



Dear families,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a wonderful festive break with family and friends.

Thank you also for the kind Christmas wishes and gifts we have received – they are very much appreciated by all of the staff.

We recently held a successful meeting for our Year 4 parents, and it was wonderful to see such positive engagement. We are very excited to be looking ahead to the Year 4 residential visit to Kilve Court in May and will share further details as plans continue to develop.

This week, the school has also successfully completed both a lockdown drill and a fire drill. These are important procedures to practise, and the children responded sensibly and maturely throughout.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to starting new inquiry topics across the school and are excited about the learning and exploration these will bring.

As temperatures are forecast to drop over the next few days, we kindly ask that you ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for cold weather. We will continue to access outdoor spaces for play, unless conditions become severely cold. Please make sure your child has a jumper, a warm coat, a hat and gloves, and sensible footwear.

### **Emergency Weather Plan**

In the weeks ahead, there is always a possibility of significant weather changes. We will make every effort to keep the school open and safe in the event of ice or snow; however, in exceptional circumstances, we may need to make the difficult decision to close the school.

If conditions worsen overnight or into the morning, we will carry out a risk assessment of the school site. Should we need to close, we will inform you via Class Dojo. The same procedures will apply if conditions deteriorate during the school day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Netto

## Construction Club



We are pleased to let you know, we will be starting Construction Club every Thursday Lunchtime, from 12.30pm – 1pm each week.

The Club is open to **Oak & Chestnut Classes only (Y1 to Y4)**. It will be held in Willow Class. The club is free and promises to be a lot of fun. We have space for 15 children maximum.

If your child would like to participate in this club, then please email [office@drsfirstschool.co.uk](mailto:office@drsfirstschool.co.uk) your consent by return.

## Recorder Club



We are pleased to let you know, we will be starting Recorder Club every Tuesday Lunchtime, from 12.30pm – 1pm each week.

Mrs Dearden is a passionate music teacher who would like to open up a positive introduction to the world of music.

The Club is open to **Oak Class (Y3&Y4)** only. It will be held in Willow Class. The lessons are free and are a lot of fun.

The recorders will be sent home weekly with your child for practice and brought back in to school on Tuesday's. The children will need to commit to weekly sessions. Mrs Dearden hopes the children will be in a position to perform a set at the Easter Service.

We have space for 6 children only.

If your child would like to participate in this club, then please email [office@drsfirstschool.co.uk](mailto:office@drsfirstschool.co.uk) your consent by return.

### **Wessex Learning Trust Admission Arrangements for Somerset Schools (2027/28) Consultation**

The Wessex Learning Trust are consulting on their 2027/28 admission arrangements. It is statutory to consult every 7 years or when a change is made. To view and comment on the arrangements please click [here](https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/2027-arrangements)

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Our consultation will start on 1 December 2025 and end on 19 January 2026 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the Trust and our School website by 15 March 2026.

## Christian Values

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

*'Be strong and courageous' (Joshua 1.9)*

## 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>

We are planning a BIG raffle, if you can help with a donation big or small please email [drsptaf@gmail.com](mailto:drsptaf@gmail.com)

BUY TICKETS ONLINE

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



## 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 3	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Book Swap 3.15pm in the hall. Coffee & cake with parents / carers
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Forest School After School Club 3.15pm-5.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Stay and read 8.45am-9.15am
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	PTAF Wear What You Like Day – in exchange for raffle prizes
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Stay and read 8.45am-9.15am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Number Day Mufti day / clothes with numbers / dots
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	St David's Team Bake Sale 3.15pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School Trip We The Curious
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week in school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Church Service 2.30pm Mothering Friday all welcome St. Peter's Church
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair in hall
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Team Bake Sale 3.15pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent meetings
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Service and Easter Bonnet Parade 2.30pm St. Peter's Church

### 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 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

<p>SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</p>  <p><b>PENGUINS</b> RETURN TO THE ICEBERG</p>  <p><b>@ DRAYCOTT MEMORIAL HALL</b> DOORS OPEN 130PM FOR 2PM START</p> <p><b>TICKETS £2 EACH</b> AVAILABLE FROM <a href="http://DRAYCOTTCINEMA.CO.UK">DRAYCOTTCINEMA.CO.UK</a> DRAYCOTT VILLAGE SHOP &amp; ON THE DOOR</p> <p><small>ALL AGES WELCOME CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT CHILD-ACCOMPANYING ADULTS DO NOT REQUIRE A TICKET</small></p>	<p>SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY</p>  <p><b>THE BAD GUYS 2</b></p>  <p><b>@ DRAYCOTT MEMORIAL HALL</b> DOORS OPEN 130PM FOR 2PM START</p> <p><b>TICKETS £2 EACH</b> AVAILABLE FROM <a href="http://DRAYCOTTCINEMA.CO.UK">DRAYCOTTCINEMA.CO.UK</a> DRAYCOTT VILLAGE SHOP &amp; ON THE DOOR</p> <p><small>ALL AGES WELCOME CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT CHILD-ACCOMPANYING ADULTS DO NOT REQUIRE A TICKET</small></p>
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## THE SPACE Parent Club

Being a parent is HARD! Do you sometimes just want to talk to like-minded people without judgement?  
Does your child experience school avoidance or have SEN? Or maybe you just need a gentle chat with someone who understands?

We are here for YOU!  
Parent Club offers a safe, welcoming space with:  
☕ Hot coffee ☺ Friendly faces 🗣️ Support, advice & signposting  
📅 Every Wednesday 🕒 9am-10:30am

No need to book — just drop in!  
Prefer to reserve a spot? Text 07940 177399  
We also have activities to keep little ones occupied!

**New Spring 2024!**  
Evening sessions available by appointment only.  
\*Monday evening sessions: 7pm-9pm, £10 per child.  
Please email: [space@draycottcommunitycinema.co.uk](mailto:space@draycottcommunitycinema.co.uk) to book your space.  
\*Bookings of children's activities by appointment only.

**COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA (OPPOSITE TESCO EXPRESS)**

## Parent Support Sessions

[WISE Up Workshops](#)

[NSPCWT](#)

## Online Safety

Together, We Flourish and Grow

[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>

## Safeguarding is everybody's business

⚠️ If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact:

Children's Social Care on **0300 123 2224**

Email: [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)

Police: **101 or in an emergency 999**

