

Dry Drayton C of E (C) Primary School

Newsletter – 26th September 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 our new year 6 leaders for confidently talking the helm Friday mornings with Celebration Collective Worship – Benjamin and Marnie this week and Alice with Ivy last Friday. You are all doing a terrific job! The rota was sent out at the beginning of term. Do ask your child when their big morning is taking place as there is also a timetable in their classroom.

We would like to invite you and any prospective parents to our

Open Morning on Thursday 9th October.

Please call the school office to

book for a tour of the school (including forest school) and pre-school.

Years 5 and 6 will be conducting these very informative tours at **9:30am and 10:45am.**

You will see that there is an interesting scaffolding construction on our roof, this is why:



The solar panels are being fixed so that they can produce the electricity for our air source heat pumps placed out of sight in the school grounds. We are very lucky to have this project funded by both the government and local authority. It will provide heat for the old building.

If anyone has a spare hour or two each week, we would love to have you in school hearing children read. Please contact the school office for more information.

Don't forget the Eco Day at The Cabin at St Mary's Church in Hardwick 10.30am-4pm, tomorrow, Saturday. It looks a fun filled event. You can also still book for the parenting course starting on Wednesday – details of both are at the end of the newsletter.

Kind regards,

Sonia Hegan



Small school.



Big hearts.



Big ambitions.



St Julian class

Reception: The reception children have continued to settle in beautifully and are hard at work in all areas of the curriculum. They have just finished their 'all about me' unit and are now moving on to looking at different toys. Thank you for your continued support with reading and sending in the pictures for our toy unit. Please do book through the office to meet me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Scarrow

Year 1/2: The children have been busy working hard on all curriculum areas, well done! In history, we are learning about toys from the past. We are thinking about toys that parents and grandparents played with when they were little (yes, the 80s and 90s...even the 2000s are now in history lessons!!). If you have any old toys at home that the children could bring in and have a look at please do send them in. If they are particularly old or special, we can just look at them and promise to be very careful. If any grandparents in particular would like to come to talk to the children about what they played with when they were young it would be greatly appreciated. Please email the office or catch me at home time and we can arrange a convenient time.

Please do remember to keep practising the common exception words in your child's book bag (reading, then spelling) at the start of the week and then their reading books at the end of the week. Your support and encouragement makes all the difference to your child's progress.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Hampton



St Etheldreda class

This week in St Etheldreda we have been continuing our work on the inspiring book – Arthur and the golden rope. We have worked a lot on using powerful vocabulary and up levelling sentences. In Maths, we have continued looking at place value and we have done a lot of work on number lines.

Thank you to those children who have brought in some homework. It's great to see it begin to fill up the classroom.

Mrs Spink and Miss Corr



St Edmund class

A great week of learning in St Edmunds. The children are working really hard and enjoying their new topics in DT, History and Science. If there are any parents with careers in Science please, then do contact the office if you'd be happy to come in to talk to the children. Please continue supporting your children with their comprehension and spelling homework, so that it doesn't build up into a big task the night before hand-in! Try encouraging their reading as a cosy downtime before bed.... thanks for all your continued support

Mrs Fairbairn

Young Voices

We have started our weekly Young Voices practise sessions and the children have each been given their own copy the lyrics.

This is the link to the playlist on Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/album/1zozEB1ddHRFFY45thjGu1>

If you register as a parent, you can also access the Young Voices music room where the tracks are available with lyrics:

<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/login>

As previously mentioned, the expectation is that all children who are coming on the trip attend the weekly sessions. Please do also encourage your child to practise the songs at home as knowing them well really does add to enjoyment on the day.

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/>



OPEN MORNING THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER TOURS AT 9.30AM AND 10.45AM

Years 5 and 6 are conducting tours of the school (including forest school) and pre-school at 9.45am and 10.45am on Thursday 9th October.

All parents and prospective parents are invited, please call or email the school office to book a place.

Dates for your diary – October Half Term Holiday Club

Our October Half Term Holiday Club is open for booking – see information below. Spaces are limited so please make your booking request promptly using the link below. If your child is not already registered with Little Owl you will also need to complete one of their registration forms. Any questions, don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Book here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhWIJIMnyBHnGZTEdpfemfr-KhI_cuYOFExGYo6bseGEiRmg/viewform?usp=header



Half-term **HOLIDAY** Club

27th-29th
October

Venue- Dry
Drayton C.E.
Primary School

Special Extra Activities:
Monday - Forest school day
Tuesday - Cookery club day
Wednesday - Sporty Day

Along with brilliant holiday club
art, fun and games, indoors and out!

8.30am- 5.30pm
For children aged 3-11

Further information and booking -
office@drydrayton.cambs.sch.uk
In the Little Owl Room,
(under new management)

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.

