

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School, and Pre-School Newsletter – 17th 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, I really cannot believe that we are at the end of another year, then I look at the children across the whole school and see how much they have grown both in height and confidence! I think they look ready for their new classes in September and their new schools too.

There have been lots of exciting events over the last few weeks:

Sports Day was a meticulously organised and run event as ever. Mrs Scarrow had prepared the children so well for the various challenges and it was lovely to see them cheering on their team mates with such encouragement. The heat had really built up and so we were sad not to have the parent and staff races, but please do remember your trainers next year as we will try again. Well done to Simmonds for gaining the most points on the day.

Then came **A Midsummer Night's Dream** and what a performance the KS2 children gave, it was fantastic. The stage, scenery and props, along with the children's costumes, acting and singing were terrific. A huge thank you to Mrs Dunlop for producing the play and to Mrs Sweetnam and Miss Corr for their amazing artistry creating the scenery, props and head dresses. Thank you to Mrs Spink who helped the children with their dances. I thoroughly enjoyed both performances and well done to the children as it was very hot to be putting on a play.

Years 5 and 6 had so much fun **camping out** in the school field. We were very lucky to have a clear sky, and even though we deemed it too hot and dry for fire, we managed some campfire treats which included chocolate!! A big thank you to all the staff who helped to make this happen.

International day followed very quickly on the heels of the Campout. Four of our mums kindly visited school to tell the children about their home country and language. The sessions were interesting and very much enjoyed by all the children. Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to share their knowledge with us.

The final **Celebration Collective Worship** had to be led by all the year 6 children as they were needed to hand out all of the certificates presented at this time of the year.

We pride ourselves on not only enabling the children to flourish, but all staff here too and so we had a sad farewell on Thursday to: Ellie, Mr Mason, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Dunlop and Mrs Spink as they all leave us to further their careers or explore new ventures. We celebrated all the wonderful contributions they have made to life at Dry Drayton, thanked them for being part of the DD journey, their hard work and being on the DD Dream Team. We will miss them loads and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours. Come back and see us!

Today, we celebrated our year 6 in church, singing our favourite goodbye songs and year 5 presented a special poem they had written about the children. We also said thank you and farewell to Canon Sue as she is moving south of Cambridge to support her family. She has been a terrific support to the school for 40 years and will be missed very much by us all.

We have some great talent in our school. Congratulations to Isabella who has been awarded a choral scholarship to St John's College School. We wish you lots of luck and will miss you! Luna has been accepted in the Vocational Dance School where she will attend every Friday. Good luck to her too.

We have discussed how to keep yourself safe around water and so various RNLI stickers and badges have been sent home. Thank you to Reuben and Ellie-Rose's grandad who has supplied these as a reminder to take care when near water.

Thank you for your generous gifts to us all and your thoughtful words. We appreciate your kindness and support very much.

All that remains is for me to wish you a very happy holiday whatever you are doing or wherever you are going. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday September 3rd.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.

Pre-School

What a wonderful final couple of weeks we've had at pre-school! It's been full of learning, laughter, and some very special moments to end the year.

A huge thank you to all the families who came to our end-of-year leavers' picnic. It was such a lovely afternoon. The children really enjoyed sharing their Learning Journals with you and the picnic food was absolutely delicious. What a fantastic way to celebrate together!

It's been such a pleasure and a privilege to see the children grow in so many ways, and it's been a joy to watch them learn, explore, and shine. They are fully ready for the next big adventure, and we are all incredibly proud of you all.

Thank you so for all the generous gifts, it's so kind and thoughtful of you all.

Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe summer break!

Pre-school Team



St Julian class

Reception: What a year! The children have flourished in all areas of the EYFS curriculum. I hope that you have enjoyed reading their reports to see snippets of their progress.

When reflecting on the year, the main thing that sticks out to me is the friendships and bonds that the children have with each other. In my 16 years of teaching, I don't remember having such a well-bonded class, who are happy to play with anyone and everyone and are all welcoming and inclusive.

Please do remember to open a book in the holidays and use a pencil/colours every day as this will allow the children to settle back quickly into their routine in September.

