



Dear Families,

What a wonderful first full week back at school it has been! The children have settled in brilliantly, and there has already been lots of exciting learning happening across all classes.

We were delighted to hold our first Church-led worship of the term with Reverend Ruth. It was a joy to gather together again in song and prayer as a school community.

Thank you to those who joined us for the “Meet the Team” session—we hope you found it both helpful and informative.

This week also held our first fire drill of the year. We are so proud of how calmly and sensibly the children responded, evacuating quickly and safely. Next week, we will be carrying out a lockdown practice. This is simply a precautionary drill to ensure everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of a critical incident—for example, if an unexpected animal entered the school grounds or in the case of an intruder. You may wish to talk this through with your child ahead of time. When we ran these drills last year, the children handled them fantastically, and we are confident they will do so again.

Finally, thank you for your patience as we continue to embed our new BromCom and My Child at School systems. We appreciate your support while we work through the transition.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Mrs Sarah Netto

If you haven't yet had a chance, please do check out our new website: [Draycott and Rodney Stoke C of E First School](http://www.drfirstschool.co.uk)



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Christian Values

Each half term we focus on a Christian Value, this term it is **Respect**.

'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' (Matthew 7.12)

Car Park

The car park is only for staff and parents / carers with Blue Badges or permits which must be displayed at all times. Please park in the Village Hall car park or surrounding lanes close by.

New deadline for lunch ordering - Tuesday!

Fairlands, our hot lunch provider, have requested that we provide the lunch order a day earlier than last year. Therefore, please can you order any hot lunches that you require by TUESDAY for the following week. It is really helpful if you order all your lunches for the whole term if possible. The MCAS app has been updated with the new cut off deadline of Tuesday.

Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club will be run by Mrs Bradley and Mrs Major every morning.

After School Club - Please note the new timings

Day	3.15pm - 4.15pm	3. 15pm - 5.30pm
Monday	Mrs Major	Miss Kirk
Tuesday	Mrs Head	Miss Kirk
Wednesday	Mrs Major	Mr Fry
Thursday	Mrs Cullen / Miss Kirk	Mrs Bradley
Friday	N/A	N/A

Thank you to everyone who is booking 7 days in advance. It is really helping with the admin and arranging the correct level of staffing. We appreciate your support. Please do come in and speak to us in the case of an emergency booking.

Upcoming dates for your diary

TERM 1	
Wednesday 17 th September	School 'Lockdown' critical incident drill taking place
Friday 26 th September	School photographs
Thursday 2 nd October	Phonics & Reading Meeting for new families 3.30pm
Friday 3 rd October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 10 th October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Tuesday 14 th October	Parent consultation meetings 3.30pm – 6pm (all classes)
Thursday 16 th October	Parent consultation meetings 3.30pm – 6pm (all classes)
Friday 17 th October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 17 th October	Oak Worship Assembly 1pm (Oak family members welcome)
TERM 2	
Thursday 6 th November	Open day for prospective new families 1.30pm – 3pm
Monday 10 th November (for 2 weeks)	School-based curriculum assessments taking place
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day (to kickstart Anti-Bullying Week)
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need ('wear what you like' day)
Tuesday 9 th December	Willow Christmas – Dress rehearsal (grandparents & the Laurels)
Wednesday 10 th December	Willow Christmas – Performance to families 2pm

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Thursday 11 th December	Christmas lunch and jumper day - TBC
Monday 15 th December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Oak Class – Carol Singing at The Laurels
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas class parties

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Term 1	4 th September – 23 rd October 2025
Term 2	3 rd November – 19 th December 2025
Term 3	5 th January – 12 th February 2026
Term 4	23 rd February – 2 nd April 2026
Term 5	20 th April – 22 nd May 2026
Term 6	1 st June – 17 th July 2026

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Please see the dates for next academic year on our [website](#).

Future INSET Days

Friday 24 th October 2025	INSET - School closed to learners
Friday 13 th February 2026	INSET - School closed to learners
Monday 20 th July, Tuesday 21 st July and Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	INSET - School closed to learners – Time for the summer holidays!
Full term dates can be found on our website at www.drfirstschool.co.uk/diary	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Other information that may be of interest



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Bat Talk & Walk



Join us at St Peter's
Church, Draycott
on **Friday**
19th September
at **6.30pm**
to see & hear all about
(and listen to)
these fascinating
creatures...!!

Everyone is welcome

Retiring collection with *proceeds to*
Somerset Wildlife Trust & SOSF

BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY
at Wells Cathedral



SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2025

Wells Cathedral invites boys and girls between the ages of six and nine to come and meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life, and sing at Cathedral Evensong

For more details, and to book your place, please contact: musicoffice@wells.cathedral.org.uk



Dance With Georgia *dream & believe*

Timetable - September 2025

Monday - Draycott - NEW

4:15 - 5:00 PM: Jazz & Street (Ages 4-7)
5:00 - 5:45 PM: Jazz & Street (Ages 8+)

Tuesday - Brent Knoll

4:00 - 4:45 PM: Musical Theatre (Ages 4-7)
4:45 - 5:30 PM: Musical Theatre (Ages 8+)
5:30 - 6:00 PM: Private Lesson

Wednesday - Axbridge - NEW

4:45 - 5:15 PM: Tap (Beginners)
5:15 - 6:00 PM: Musical Theatre (Ages 4-7)
6:00 - 6:45 PM: Musical Theatre (Ages 8+)

Wednesday - Bleadon

4:45 - 5:30 PM: Contemporary (Ages 7+)
5:30 - 6:00 PM: Private Lesson

Thursday - East Brent

4:45 - 5:30 PM: Jazz & Street (Ages 4-7)
5:30 - 6:15 PM: Jazz & Street (Ages 8-11)
6:15 - 7:00 PM: Jazz & Street (Ages 12+)

Friday - Cheddar

4:00 - 4:45 PM: Street (Ages 4-7)
4:45 - 5:30 PM: Contemporary (Intermediate)
5:30 - 6:15 PM: Contemporary (Advanced)
6:15 - 7:00 PM: Street (Ages 8+)

Book your classes via www.dancewithgeorgia.co.uk

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Parent Support Sessions

[WISE Up Workshops](#)

[NSPCWT](#)

Online Safety

[Internet Matters](#) and [Google Families](#) has lots of information, advice and support for all your concerns about your child and the internet. Why not take a look.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child and would like to talk to a member of staff in private, please make an appointment with one of the team.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Netto

Deputy Designated Leads: Mrs Brabbins & Mrs Bradley

Safeguarding Governor: Adrian Warman

WLT Safeguarding and Educational Welfare Lead: Dawn Tomkies

As parents, you can contact support agencies directly on:

- NSPCC: 0808 800 5000
- Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224
- NSPCC: Keeping children safe online

For more information, along with regular safeguarding updates, you can also visit:

<https://somensetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>