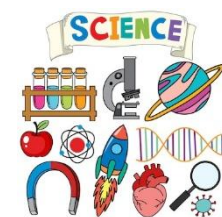
Gymnastics: Our gymnastics club is an indoor club and is great for creative children. At the club, children will learn key principles of gymnastics, including rolls, balances, jumps, transitions and more making sure safety is a priority at all times. Children will be able to create their own routines 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, Mrs Arnold, 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, 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 October	Year 3/4 Oaks
Friday 10 th October	Year 2
Friday 17 th October	Year 1
Friday 24 th October	Reception
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



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 19th October.

Celebration Collective Worship

19th September

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Frederik, Lucas, Gucio and Emma.

Edward, Jonah, Albie and Eden were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.









26th September

Headteacher Awards were awarded to Errol, Edward, Harry B and Lily.

Adele, Lucas, Gian and Isla were chosen to sit on the **golden table** the next week with a friend of their choosing.

House Points	
	
	
Totals for w/c 15th September	
Ennis - 97 Farah - 84 Simmonds - 67 Wiggins - 92	
Totals for w/c 22nd September	
Ennis - 136 Farah - 126 Simmonds - 64 Wiggins - 73	
Totals for the year so far	
Ennis - 348 Farah - 311 Simmonds - 216 Wiggins - 262	

Proposed Diary Dates New dates added in red.

Thursday 2 nd October	National Poetry Day Year 3/4 OAA Competition
Thursday 9 th October	Open Morning with Little Owl Pre-School
Wednesday 15 th October	Harvest Festival in St Peter and St Paul Church 9am all welcome
Thursday 16 th October	Year 5 Careers Fair
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 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



Parenting Children Course

Explore how to strengthen family relationships and support one another through the ups and downs of raising children.

Wednesday evenings

October 1 – November 12 (excluding half-term)

7:30pm – 9:30pm

Dry Drayton CoFE Primary School Hall

For anyone in Dry Drayton (village or school) with responsibility for raising children of 0-10 years in any parenting situation

Topics covered:

- Connecting with your kids
- Meeting your children's needs
- Setting clear boundaries
- Teaching healthy relationships
- Considering the long-term
- *Bonus evening:* Q&A panel

SCAN TO REGISTER

The course is based upon Christian principles yet will be useful and accessible to all faith and non-faith perspectives. Each evening includes: tea/coffee and cake, course content (video-based), and small group discussion with other parents.

Questions to ddparentingcourse@outlook.com

Register using the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/ddparenting>





ECO EVENT

27TH SEPTEMBER
10.30 - 4PM
THE CABIN, ST MARY'S CHURCH,
HARDWICK, CB23 7QU

Care about climate change and the environment?
Interested in practical ways to take action?
Come to this free event for all

- Talks with Q&A
- Lunch, Refreshments
- Family Friendly Activities
- Stalls
- Fashion Show

Bee Kind: All about Bees

Why are bees important? How many types of bee are there? How can we support them? What does a beekeeper do? Does honey come in different flavours? **Come and find out at our display tent.** Take a look inside a bee's home; try on a bee-suit; learn about honey harvesting; have a go at our quiz; and taste the bees' "amber nectar".

For more information visit:
stmaryshardwick.org.uk/eco/



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Fashion Show

Clothes on show will be
in their second life

We've still got space for more models
Seeking models: male and female, all ages,
all shapes and sizes, willing to model their
own favourite second life clothes

If you would like to volunteer or for more
information please phone 017832 881243

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- Dr Bike: book a slot [here](https://www.pwcycles.co.uk/hardwick-eco-event/service) and bring your bike for a free (just pay for parts) – get cycling!
- Children's activities
- How to identify your home's heat leaks – Thermal Imaging
- The joys of Bee Keeping
- Comberton Village College: Climate science mind map
- Buy sustainably at the [Green Weigh Shop](#)
- Easily reduce your methane emissions by trying out some delicious Vegan recipes
- Alternatives to CO2 and air polluting transport with [Cambridge Electric Transport](#)
- What's the role of local government? Learn about South Cambridgeshire District Council's Zero Carbon schemes
- Bag a lower emission bargain with Sense Re-used Clothes – and see their fashion show with pre-loved clothes
- Be Green and smart with the School Uniform Swap
- Don't depend on high emission foods, consider the value of Composting and Growing your own Food

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- Talks with Q&A
- Lunch, Refreshments
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- Fashion Show

Climate Change

- What's causing climate change?
- Why is climate change serious?
- What has it got to do with me?
- Isn't it now too late to do anything?
- Is there anything citizens can do?
- Isn't that too small to make a difference?
- What practical actions can I take now?

Find answers and a chance to discuss the issues at
the Eco Event. Learn about practical things we can
do that will make a difference.

In advance, why not check out [A simple guide to climate change](#) (BBC) & our [eco page](#)

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