



Dear families,

We're delighted to share some of the highlights from another busy and exciting week at school.

Stay and Read Success

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our second *Stay and Read* session. We're so grateful for your ongoing support, and it's always a joy to welcome families into the classroom.

Oak Class Assembly – You're Invited!

As another step in creating more opportunities to connect, we're inviting all *Oak Class* families to join us for their class assembly on **Friday 17th October at 2.40pm**. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the children's learning.

Visit from Tessa Munt, Local MP

We were honoured to welcome local MP *Tessa Munt* to our school this week. She spoke with the children about her role in the community and the important work she does in Parliament. The visit inspired lots of great questions and discussions – a real insight into democracy in action!

Sponsored Walk for Guide Dogs

We're excited to announce a sponsored walk in support of Guide Dogs UK! This will take place during school hours on **Tuesday 21st October**, and we're aiming to raise **£100** for this fantastic cause. Every little bit helps, and we'd love your support in reaching our target. Here is the link to our Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/drsfirfirstschool> Please can all money raised be paid online as we cannot accept cash donations. Sponsorship forms have been sent home with your child today, we will need these returned please to send back to the charity. Thank you.

School Photographs

Don't forget to place your order for your child's school photo by 13th October to enjoy the discounted prices.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Festive designs have been sent home with your child, if you would like to place an order, please do so online at www.shop.cauliflowergroup.co.uk and quote your artwork form on the order form and return your completed form by Wednesday 15th October.

Hot Lunches

Lunches for after half term are now on your MCAS app, please order by Tuesday 21st October.

Parent Consultations – Don't Forget to Book

A quick reminder to sign up with your class teacher for your parent consultation meeting. These are a great opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and discuss any questions you may have. Sign up sheets are with Teachers, please book a slot with them at a time that suits you or email the office.

Together, We Flourish and Grow

Thank you, as always, for being such a supportive school community. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events!

Warm wishes for 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)

Come and Inspire Our Pupils!

At Draycott and Rodney Stoke First School, we love helping children learn about the world around them — and we know the best way to do that is to hear from the people who live and work in our community!

We're looking for parents, carers, grandparents, and local friends who would be happy to come in and talk to the children about their jobs, skills, or experiences.

We would *especially love* to hear from anyone involved in:

-  **Farming or agriculture**
-  **Practical trades** (e.g. builders, electricians, plumbers, mechanics)
-  **Outdoor work**
-  **Food or hospitality**
-  **Any job you're passionate about!**

It doesn't need to be a formal presentation — just a short visit, a friendly chat, or even a practical demonstration would be fantastic!

If you can help, please get in touch with the school office — we'd love to welcome you in!

PTAF Website

Introducing the new PTAF website which is where the committee will be updating any information you need to know about events, fundraising and news.

<https://draycottandrodneystokesptaf.myshopify.com>



Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club will be run by Mrs Bradley and Mrs Major every morning. If you would like your child to receive breakfast, they must arrive by 8.15am to allow them time to eat.

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After School Club -

Day	3.15pm - 4.15pm	3. 15pm - 5.30pm
Monday	Mrs Major	Miss Kirk
Tuesday	Mrs Head	Miss Kirk
Wednesday	Mrs Major	Miss Kirk
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	
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 2.40pm (Oak family members welcome)
Monday 20 th October	House Event afternoon for children 1pm-3pm
Tuesday 21 st October	Sponsored walk for Guide Dogs
Wednesday 22 nd October	Flu Vaccinations R-Y4 (not pre-school)
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)
Monday 10 th November	Emily Lloyd-Gale Author Visit
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need ('wear what you like' day)
Friday 28 th November (until 3 rd December)	Book Fair in School
Tuesday 9 th December	Willow Christmas – Dress rehearsal (grandparents & the Laurels)
Wednesday 10 th December	Willow Christmas – Performance to families 2pm
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas lunch and jumper day
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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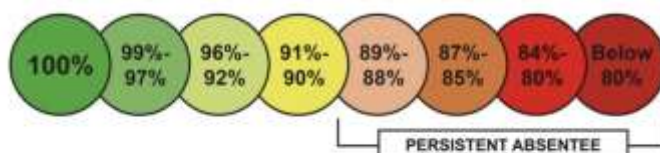
Please see the dates for next academic year on our [website](#).

