

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School, and Pre-School Newsletter – 3rd July 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 everyone for coping in the heat over the last couple of weeks, as we prepare for it to warm up again next week. Please continue to send children in wearing loose clothing (not fitted sports shorts) and with a hat and water bottle.

Thank you to our celebration Collective Worship leaders: Marnie and Alice, Fergal and Benjamin, Bella and Ivy. There will be **no Celebration** next week; we are saving it all for **Tuesday 14th July** at 9am for the final one of the year which will be led by all of the Year 6 children.

Breakfast in school with so many dads and stand-in-dads was good fun on Friday 19th June. Thank you for joining us and to Mrs Clark and Ms Arnold for coming in early to cook the baps. Photos on page 5.

We had a wonderful (cool) afternoon in the church for the **Summer Music Concert**. The children played and sang beautifully and were very brave to perform in front of a large audience, some for the first time—there are photos on page 4. Mrs Vincent shared the news that she will be leaving at October half term to have a baby. We are all very excited for her.

Last Friday, on our hottest day, we held the very successful **Summer Sizzler**. Please see the report and photos on page 6. Thank you again to everyone who helped to run stalls and was there for setting up and clearing away. It was very much appreciated. A big thank you to Ms Arnold and Mrs Dodd for organising the event to ensure we all had fun, and also to CB Soul for their fabulous music sets. If you were too hot on the night, I'd recommend that next time you stand in the stocks for a while!!

Another warm evening was spent at school for the **Fun Run**. Over 80 people raced off from the start after we had a few moments thanking Alec Hawkes for keeping this event going for so many years. Sadly he was too ill to attend, but we waved to him as he sat watching us run by. Thank you to the organising committee, it was a great event.

Due to the hot and sunny weather forecast for next week, **Sports day** is now taking place on the **MORNING of Wednesday 8th July**. We apologise if you have to change your plans, but the safety of the children and you has to be our priority. Please could the children wear a T-shirt in their house colour. There is **no need to buy** a new T-shirt if you don't have one in the right colour – an old white t-shirt with some coloured dots on will be fine.

All **costumes for the KS2 play** should now be in school. If you have not done so, they are needed on Monday as the practices are now including the use of props and costumes.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.

Pre-School

The Pre-School has continued with the theme "On the Move", with the focus book 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin.

The children made their own train windows and used descriptive language to describe what they could see as the train travelled through the countryside to the seaside.

We would also like to enrich this theme by inviting families to bring a picture from a trip on a train or any other transport and we would love to listen to all those wonderful stories from the children to share about their journeys!

We have been enjoying lots of ice activities and parachute games to keep us lovely and cool during the hot weather.

We celebrated the FIFA World Cup with our tuff tray football activity; there were lots of flags to identify which two countries are playing.

It's so lovely to see the Pre-School vegetable garden flourish in the past few weeks; the children have been looking after the plants, watering them and watching all the different plants grow. We have been learning about the life cycle of a plant, biodiversity, healthy eating and responsibility. Hopefully the strawberries will be ready to be picked very soon!

Pre-school Team



St Julian class

Reception: The children coped amazingly well with the heat last week: they enjoyed lots of water play and working in the shade. We are continuing with our beautiful world unit and have been looking at animals, life cycles and plants. Next week we will be looking at the different environments of the world.

Next week is also phonics assessment week, where I will be assessing them for the final time before sending the assessment results to their next teacher alongside their tricky word scores. Thank you for all your support with reading and tricky words this year. For your child's summer reading, I recommend Oxford Reading Owl. You can purchase their books online or read books from the ebook library.

Below is how the levels correlate with their Little Wandle books. If your child reads:

- Little Wandle Phase 2 – pink books
- Little Wandle Phase 3 – yellow books
- Little Wandle Phase 4 – blue books
- Little Wandle Phase 5 s1/2/3 – green books
- Little Wandle Phase 5 s4/5 – turquoise books

Mrs Scarrow

Year 1/2: In English, we have nearly finished making a class non-fiction book all about transport. We have used our topic knowledge and all the children have made some lovely contributions to pages about different types of transport. All the children designed a front cover and we used our British value of democracy to vote for a favourite to use on our end product. In maths, we are doing some work on position and direction. Lots of practice of left, right, clockwise and anticlockwise at home would be very helpful.

We are still very busy in school so please keep up with early nights so that the children come to school well rested with plenty of energy for the exciting days ahead. We will be sticking to routine as much as possible, so reading lessons and so on will be ongoing. With this in mind, please keep up with regular reading too.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with the children's learning at home.

Miss Hampton



St Etheldreda class

It has been a busy few weeks in St Etheldreda, with plenty of singing and dancing practice ahead of the KS2 production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The children have been extremely adaptable to the changes in timetable as we fit in all of the play and sports day practice alongside our normal lessons. Thank you for those costumes that have been sent in this week; please could any remaining costumes be sent into school on Monday, so we are all ready to begin dress rehearsals.

