



Dear families,

It has been a wonderful week in school, full of learning, reflection, and excitement.

Our new inquiry curriculum topics are now well underway and are already sparking great enthusiasm across the classrooms. The children have shown fantastic curiosity, thoughtful questioning, and real engagement as they begin exploring their new lines of inquiry.

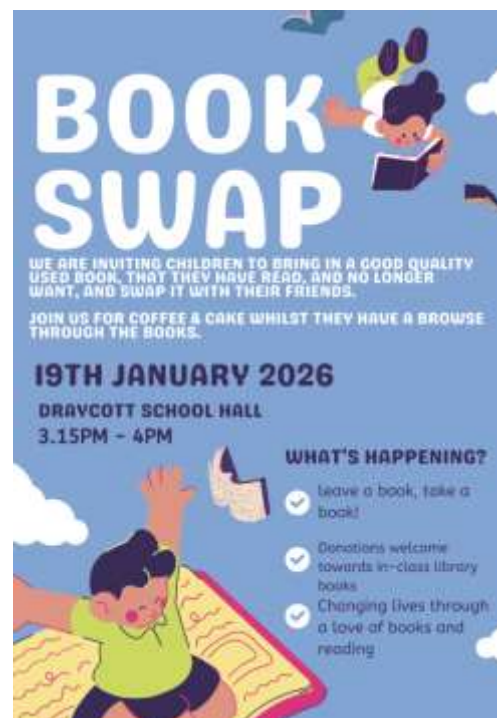
We were also delighted to enjoy a very special time of worship led by Reverend Ruth. Together, we reflected on our new school value, Courage, and what it means to show bravery, kindness, and confidence in our daily lives. It was a meaningful and inspiring worship that gave everyone plenty to think about.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to our **Book Swap event taking place next Monday**. We hope as many families as possible will be able to come along and join in the fun. There will also be cake available to purchase, with all proceeds going towards raising funds for the school—so please do come along and support this lovely event.

In addition, the **PTAF are busy planning an upcoming disco**. Tickets can be booked via the link included in this newsletter, and we are sure it will be a fantastic event for the children to enjoy.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish everyone a very happy and relaxing weekend and look forward to welcoming you back next week.

Mrs Netto



LAST CHANCE TO COMMENT -

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>

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.

Tell Us What You Think?

Your input is crucial! We're running four important surveys across our Trust schools to help us understand what matters most and enhance the overall experience for students, parents, and staff. We'd greatly appreciate your time.

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Parent Survey

The purpose of this questionnaire is to find out what matters to you most about food at your Child's school and how satisfied you are with the service.



[CLICK HERE](#)



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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

BUY TICKETS ONLINE

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



We are excited to be planning a SCHOOL DISCO on Friday 27th February 2026 at Draycott Memorial Hall 🎵 🎵

💰 Raising money for Draycott and Rodney Stoke CofE First School

🎫 Book tickets online [here](#).



