



Dear families,

As we move further into the season, the weather has started to turn much colder. Please ensure children come to school wrapped up warm with coats, hats, scarves and gloves so they can enjoy outdoor play comfortably and safely.

We have also been delighted to receive some fantastic entries for the Quarry Colouring Competition. The creativity and effort shown by the children has been wonderful to see. Good luck to everyone who has taken part!

Forest School will be available after school on Thursday 4th December and Thursday 22nd January, there are a limited number of spaces available, booking can be made on MCAS from Monday. Please see Dojo for all the details.

A gentle reminder that Christmas is fast approaching. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please remember to book their meal as soon as possible. Tickets are also now on sale for the PTAF Gingerbread House Decorating Afternoon—always a festive favourite—so don't forget to pick one up.

Wishing all our families a safe, warm and restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Netto

REMINDER -

St. Andrew's Day – Friday 28th November

On **Friday 28th November**, we'll be celebrating the first of our **Patron Saint Days – St. Andrew's Day**.

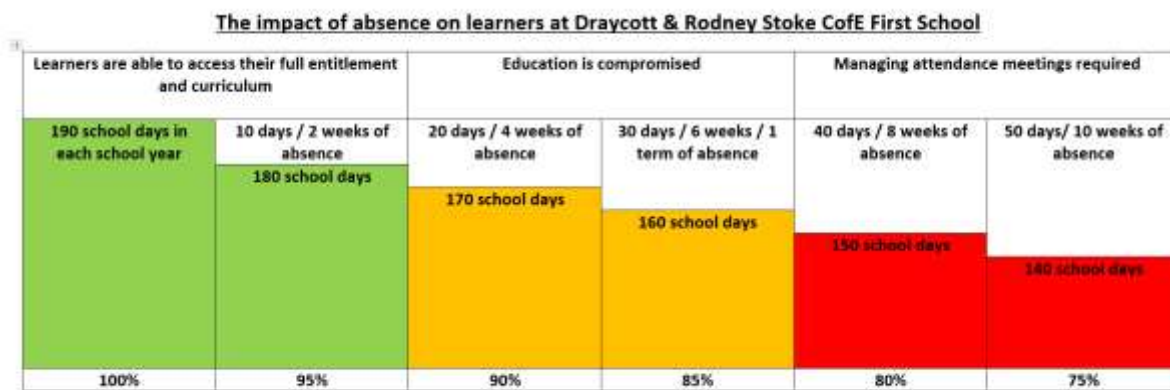
- Children in **St. Andrew's Team** are invited to wear **something blue** (or Scottish!) to school.
- We'll also be holding a **cake sale**—please could children in St. Andrew's team donate cakes for this event.
- Cakes will be sold to the whole school, with proceeds going towards our fundraising efforts.

There will be four **Patron Saint Days** throughout the year, so if your child isn't in St. Andrew's, their team's turn will come! Let's see which team can raise the most money across the year!

Attendance

Please take a look on your My Child At School app. How is your child's attendance? Is it at 95% or above?

School attendance is so important. Let's see if we can make a real difference this term.



Christian Values

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

"My God is my strength in whom I trust." (Psalm 18:2)

PTAF Messages

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

<https://draycottandrodneystokesptaf.myshopify.com>

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS - Don't forget to have a sort out and find those tops you've/ the children have outgrown! Hand into the school office, or message this page if you are not able to drop to school!! SALE COMING SOON!

Don't forget our Christmas Gingerbread Family Afternoon at Draycott Hall on Sunday 30th November. Book a Gingerbread House £10 Online or attend for FREE!

Book via the website for the Father Christmas visit at school on 19th Dec - £5 per child.

We are planning a BIG raffle, if you can help with a donation big or small please email drsptaf@gmail.com

BUY TICKETS ONLINE <https://draycottandrodneystokesptaf.myshopify.com/products/raffle-ticket?variant=56361688400245>



The next PTAF meeting is on **Thursday 4th December**.

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If you are happy to help with refreshments at the Gingerbread afternoon on 30th November or anything PTAF related speak to Claire Willcox 07546 479876



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.

Upcoming dates for your diary

TERM 2	
Friday 28 th November (until 3 rd December)	Book Fair in School
Friday 28 th November	St Andrew's Day including a cake sale
Sunday 30 th November 1pm-3pm	A festive decorating afternoon PTAF Draycott Village Hall
Thursday 4 th December	Forst School After School Club 3.15pm-5:30pm
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

TERM 3	
Tuesday 6 th January	Year 4 Parents meeting regarding Kilve Court residential visit
Thursday 22 nd January	Forest School After School Club 3.15pm-5.30pm
Friday 30 th January	PTAF Wear What You Like Day – in exchange for raffle prizes
Friday 6 th February	Number Day

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 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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A FESTIVE DECORATING AFTERNOON**

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC
FESTIVE FAMILY TOGETHER TIME
EVERYONE WELCOME

NOVEMBER 30 1PM – 3PM

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

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JUNIORS: 5 - 12 YEARS
WEDNESDAY TERM TIME: 6PM TO 6:45 PM
£3 PER CLASS + £12 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

- info@markki.co.uk
- 0179 641164
- The Causeway, Mark, Somerset, TA9 4PZ
- bruce.needles@markki.co.uk

The Ki Federation is a non-profit organisation with over 400 clubs throughout the UK and beyond.



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HOLIDAY CLUB

At Kings Fitness & Leisure

- ✓ For ages 5-13 years from £23* per day 9.00am-4.00pm.
- ✓ Extend the day with early drop-off and late pick-up from £4.50 per session
- ✓ Have Fun playing Christmas games, sports, going swimming, and doing festive arts and crafts!
- ✓ Bring packed lunch, snacks, refillable drinks bottle, swimming kit, weather dependant items (sun cream, waterproofs etc).

Visit our Junior Activities Page here:



Contact Kings Fitness & Leisure at 01934 744939 to sign up NOW!

*£23 if booked 3 weeks in advance, alternatively, £28 per day, if booked after this time frame

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FREE COURSE FOR SEPARATED PARENTS

Reducing the impact of separation on everyone

Two 5 week online courses start in January'26

To book scan codes below

Helping parents navigate separation, putting the well-being of their children at the centre.

'Really feel my relationship with my ex has improved since being on this course.' said mum after course

Course A starts Jan 14th 7 PM- 8:30 PM

Course B starts Jan 15th 9:30 AM-11 AM

Somerset Council

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

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>



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