



Dear families,

We have had another busy and exciting week in school and would like to share a few highlights and important reminders with you.

#### Book Swap Event

Our recent Book Swap was a huge success! The children had lots of fun exploring and enjoying new books, and the cake went down a treat too. Thank you to everyone who donated books, enjoyed a cake and came along to support the event – we really appreciate it.

#### Stay and Read – Next Tuesday

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our **Stay and Read** session on **Tuesday from 8.45am–9.15am**. This is a lovely opportunity to spend time reading with your child in school, and we hope to see many of you there.

#### Kings Fitness Visit

We were delighted to welcome Kings Fitness into school this week to launch their latest fitness passport. The children were very enthusiastic and excited to get started – we're looking forward to seeing them work their way through the challenges.

#### Courage Book

Our Courage Book is now underway. Children are invited to share photos of things that have taken courage, or they may choose to write a prayer or words of encouragement instead. This is a wonderful opportunity for reflection and celebration of bravery in all its forms.

#### Car Parking Reminder

We kindly ask for your support regarding car parking. We have noticed an increase in people using the school car park. Please remember that only the named Blue Badge holder may park there, and we ask everyone to park respectfully at all times. On occasion, poor parking has meant that emergency services would not have been able to gain access if required, which is a serious concern.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Netto

## Save the Date – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

As part of her Well-being Ambassador role, Leila would love us to come school dressed in clothes of our choice to express who we are as part of Children's Mental Health Week. Pop the date in your diary and start planning your outfit now!



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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](mailto:drsptaf@gmail.com)

BUY TICKETS ONLINE or vis the booklets that have been sent home in bookbags.

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



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

💰 Raising money for Draycott and Rodney Stoke CofE First School

🎫 Book tickets online [here](#).



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### 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	
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
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Wear What You Like for Children’s Mental Health Week
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Disco 4pm-5pm Draycott Community Hall
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
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Forest School After School Club
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
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Forest School After School Club

### 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

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## 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

### 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](mailto: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](http://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 10<sup>th</sup>  
2026**
2. Poster size - A4 Portrait
3. Posters must be  
submitted to your school  
by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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**



**Wessex**  
Learning Trust

SATURDAY  
21<sup>ST</sup>  
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 Every Session!**  
Evening sessions available by appointment only.  
A Monday of every month from 7pm. Coffee @ The Hub.  
Please email Victoria [Victoria@thehubcommunity.org.uk](mailto:Victoria@thehubcommunity.org.uk) to book your space.  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January available for booking free.

**We are here for YOU!**  
Parent Club offers a safe, welcoming space with:  
☕ Hot coffee ☺ Friendly faces 🗣️ Support, advice & signposting

**17<sup>th</sup> 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)**

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The Mid Somerset  
Consortium

# BACK TO SCHOOL... AS A TEACHER

*Train to Teach Primary with Mid  
Somerset Consortium – Inspire the  
Next Generation*

- Flexible training designed for busy parents.
- Make a real difference in children's lives.
- Start a meaningful career in your community.
- Earn while you learn with hands-on classroom experience.

## Client Testimonials

'I couldn't have wished for a more supportive group of staff and fellow trainees... The MSC team have all been incredible and there is always someone there to talk to should you need it.'

— **Danni**

'The primary training course has been supportive and practical, allowing me to build confidence and develop invaluable classroom skills. Importantly, it has worked well around being a parent, allowing me to successfully balance training alongside a busy family life.'

— **Sarah**

'A real strength of the course is the opportunity for primary and secondary trainees to work together'

— **Millie**

'Placement schools are varied and well chosen, including first schools, middle schools, and primary schools. Being placed locally has helped us build strong networks across the area, which feels invaluable for future job opportunities and professional connections.'

— **Millie**

**Ready to take the next step?**

**JOIN MSC TEACHER TRAINING TODAY!**

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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 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!

# 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).

Visit our Junior Activities Page here

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

## 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>

## 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



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