



Dear Families,

We have had another busy and exciting week at school, and there are lots of lovely things coming up that we would like to share with you.

You may have noticed that we have some **'Stay and Read'** family sessions coming up soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to join us at drop-off time and come into your child's classroom to share a story together. It's always a lovely, calm start to the day and the children really enjoy having their families join in. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

This week, we had our lockdown practice and are pleased to say it went very well. The children were calm, sensible, and listened carefully to instructions—well done to all.

A quick reminder to please bring in your **Bag2School** donations from **Monday 22nd September**, and no later than **Wednesday 24th September**. All items should be securely bagged up. Thank you for your support with this initiative.

We have really enjoyed reading through the Pupil Voice applications this week – what a fantastic job all the applicants did! It's been a very difficult choice, and we are so proud of everyone who applied. Members will be announced next week – watch this space!

Our **school photographs** will take place on **Friday 26th September**.

- If your child has younger siblings not yet at school and you would like them to be included in a family photo, please come to the school hall at 8:30am.  
**Please let the office know by Wednesday 24th September** so we can prepare a list for the photographer.
- For any children in preschool who don't usually attend on Fridays, but would still like to have their photo taken, please feel free to pop in and head to the hall for 9:00am.

Please see 'Upcoming Dates for your diary' below for a full list of what is happening over the coming weeks; Harvest Festival on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September** has been added to the list, we hope you can join us in church at 9am with the children to celebrate the harvest and give thanks to all the farmers who have worked hard to grow the food for us.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Netto

## 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)

## A message from the PTAF

We welcome all parents to join the **PTAF's Annual General Meeting on October 2nd, 7pm at the Strawberry Special** pub.

We will be covering last year's events and discussing fundraising activities for the year.

We are looking for volunteers to join the PTAF, including a new Chair. It is an incredibly rewarding experience and your chance to contribute to enhancing the children's school experience.

Please feel free to come discuss this with any of the team at pickup/drop off, or send us a message via Dojo if you are keen on getting involved.

## 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	
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Bags2School drop off donations
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	School photographs
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival 9am St Peter's Church – All welcome
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Phonics & Reading Meeting for new families 3.30pm PTAF AGM at the Strawberry Special 7pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultation meetings 3.30pm – 6pm (all classes)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent consultation meetings 3.30pm – 6pm (all classes)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents 'Stay & Read' 8.45am – 9.15am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Oak Worship Assembly 1pm (Oak family members welcome)
TERM 2	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Open day for prospective new families 1.30pm – 3pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November (for 2 weeks)	School-based curriculum assessments taking place
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day (to kickstart Anti-Bullying Week)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need ('wear what you like' day)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Christmas – Dress rehearsal (grandparents & the Laurels)

**Together, We Flourish and Grow**

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and jumper day - TBC
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Oak Class – Carol Singing at The Laurels
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas class parties

### Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

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

### Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

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

### Future INSET Days

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

### Other information that may be of interest

**Bat Talk & Walk** 

Join us at St Peter's Church, Draycott on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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



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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>