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.drsfirfirstschool.co.uk/diary	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?

Other information that may be of interest

Illustration of a gingerbread house and a red mug with a reindeer face, decorated with candy canes and chocolate.

COME CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON
WITH DRAYCOTT & RODNEY STOKE PTAF'S
**SUGAR. SPICE & EVERYTHING NICE:
A FESTIVE DECORATING AFTERNOON**

DECORATE YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD HOUSE
HOT CHOCOLATE & MINCE PIES
CHRISTMAS MUSIC
FESTIVE FAMILY TOGETHER TIME
EVERYONE WELCOME

FREE ENTRY TICKETS
£10 PER GINGERBREAD HOUSE

NOVEMBER **30** 1PM-3PM

DRAYCOTT MEMORIAL HALL
TO BOOK TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL DRSPTAF@GMAIL.COM

STALLS WELCOME
£5 PER TABLE

KINDLY SPONSORED BY

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KINGS
MULTISPORT CENTRE

HALLOWEEN PARTY

BOOK NOW

31ST OCT

GAMES

FACE PAINTING

DISCO

LIMITED PLACES

4.30PM-5.30PM KINGS FITNESS

MEMBER PRICE
£6.00
PER JUNIOR

NON-MEMBER PRICE
£7.50
PER JUNIOR

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR BOOK AT RECEPTION.



KINGS
MULTISPORT CENTRE

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AWESOME

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Ran by Kings Fitness & Leisure

MELBRO

KINGS

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FROM **£23** PER SESSION

GAMES | ARTS & CRAFTS | SWIM

VISIT OUR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PAGE HERE:



AGES 5-12

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
<https://www.kingsfitness.co.uk>
OR GET IN & CALL AT OYCE PARK

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WHAT'S ON THIS OCTOBER AT THE WELLBEING BLEND



☕ COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA
📍 THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACESSOMERSET.ORG.UK



TUESDAYS

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

SUNDAYS

7TH
11AM-1PM

PFSA ONE TEAM NETWORKING EVENT

8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH
1PM-3:30PM

POSTNATAL GROUP - MARGARET MATERNITY

6:30PM-8:30PM

EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE
AGES 12-19

12TH
10AM-12PM

SLOW STITCHING WORKSHOP

21ST
10AM-12PM

SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM

15TH
9:30AM-12:30PM

SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM

16TH
1:30PM-3PM

SEPARATED PARENTING CAFE

26TH
10AM-2PM

RE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE

21ST
7PM-8:30PM

MENOPAUSE CIRCLE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
10AM-11.30

PARENT & CARER, COFFEE & CHAT

YOUTH CLUB: SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

TUESDAY 7TH
OGILS

TUESDAY 14TH
POTTERY CREATIONS

TUESDAY 21ST
WHO AM I?

TUESDAY 28TH
HALLOWEEN PARTY

BOOKING REQUIRED



HELD AT CHEDDAR METHODIST CHURCH | 6:30-8:30PM | EVERY TUESDAY

YOUTH CAFE:

- THURSDAY 2ND DJ SET
- THURSDAY 9TH CHILL SESSION
- THURSDAY 16TH RADICAL PRIEST
- THURSDAY 23RD CHILL SESSION
- THURSDAY 30TH MANDELA (HALLOWEEN THEME DRESS UP OPTIONAL)

HALF TERM ACTIVITY

27TH
12:30AM-2:30PM

GO AHEAD IN CHEDDAR WOODS

📍 CHEDDAR WOODS, WINDMILL HILL, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA

HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES
BOOKING REQUIRED WITH LIMITED SPACES
£10 PP | AGES 8-15

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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>

