



Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTAF's *Wear What You Like* day today in exchange for raffle prizes. We really appreciate your generosity and support.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Clara's dad into school to support our DT learning. He spoke to the children about cars and shared his expertise to help them gain a better understanding of car design. We are very grateful for the time he gave and always love having visitors in school. If you have a skill or area of expertise you think the children would enjoy hearing about, please do get in touch.

A big thank you as well to everyone who attended *Stay and Read* this week. It was lovely to see so many of you in school. We will be holding another open morning next Tuesday, so please pop the date in your diary.

Next Friday, **6th February**, we will be holding another *Wear What You Like* day to support **NSPCC Number Day**. Donations can be made directly to the NSPCC via their website: [Donate | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk).

Chestnut Class Assembly – You're Invited!

As another step in creating more opportunities to connect, we are inviting all Chestnut Class families to join us for their class assembly on **Thursday 12th February at 9am**. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing in the children's learning.

Wishing you all a lovely, and hopefully dry, weekend.

Mrs Netto

Save the Date – Thursday 12th 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

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 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



DOORS OPEN 7PM

DRAYCOTT & RODNEY STOKE CHARITY RACE NIGHT

SATURDAY 28th MARCH
DRAYCOTT MEMORIAL HALL - 7PM START
LATCHES LANE, BS27 3UE



BUY A HORSE

£10 PER TICKET



PLACE YOUR BETS

CHEESE & BISCUITS INCLUDED



COLLECT YOUR WINNINGS

CASH IS KING

JOIN US
JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF HORSE RACING FUN, AS WE BRING YOU THE ENTERTAINMENT & THRILL OF A NIGHT AT THE RACES. ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING & PROVIDING ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN
FOR TICKETS & SPONSOR PACKAGES CONTACT DRSPTAF@gmail.com



SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE
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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 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
Thursday 12 th February	Wear What You Like for Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 12 th February	Chestnut Class Collective Worship – Chestnut families welcome 9am
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
Thursday 19 th March	Forest School After School Club
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
Thursday 14 th May	Forest School After School Club

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

Other information that may be of interest

**SATURDAY
21ST
FEBRUARY**

**DRAYCOTT
COMMUNITY
CINEMA**



**PENGUINS
- MADAGASCAR**

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**@ 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?

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 Evening Sessions!
Evening sessions available by appointment only.
7 Monday of every month from 6pm. Coffee @ The Hub.
Personal Victoria Williams (@thehubparentclub) to book your space.
Monday 7 January 6pm-8pm (subject to availability)

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



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!

e: office@mscott.org.uk | w: www.mscoff.org.uk | t: 01458 449438

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WHAT'S ON THIS FEBRUARY AT THE WELLBEING BLEND



MONDAYS

TUESDAYS

2ND
12:30-2:30PM

SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM
UNDERSTANDING SENSORY PROCESSING

9TH
10AM

TALKING CAFE THE GENTLE BREW
EVERY SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

EVERY MONDAY
7.30-8.30AM
3.30-5PM

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
A WARM SPACE FOR OUR YOUTH BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL. *MEMBERSHIP CARD REQUIRED

3RD
6PM-7.30PM

PARENT CLUB EVENING
1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
SUPPORT, ADVICE, INFORMATION OR JUST A FRIENDLY FACE AND A CUPPA (ON US!)

10TH
6:30-8:30PM

BOLD MINDS, SAFE SYSTEMS
UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH A NEURODIVERGENT LENS ^{1st session}

17TH
7PM-8:30PM

MENOPAUSE CIRCLE
TIME TO SHINE WELLNESS. £5 PER SESSION. LED BY AMANDA - JOIN THE SUPPORTIVE CIRCLE MONTHLY

COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA
THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACESOMERSET.ORG.UK

WHAT'S ON THIS FEBRUARY AT THE WELLBEING BLEND



WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
8.30-10.30AM

PARENT CLUB
SUPPORT, ADVICE, INFORMATION OR JUST A FRIENDLY FACE AND A CUPPA (ON US!)

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FOODBANK VOUCHERS AVAILABLE HERE

EVERY WEDNESDAY
7.30-8.30AM
3.30-5PM

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EVERY THURSDAY
6:30PM-8:30PM

YOUTH CAFE
 CHILL OR LIVE MUSIC EVERY OTHER WEEK FOR AGES 13-18

EVENT BOOKING

THE SPACE
SUPPORTIVE MIND, FRESH IDEAS, COMMUNITED, INSPIRED CHANGE

THE WELLBEING BLEND

coffee HUB@
Life Happens, Coffee Helps!

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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: 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**

