



Dear families,

As we move deeper into November, it's beginning to feel wonderfully Christmassy around school—there's a sparkle in the air that can only mean one thing: Christmas is well on its way! With Advent beginning next week, we are excited to enter this special season of hope, preparation, and celebration together as a school community.

This Sunday, we are excited for the Gingerbread House Decorating Family Event, organised and run by our amazing PTAF. It promises to be a joyful afternoon of creativity, sticky icing, sweet treats, and festive fun for all ages. A huge thank-you to the PTAF for their hard work in bringing this magical event to life.



We are also thrilled to welcome the Book Fair to school. We hope it provides families with a wonderful chance to discover new stories and perhaps pick up a few thoughtful Christmas gifts. After all, the gift of a book is a gift of imagination, adventure, and cherished moments shared. Please see our Dojo post for opening time details. Maybe we will see some of you this morning as it will be open from 8.45am – 9.15am.

Mrs Bradley and Mrs Cullen have lots of exciting things planned for a fun **Forest School Club** which starts next Thursday 3.15pm-5.30pm! The children will be making Christmas decorations from wood and toasting marshmallows! Please make your booking on MCAS under 'Clubs' or contact the office.

And as if that wasn't enough excitement, today we will also celebrate the first of our Patron Saint Days—St Andrew's Day! We're looking forward to a Scottish-themed day filled with tartan, traditions, and of course, plenty of delicious shortbread and cakes. It's sure to be a memorable celebration for everyone.

Wishing all our families a joyful start to the festive season.
Let the Christmas countdown begin!

Mrs Netto

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!

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**.

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.

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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 2	
Friday 28 th November (until 3 rd December)	Book Fair in School
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.drsfirstschool.co.uk/diary	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Other information that may be of interest



KINGS
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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.



Save the date!
**Messy Church
Christingle**

Sunday 7th December
3pm - 4.30pm
Cheddar Village Hall

Followed by
Messy Church
Christingle Service
at 4.30pm
in St Andrew's
Church, Cheddar

 The Children's Society

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Will your child start or transfer school in 2027?

Have your say

School Admission Arrangements 2027/2028 Consultation

This consultation is taking place between
24 November 2025 and 5 January 2026

The consultation allows parents, other schools, religious authorities, and the local community to make any comments on the proposed admission arrangements.



To view the arrangements and to comment,
please scan the QR code or visit:
www.somerset.gov.uk/school-admissions-consultation





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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

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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