

# Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School, and Pre-School Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> June 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,

What a blustery wet week! I'm glad the weather is picking up for the weekend. Please do continue to send your child to school with outfits for all the English weather types experienced this week – from sunhat to waterproof so that they can continue to enjoy being outside as much as possible. A polite reminder that they should wear school shoes on non-PE days, and trainers when in PE kit. If their school shoes are too small, summer sandals with covered toes and a back strap would be fine to wear, or as a last resort, plain trainers without logos and no bright colours please.

Thank you to our Year 6 for leading Friday Celebration Collective Worship – Alice and Jack, Benjamin and Marnie. Well done to all the KS1 children who took the Phonics Screening check this week and also to Year 4 for completing the Multiplication Tables Check. They all worked very hard to prepare for these statutory assessments.

We have so many exciting events over the remaining 5 weeks of the school year. Please see the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. Next Thursday afternoon we are in church at 1:45pm for the Summer Music Concert. Children showcase their talents from instrumental lessons mostly taken with Mrs Vincent, the choir are performing and also the whole school. We would be very grateful for help with walking the children to and from church. Please let the office know if you are able to help with this.

We are delighted that there are now 70 children in our school, thanks to Ivona and Rebeca returning from Romania, then first Jed and Josh and now Eliza and Felicity have joined our school. Welcome to you all!

Did you know that our lovely Pre-School takes children from 2? Please spread the word so that we can fill these places to keep it thriving! Stay and Play sessions take place every Friday morning 9:15-11am in Pre-school and anyone with a child from age 0 to 4 is welcome to attend.

After school club still has spaces and don't forget to book summer holiday club taking place for the first two weeks after we have broken up. Lots of fun activities have been planned.

We look forward to seeing many dads and stand-in-dads next Friday at 8:30 for breakfast and you are welcome to stay for a special Celebration Collective Worship following this.

Have a lovely and hopefully sunny weekend!

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.

## Pre-School

### Ready for blast off!

Pre-school started their Summer 2 theme with a journey to outer space!

We found this week's theme 'Space' really exciting and they enjoyed imagining what could exist beyond planet Earth. There were lots of cosmic space activities, which included planets, stars, astronauts, aliens, the moon, the sun and 2D shape rockets!

This week, we jumped into Mr Gumpy's boat with disastrous results!

The children have been enjoying the 'Talking Box' activity.

Each child will take home a 'Talking Box' and fill it with engaging multi-sensory props, toys, family photos, or a favourite book that has a special meaning. This is returned to Pre-School, where the box is opened during circle time to help children develop their attention, listening and language skills. This will build vocabulary and conversational skills, through encouraging the children to talk about the objects, which boosts both expressive and receptive language.

*Pre-school Team*



### St Julian class

#### **Reception:**

The children have been working hard on their new unit of 'Our wonderful world'. We have been looking at different animals and have used this as our stimuli for our Drawing Club work. The children have written some great stories this week based on 'The Gruffalo'.

In maths, the children have been working hard on subitising numbers within 10 and using automatic recall for number bonds.

A gentle reminder that the children will need to bring a coat/raincoat into school whatever the weather, as we do live in England where the weather can be different every hour.

*Mrs Scarrow*

#### **Year 1/2:**

A very big well done to all the children who completed their phonics screening check this week. They all did incredibly well, and showed some fantastic progress. The scores were the result of a lot of hard work in school and at home. Thank you so much to those of you who have been busy reading all those alien words with your child, the extra practice was very evident and paid off immensely.

We are looking at non-fiction books in English at the moment and in history we have started a topic about the history of transport. If any of you have any family or friends who have an old car we would love it if they could pay us a visit one day so that we could look at the car on the playground. Please email the office if you know anyone. In maths, year 1 are working on fractions and year 2 will be moving on to a unit on statistics.

Please take a look at the list of missing reading books in this newsletter and have a rummage at home. The reading books are expensive and we do need the sets to remain complete so that we can effectively run reading lessons and send the correct books home.

Thank you, have a lovely weekend.

### *Miss Hampton and the children*



#### **St Etheldreda class**

In St Etheldreda's this week, we have completed our Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), and we are very proud of the children who have worked so hard to learn their times tables. Well done, Year 4!

Year 3 – keep going and practising regularly so you are ready for next year!

Last week, we also completed our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) unit. The children learned a lot about their bodies and what it means to grow up. Your child may have some questions following these lessons, so please feel free to get in touch if you would like any advice or support.