In Maths with Miss Corr, we have been applying our understanding of fractions to our new topic of decimal values, with great success, whilst Mrs Spink has begun a new unit on shape.

We have now completed our colour themed poems in English, as part of our work on Grace McNicolls - we have been very impressed with the children's use of creative language!

In topic, we are continuing our exploration of the wonders of Dry Drayton - the children have especially enjoyed looking at old photographs of the local area and comparing them to more recent pictures.

Mrs Spink and Miss Corr



St Edmund class

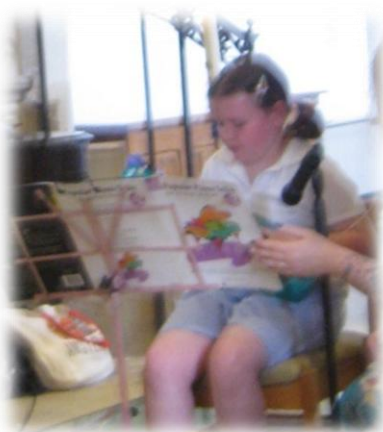
Year 5/6 have been also been busy with preparing for the play. Thank you for those costumes that have been sent in this week; please could any remaining costumes be sent into school on Monday, so we are all ready to begin dress rehearsals.

They had Bikeability all last week which culminated in riding on the road and negotiating a right-hand turn. Year 6 had a long forest school session during the move up afternoon and have been attending their transition days at, between them, five different schools they will be joining in September. They also enjoyed their 'It's your move' sessions with Revd Claire and GenR8.

Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop

Summer Music Concert

Well done to all the children who performed at the summer music concert. Here are a few photos...



Father's Day Celebration Collective Worship – 19th June

It was lovely to welcome so many dads (and dad stand-ins) into school on Friday 19th June for a breakfast bap as part of our Fathers' Day celebrations. During our special Celebration Collective Worship, each year group gave a short performance for their dads. Thank you to Mrs Clark and Ms Arnold for working so hard in the kitchen to provide the breakfast baps.





Summer Sizzler

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Summer Sizzler last Friday – it was certainly sizzling! We are still finalising the figures, but it looks like we will have raised around £1,800 from the event, which will be put to good use buying some new IT equipment, books and other interesting resources. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way – donating prizes, helping on the night, selling raffle tickets – and thank you to CB Soul for their fabulous performances that helped create such an enjoyable atmosphere.



Holiday Club

Summer Holiday Club: 20th – 31st July

Places are filling up at our holiday club, so don't leave it too late to book. We will be open for the first two weeks of the summer holiday, 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 8th 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 3 rd July	Year 3/4 – Chestnuts
Friday 10 th July	Year 3/4 – Oaks

Celebration Collective Worship

19th June

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Joshua L, Grace, John-Thomas and Emma.

Well done to Alex J, Fletch and Lucas for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points. Congratulations to Isla for achieving her **Gold** certificate for 200 house points.

Joshua L, Edward, Luna and Vlad were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.





26th June

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Alex J, Alice L and Darya.

Well done to Ethan and Paige for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.
Congratulations to Luna for achieving her **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.

Jed, Reuben, Alice L and Lola were chosen to sit on the **golden table** next week with a friend of their choosing.

House Points			
			 
Totals for w/c 15th June			
Ennis - 154	Farah - 137	Simmonds - 147	Wiggins - 125
Totals for w/c 22nd June			
Ennis - 127	Farah - 108	Simmonds - 92	Wiggins - 97
Totals for the year so far			
Ennis - 3,904	Farah - 4,066	Simmonds - 3,314	Wiggins - 3,413

Year 6 Celebration Collective Worship Leaders

Date	Lead	Assistant
10 th July	No Celebration Collective Worship	
Tuesday 14 th July Final for the year	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, 19th July.

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

Wednesday 8th July	9:15pm Sports 'Day' – all welcome 1.45pm KS2 Summer Production Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 9th July	9:15am KS2 Summer Production 6:00pm KS2 Summer Production Please book your tickets in the school office
Friday 10th July	No Celebration Collective Worship Life Bus linked with PSHE End of year reports sent out Stay and Play in Pre-School, 9:15am-11:00am

Monday 13th July	Year 5/6 Campout
Tuesday 14th July	9:00am 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- no school

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



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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

KIDS WORKSHOPS SUMMER - 2026

Printmaking and mark-making workshops in August
for children aged 5+
Sol Creative Foundry, Cambridge

STYROFOAM PRINTING
Thu 6 Aug - 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Fri 14 Aug - 13:30 PM - 14:30 PM
£8 per child

CYANOTYPE PRINTING
Thu 13 Aug - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Thu 13 Aug - 14:00 PM - 16:00 PM
£12 per child

LEGO PRINTING
Thu 6 Aug - 13:00 PM - 15:00 PM
Fri 14 Aug - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
£12 per child

LINO PRINTING - FAMILY SESSION
Fri 7 Aug - 10:00 AM - 15:00 PM
£65 per family (one adult and one child)



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

To book your spot or find out more:
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