Enjoy the summer and fingers crossed for beautiful weather.

Mrs Scarrow

Year 1/2: Wow! The holidays are here! Well done to all the children for a super last few weeks of term. I hope you enjoyed reading your child's report, do catch me if you want to chat about it at all.

Year two...all the best in year three, you are all ready to be KS2 children!

Year ones...you are going to be fantastic year two role models as we welcome the Reception children into year one!

Parents...you have been so supportive of your children's learning, thank you!

Have a wonderful summer everyone. Try to do a bit of reading and maybe a bit of writing, colouring or crafting every day so as to keep your eye in in anticipation of September.

Miss Hampton



St Etheldreda class

It's been a busy couple of weeks again in St Etheldreda!

The KS2 production of A Midsummer Night's Dream was a roaring success, well done to all of the children and a big thank you again to families for supporting them as they learned their lines, practised their songs and created their costumes.

We were also fortunate to be the very final class of the academic year for the Life Bus visit, as part of the Cambridgeshire PSHE Service and Coram Life Education initiative. We spent time learning all about how unique we are, both physically and in terms of our personalities. We also explored how to make positive choices and how this helps us to maintain a healthy body and mind.

We celebrated International Day with the rest of the school on Tuesday, with some fascinating talks from parents about their cultural heritage. In St Etheldreda, we created welcome signs in German, Filipino, Italian, Czech, Romanian and English!

In English, we have been writing postcards as part of the Independent Write challenge for Summer term. Our theme was 'A world without books', which made for a very interesting discussion as the children all realised the way in which books impact on our lives without our even realising.

We finished up our unit on changing states in science and have continued working on money in maths – any opportunity for the children to handle cash money over the summer holidays will really help to consolidate this learning, thank you.

Thank you from all of St Etheldreda, we hope you have a wonderful summer break.

Mrs Spink and Miss Corr



St Edmund class

The children have all been working really hard on the KS2 production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, culminating in two fantastic performances last Thursday. A special thanks needs to go to Emma, Ruby and Jamie in year 4, who all stepped up to fill in for others who were off sick.

The children have also been busy making the final plans for their £5 project, and selling their products and services after school last week and this week. The final steps will be to calculate expenditures and profits and return their £5 loan with an evaluation to the Dragon's Den (Ms Arnold).

Please make sure you encourage your child to read regularly over the summer holidays; they could also write and illustrate a holiday diary of what they get up to. Practising number fluency on TT Rockstars will also ensure they are in the best possible position for September.

Have a lovely summer holiday, relaxing and making memories together!

Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Dunlop

Sports Day 8th July

The children gave some fabulous performances in our sports day last Wednesday, competing in a range of events: shotput/tennis ball throw, javelin, triple jump/long jump, football, egg and spoon, and sprint races. Simmonds house were the overall winners, but well done to all the children for giving their best in the hot weather, and thank you to all the parents who came along to support them enthusiastically! Thanks also to Mrs Scarrow for another well-organised and fun sports day!



KS2 Summer Production 9th July

Well done to the KS2 children for two fantastic performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* last Thursday. They have worked hard over the last few weeks, learning all the songs and their lines, and it was great to see the finished result. Thank you to all the staff who supported the play, and particular thanks to Mrs Dunlop for leading this.



International Day

The children enjoyed our International Day on Tuesday. We are lucky to have an international community in school and some of our parents came in to talk to the children about the language, culture and geography of their countries.

After a delicious International Day lunch from Mrs Clark, the children worked together to make a welcome banner using greetings from around the world.

Thank you to Claire, Jana, Karolina and Marina for sharing their culture with the children so generously.

Leaver's Church Service

Thank you to everyone who came along to our leavers' church service this morning. As always it was an emotional service filled with fond memories and beautiful singing. Good luck year 6 with the next step of your journey!

School lunches



Unfortunately we will need to raise the price slightly of our paid school lunches from September to £2.70, due to increased costs across the board. We have waited as long as possible before doing this. We hope you will agree that this is still very good value for money for the delicious, nutritious lunches that Mrs Clark provides.

