.E (C) Primary School, and Pre-school

Stay and Play



For parents, carers and children under 5
It is FREE - just drop in!

Every Friday morning 9.15 - 11am
From 5th JUNE to 10th JULY

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



MAY HALF TERM KIDS WORKSHOPS

Printmaking and mark-making for children aged 5+
26-31 May 2026 · Sol Creative Foundry, Cambridge

STYROFOAM PRINTING with Su Morris

Tue 26 May · 10:30am - 11:30am
Wed 27 May · 1:30pm - 2:30pm
£12 per child

LINO PRINTING - FAMILY SESSION with Su Morris

Tue 26 May · 1:30pm - 4:30pm
Wed 27 May · 9:30am - 2:30pm
£39 per family

CYANOTYPE PRINTING with Su Morris

Sat 30 May · 10:30am - 12:00pm
Sat 30 May · 2:00pm - 3:30pm
£12 per child

WILD LINES: INKS & PASTELS with Christine Haseldine

Sun 31 May · 10:30am - 12:00pm
Sun 31 May · 2:00pm - 3:30pm
£11 per child

CAFÉ POP-UPS

Tue 26 & Wed 27 May - Amor Coffee Company
Sat 30 & Sun 31 May - Turtle Dove Cambridge

All materials included · No experience needed · Spaces are limited, advance booking required



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