



Dear families,

Thank you to all who attended meetings with their child's class teacher this week. We really appreciate you taking the time to support your child's learning and strengthen the important partnership between home and school.

Sponsored Walk – Tuesday 21st October

We are looking forward to our sponsored walk around the playground in aid of the **Guide Dogs** appeal. If children would like to bring in a toy dog to take on the walk they would be most welcome. Please can sponsor forms be returned to school by Monday. We are so grateful for everyone who has already logged their donations. Here is the link to our Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/drsfirstschool>

Wear What You Like Day – Thursday 23rd October

To celebrate the success of **St Andrew House** as this term's winning house team, Thursday 23rd October will be a **Wear What You Like Day** for all **St Andrew pupils**. Congratulations to them!

INSET Day – Friday 24th October

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Friday 24th October for an INSET day. School will reopen as usual on **Monday 3rd November**.

No Phone Policy

We kindly remind all our families that we are a **no phone school**. Please respect our policy by not using mobile phones during drop off and collection times while on school grounds. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and focused environment.

Oak Class Showcase

Oak Class families are warmly invited to join us this **afternoon at 2.40pm** to see the wonderful work the children have been doing. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with you. Please arrive by 2.30pm.

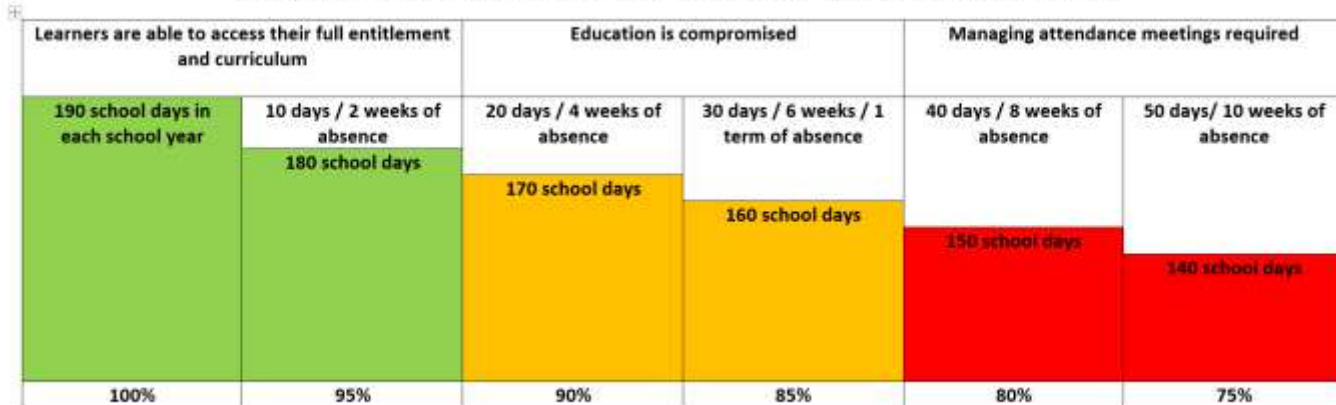
House Themed Event – Scarecrow Making

Next Monday marks the start of our House Themed Events, with **Scarecrow Making!** We are excited for this creative activity, and any donations to help build and clothe the scarecrows would be greatly appreciated. If you'd like to contribute, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to find out what is needed.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Netto

The impact of absence on learners at Draycott & Rodney Stoke CofE First School



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)

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.

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.

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Upcoming dates for your diary

TERM 1	
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)
Thursday 23 rd October	Road safety assembly for children
TERM 2	
Thursday 6 th November	Open day for prospective new families 1.30pm – 3pm
Friday 7 th November	Judo demonstration for children – 1pm
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.drsmfirstschool.co.uk/diary	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.



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**

**STALLS
WELCOME
£5
PER TABLE**

NOVEMBER 30 1PM- 3PM

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

KINDLY SPONSORED BY 



Did you know we offer swim lessons for babies and toddlers?

Lessons are available Monday to Friday during the daytime, from birth up to the age of 4. Prices start from just £23.25 per month for a weekly 30 minute lesson and include unlimited public swimming.



www.kingsfitness.co.uk



**Don't miss out on the fun!
On Saturday 18th October at 3pm
In Cheddar Village Hall.**

Make bread rolls and cook on the griddle
Craft work
Forage for materials to make nests (weather permitting)
Make your own den
Have tea before you go home

If you plan to come along, please email Samm on beneficecdrs@gmail.com

ALL AGES VERY WELCOME
Children to be accompanied by an adult please.

MORE INFORMATION:

-  Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke
-  Cheddar Village Hall
-  www.beneficecdrs.org

Theme: Kindness






NEW PLAYERS WANTED

U6s

SCHOOL YEARS
RECEPTION & YEAR 1

FRIENDSHIP THROUGH RUGBY

TRAINING SUNDAY MORNINGS
10AM

NEVER PLAYED, NEVER MIND!
COME ALONG, THROW A RUGBY BALL ABOUT
AND HAVE FUN!

THE RECREATION GROUND, THE LYNCH,
WINSCOMBE, NORTH SOMERSET BS25 1AZ

[HTTPS://WINSCOMBERFC.RFU.CLUB](https://winscomberfc.rfu.club)




WHAT'S ON THIS OCTOBER AT THE WELLBEING BLEND

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

TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	SUNDAYS
7TH 11AM-1PM PFS4 ONE TEAM NETWORKING EVENT	8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH 1PM-3:30PM POSTNATAL GROUP - MARGARET MATERNITY	EVERY THURSDAY 6:30PM-8:30PM YOUTH CAFE AGES 12-18	12TH 10AM-12PM SLOW STITCHING WORKSHOP
21ST 10AM-12PM SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM	15TH 9:30AM-11:30PM 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	

YOUTH CAFE:

THURSDAY 2ND
THURSDAY 9TH
THURSDAY 16TH
THURSDAY 23RD
THURSDAY 30TH

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CHILL SESSION
RADICAL PRIEST
CHILL SESSION
MANDELA (HALLOWEEN THEME DRESS UP OPTIONAL)

HALF TERM ACTIVITY

27TH
12:30AM-2:30PM
COACHING IN CHEDDAR WOODS

TUESDAY 7TH
OJLS

TUESDAY 14TH
POTTERY CREATIONS

TUESDAY 21ST
MIND AM?

TUESDAY 28TH
HALLOWEEN PARTY

BOOKING REQUIRED



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

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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: 0800 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>



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