The updated menu for the first half of the autumn term is available on our [website](#). Please remember to book your school lunch via MCAS.

Autumn term clubs

Booking opens at 6pm this evening for all clubs for the autumn term. 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, priority given to KS2)	Miss Wright & Miss Pope	£71.00	7 th September-14 th December
Tuesday	Football Club (years 3-6)	Sports coach	£67.50	8 th September-15 th December
Wednesday	Craft Club (years 1-6)	Mrs Sweetnam	£67.50	9 th September-16 th December
Wednesday	Code Club (years 5-6)	Claire Shih	Free	9 th September-16 th December
Thursday	Musical Theatre Club (years 2-6)	Mrs Pergande Vincent	£38.50	3 rd September-22 nd October
Thursday	Multi-Sports Club (years 1-6)	Sports coach	£72.50	3 rd September-17 th December
Friday	Gymnastics Club (years 1-6)	Sports coach	£72.50	4 th September-18 th December

Summer Reading Challenge

As always, we would love as many children as possible to take part in the library Summer Reading Challenge. The theme this year is a fun one...'Read to the Beat'.

Keeping up with regular reading over the summer holiday not only helps the children maintain progress with their reading, but it also provides a lovely, free activity to keep them busy over the break.

Please see link for details and we will look forward to celebrating completed challenges in celebration Collective Worship in September.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>



Celebration Collective Worship

3rd July

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Michael, Samuel, Gucio and Darya.

Congratulations to Rae for achieving her **Gold** certificate for 300 house points.

Harry, Sebastian, Eliza and Isabelle were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.





14th July

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Joshua P, Edward, Isabella and Emma.

Well done to Eliza and Marnie for achieving their **Bronze** certificate for 100 house points. Well done to Fergal, Gian, Maxwell and Ruby for achieving their **Silver** certificate for 200 house points.

Congratulations to Adele, Alice L, Charlie, Clover, Edward, Ellie-Rose, Emma, Federik, Grace, Jonah, Joshua L, Reuben, Robin, Samuel, Vlad for achieving their **Gold** certificate for 300 house points.

End of term awards

Handwriting awards were presented to Sophia, Charlie, Reuben, Vlad, Luna, Melammu and Benjamin.

We also presented the following awards:

- Courtesy Cup – Luna
- PE Award – Isla
- Science Award – Bella
- Forest School Award – Jonah
- Art Award – Fergal
- DT Award – Rebeca
- Computing Award – Edward
- Lunchtime helpers – Lucas, Alice B, Aria, Tala



Well done to everyone!

House Points			
			 
Totals for w/c 29th June			
Ennis - 226	Farah - 114	Simmonds - 100	Wiggins - 142
Totals for w/c 6th July			
Ennis - 418	Farah - 262	Simmonds - 273	Wiggins - 281
Totals for the year			
Ennis - 5,291	Farah - 4,555	Simmonds - 4,013	Wiggins - 4,271



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 this Sunday, 19th July.

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

Thursday 3 rd September	Children return to school
w/c Monday 26 th October	Half term
Friday 18 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

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/>

Free Family Summer Holiday MUSICAL CRAFT DAY



PREPARE A TASTY FRUIT SUNDAE
PLAY GAMES
MAKE A MUSICAL SHAKER

- Come and join us at your local library and make a musical shaker from a plastic bottle
- Join our professional chef and prepare a tasty fruit sundae
- Test your recycling knowledge with our fun bean bag game
- Make a plant pot from newspaper
- PLUS free drinks and refreshments

Event dates and locations:
Wisbech Library, 22nd July 2026, 10am - 11:30am
Cottenham Library, 23rd July 2026, 2pm - 4pm
Bar Hill Library, 28th July 2026, 2pm - 4pm
Cambridge Central Library, 30th July 2026, 10am - 12pm
Cambourne Library, 4th August 2026, 10am - 12pm
Whittlesey Library, 11th August 2026, 10am - 12pm
Soham Library, 19th August 2026, 2pm - 4pm
Ely Library, 25th August 2026, 10am - 12pm

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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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