Together, We Flourish and Grow

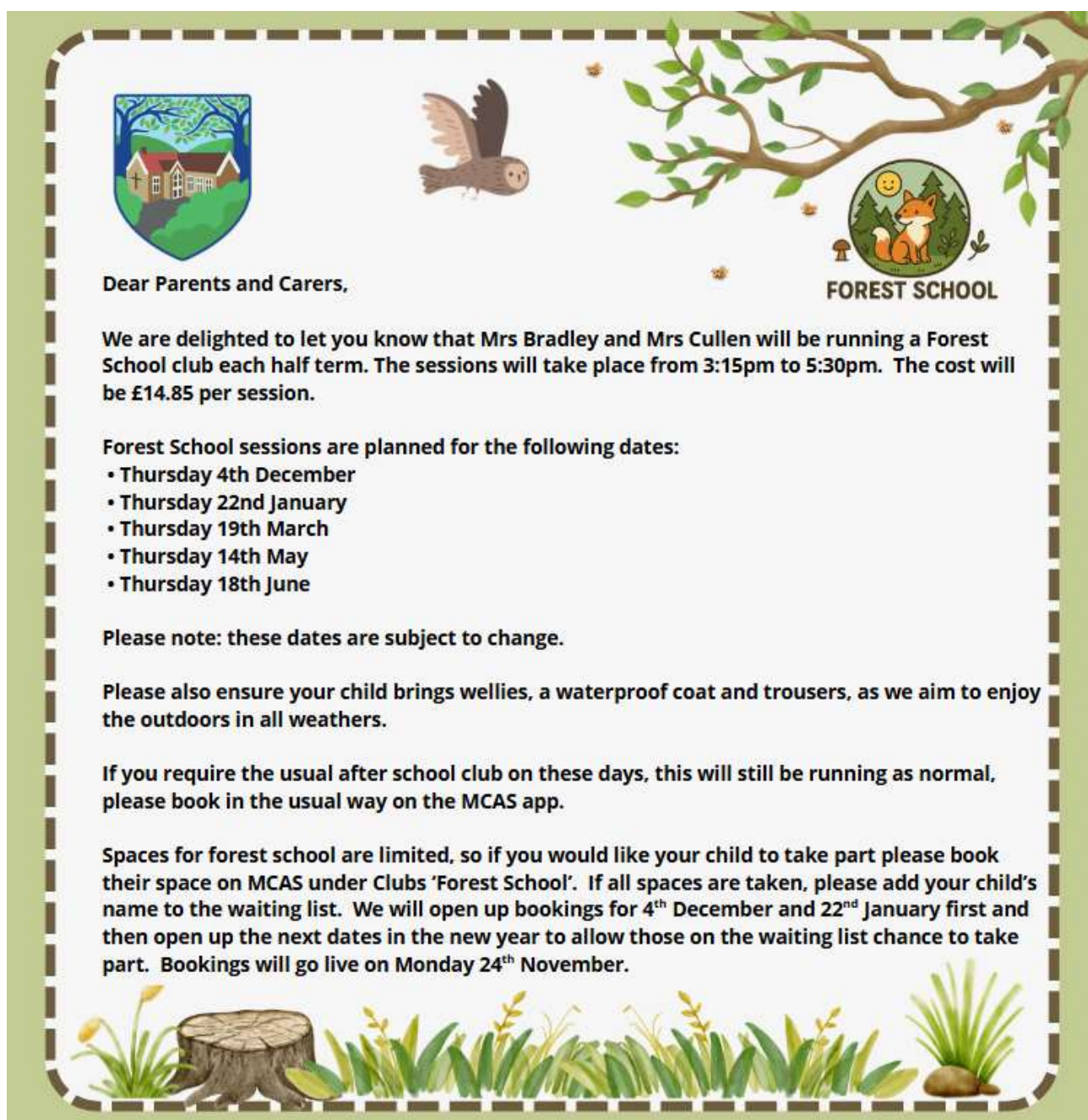
Wrap Around Care

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.



The poster features a green border with a white dashed line. On the left is a school crest with a house and trees. In the center is a brown owl. On the right is a circular logo with a fox, trees, and a sun, labeled 'FOREST SCHOOL'. The text is centered and reads:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Bradley and Mrs Cullen will be running a Forest School club each half term. The sessions will take place from 3:15pm to 5:30pm. The cost will be £14.85 per session.

Forest School sessions are planned for the following dates:


- Thursday 4th December
- Thursday 22nd January
- Thursday 19th March
- Thursday 14th May
- Thursday 18th June

Please note: these dates are subject to change.

Please also ensure your child brings wellies, a waterproof coat and trousers, as we aim to enjoy the outdoors in all weathers.

If you require the usual after school club on these days, this will still be running as normal, please book in the usual way on the MCAS app.

Spaces for forest school are limited, so if you would like your child to take part please book their space on MCAS under Clubs 'Forest School'. If all spaces are taken, please add your child's name to the waiting list. We will open up bookings for 4th December and 22nd January first and then open up the next dates in the new year to allow those on the waiting list chance to take part. Bookings will go live on Monday 24th November.



The bottom of the poster features a decorative illustration of a forest floor with a tree stump, green grass, yellow flowers, and a rock.

Upcoming dates for your diary

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

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

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

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

Other information that may be of interest

Happy New Year

from the Messy Church Team
at St Andrew's Church, Cheddar

(including all the Churches in the
Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke)

Come and join us for our first Messy Church of 2026!

17 | JANUARY
2026

Lots of fun activities
linked to the story of
"The Lost Sheep"
with tea included!!

Just drop an email to
Samm on
beneficecdrs@gmail.com
to let us know if you plan to
come along.

Children must be
accompanied by an adult
please.

Theme: The Lost Sheep



MORE INFORMATION :

- 🕒 3pm - 4.30pm
- 📍 Cheddar Village Hall
- 🌐 www.beneficecdrs.org

WESSEX LEARNING TRUST POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

Poster theme about - Exploring the safe and
responsible use of AI

COMPETITION RULES:

1. The design should
promote Safer Internet
Day on **February 10th**
2026
2. Poster size - A4 Portrait
3. Posters must be
submitted to your school
by **Monday 19th January**
4. Winning posters will be
shared across all Wessex
Learning Trust Schools



On the back of your poster,
we need you:
First NAME only
AGE
Name of SCHOOL



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**SATURDAY
21ST
FEBRUARY**



PENGUINS



@ DRAYCOTT MEMORIAL HALL
DOORS OPEN 130PM FOR 2PM START

TICKETS £2 EACH
AVAILABLE FROM DRAYCOTTCINEMA.CO.UK
DRAYCOTT VILLAGE SHOP & ON THE DOOR

ALL AGES WELCOME
CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
CHILD-ACCOMPANYING ADULTS DO NOT REQUIRE A TICKET

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?

New Evening Sessions!
Evening sessions available by appointment only.
1st Monday of every month from 7pm. Coffee @ The Hub.
Please email Victoria Williams@thehub.co.uk to book your space.
Monday 17 January 2024

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!

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

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 games, sports, going swimming, and doing 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, alternative £25 per day if booked after this time frame.

WEDMORE HOLIDAY CLUB

- For ages 5-13 years, from £23* per day, 9.00am-4.00pm, at Wedmore First School grounds
- In the winter, have fun doing outdoor adventure activities in the forest school grounds, and enjoy our outdoor swimming pool in the summer!**
- Enjoy a jam packed day of playing games, sports, and arts and crafts!
- Bring packed lunch, snacks, refillable drinks bottle, outdoor adventure clothing, and weather dependant items (sun cream, waterproofs etc).

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**This is a seasonal, weather dependant activity.

Parent Support Sessions

[WISE Up Workshops](#)

[NSPCWT](#)

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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>

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

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