In Science, we have finished our unit on light and have now begun our new topic on states of matter. In Maths, we are nearing the end of our unit on time. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by practising both analogue and digital clocks.

We have also started our poetry topic in both reading fluency and English, exploring the work of Grace Nichols and other poets.

### *Mrs Spink and Miss Corr*



#### **St Edmund class**

St Edmunds have been really busy with putting our play together. We have been really impressed with the children who have made an effort to learn their lines. Keep going, as we'd like everyone to know their lines by next Wednesday. A costume letter will be coming out next week.

We have also been working on RSE lessons this week, which have led to some thoughtful, detailed discussions. If your child has any questions, please do allow them to discuss things further at home.

We have started discussing the £5 project that we will be working on. Lots of ideas have been generated and we're excited to see how the projects develop.

In DT, Oaks have started their healthy lunchboxes topic, making delicious hummus and vegetable sticks this week. Oaks will continue with making a healthy snackbar next week, before Chestnuts get their turn later in the term.

Following a short break, we are returning to reading comprehension homework this week, so do make sure that is completed by next Thursday as the routine was before half term.

### *Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop*



## **Summer Sizzler Update**

Plans for the Summer Sizzler on 26<sup>th</sup> June are well underway now. Every child has gone home with a book of raffle tickets to sell. Please do sell tickets to all your family and friends – there are more tickets available in the school office if you run out!

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

We are also looking for some volunteers to help run stalls – please sign up in the school office. Please do give an hour or two if you can – if we don't have enough volunteers, some stalls won't run.

We will be running a soft toy and stationery tombola. Any donations of pre-loved soft toys or stationery would be much appreciated. In terms of stationery, items such as notebooks with just a few pages used and then torn out would be absolutely fine, as well as new items.

Thank you!



## **R/1/2 book search**

We are missing all these books. Please can you check if you have these at home still?

- Phase 5: The Great Fire of London x1
- Phase 5: Bodies can do anything x1
- Phase 4: Light night x2
- Phase 3: Jack and Zain x1
- Phase 2: Pop it on x1



## Plant sale donation

Thank you to the Church family for cultivating and selling vegetable plants in the village to raise funds for us. Their efforts have raised £137, which is very much appreciated!



## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Reminders

### **Father's Day Breakfast and Celebration Collective Worship**

We're looking forward to welcoming Dads (and stand-in Dads) for a bacon or sausage roll from 8.30am next Friday, followed by a special Celebration Collective Worship. If you've forgotten to book, please let us know in the office ASAP, as we may be able to accommodate a few extras.

### **Non-uniform day**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June is also a non-uniform day. As 'payment' for this, please could you bring in a bottle of something nice as a donation for our bottle tombola at the Summer Sizzler.



## Art appeal – reminder

### **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!



### **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

## Summer Holiday Club: 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July

# Holiday Club

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 are also be offering places through the HAF programme – if you are eligible for this, you should have received your code to book on 8<sup>th</sup> June. To book, just email us to let us know what days and hours you would like, along with your eligibility code. We know these places are sought after, so please only book it if you will definitely use it.

## 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 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 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 <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

## Celebration Collective Worship

**5<sup>th</sup> June**

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Jed, Charlie, Ivona and Paige.

Well done to Bella, Lola and Rebeca for achieving their **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points. Congratulations to Aria and Darya for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.



Alex H, Grace, Isla and Maxwell were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.







## 12<sup>th</sup> June

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Ellie-Rose, Rae, Ethan, Samuel, Joshua C, Mia, all of year and all of year 4.

Well done to Ivona for achieving her **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points. Congratulations to Joshua C for achieving his **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.

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

House Points			
			
			
<b>Totals for w/c 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>			
Ennis - 127   Farah - 117   Simmonds - 146   Wiggins - 134			
<b>Totals for w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>			
Ennis - 89   Farah - 52   Simmonds - 72   Wiggins - 109			
<b>Totals for the year so far</b>			
Ennis - 3,623   Farah - 3,821   Simmonds - 3,075   Wiggins - 3,191			

### Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship Leaders

Date	Lead	Assistant
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, 21<sup>st</sup> June.

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

Monday 15th June	Library Working Party between 1.20pm and 3.20pm
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 Afternoon
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	<b>No Celebration Collective Worship</b> Life Bus linked with PSHE End of year reports sent out Stay and Play in Pre-School, 9.15am-11.00am
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Campout</b>
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 <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)*

### **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



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# 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