



Dear families,

Stay and Read

We held another Stay and Read event this week. Thank you to all the families who joined us and supported this special time to share reading with your children. Your participation makes these moments even more meaningful! Another one is taking place Tuesday 10th February.

NSPCC Number Day – Celebrating Today!

Today we are joining schools nationwide for *NSPCC Number Day*. Thank you for your support! Donations can be made directly to the NSPCC via their website: [NSPCC website](https://www.nspcc.org.uk).

Safer Internet Day – Next Week

Next week we will be celebrating *Safer Internet Day* with the theme: **Smart Tech, Safe Choices – Exploring the Safe and Responsible Use of AI**. We will be helping children understand how to use technology safely and responsibly, with a focus on the exciting and evolving world of artificial intelligence.



Winning House Team Celebration

Congratulations to our winning house team- **St. George!** To celebrate, we will be holding a *Wear What You Like Day* for their team on **Wednesday 11th February**. This date has been chosen to avoid other clashes in the school diary next week.

Chestnut Class Assembly in the school hall– You're Invited!

As part of our ongoing efforts to create more opportunities to connect with families, we warmly invite all Chestnut Class families to their class assembly on **Thursday 12th February at 9:00am**. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing in the children's learning journey.

Children's Mental Health Week – Wear What You Like Day

On the same day, **Thursday 12th February**, we will also celebrate *Children's Mental Health Week* with another *Wear What You Like Day*. This is a fun way for children to express themselves and support positive mental health.

Lunches

Lunches for after half term are now on MCAS and available to order. Please ensure are placed by next Tuesday 10th February.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school community vibrant and connected.

Mrs Netto

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](#).



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DOORS OPEN 7PM

DRAYCOTT & RODNEY STOKE CHARITY RACE NIGHT

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

BUY A HORSE

PLACE YOUR BETS

COLLECT YOUR WINNINGS

ETC PER TICKET

CHEESE & DRINKS INCLUDED

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

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Messy CHURCH

Activities

Songs

Food

Crafts

Games

Stories

SAVE THE DATE

07 | MARCH 2026

Theme: Mothering Sunday

MORE INFORMATION :

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

All very welcome



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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 10 th February	Safer Internet Day Stay & Read 8.45am – 9.15am
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	Eater Egg Hunt at the Laurels 1pm
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

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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 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!

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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



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!)



9TH

10AM

TALKING CAFE THE GENTLE BREW

EVERY SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH



10TH

6:30-8:30PM

BOLD MINDS, SAFE SYSTEMS

UNDERSTANDING & SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH A NEURODIVERGENT LENS



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

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!)



EVERY THURSDAY
6:30PM-8:30PM

YOUTH CAFE



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



EVERY WEDNESDAY
8.30-10.30AM

FOODBANK VOUCHERS AVAILABLE HERE



EVENT BOOKING



EVERY WEDNESDAY
7.30-8.30AM
3.30-5PM

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



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Life Happens, Coffee Helps!

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[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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING SAFE USE OF AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly woven into young people's digital lives. It can offer some educational benefits and day-to-day assistance; however, it also raises concerns about misinformation, privacy, fairness, and safety. This guide provides parents and educators with practical strategies to support young people to navigate AI tools responsibly, and to use them safely and with discernment.

- 1 DEMYSTIFY WHAT AI REALLY IS**

Children encounter AI in most online places, including games, streaming platforms, and school tools. Explain that AI uses patterns from past data to make decisions, but it doesn't think or feel like humans. Use age-appropriate examples, like how recommendations on YouTube or Netflix work, to build understanding and prevent false beliefs about AI being all-knowing or alive.
- 2 TALK ABOUT RISKS OF MISINFORMATION**

AI can create convincing false information, including deepfake videos, photos, and fake "facts". Encourage children to think critically about what they see and read. Teach them to double-check information using reliable sources, to look at images and videos carefully, and to ask an adult if something doesn't seem right.
- 3 DISCUSS DATA AND PRIVACY**

Explain that AI systems learn by analysing lots of data, sometimes including personal information. Help young people to be mindful of what they share online and why protecting personal data matters. Model good habits like reading app permissions together or reviewing what's collected by voice assistants like Alexa or Siri.
- 4 ENCOURAGE CREATIVE USE OF AI**

Support children, when using AI tools, to explore ideas, make art, or build projects. This fosters confidence, imagination, and independent thinking. When children use AI creatively, rather than just passively consuming it, they are more likely to stay engaged and make thoughtful choices.
- 5 USE AGE-APPROPRIATE AI TOOLS**

Not all AI platforms are suitable for children. Choose tools designed for education or creativity, with clear safety policies. Review terms of use and privacy settings, and help children use them in age-appropriate ways. For example, some chatbot tools mimic conversation but should only be used with guidance and boundaries in place.
- 6 USE AI TOGETHER**

Exploring AI tools together can help adults understand how they work and spot potential issues. Try co-writing a story with an AI writing assistant or experimenting with an AI art tool. This encourages curiosity, helps you stay informed about the latest AI tools, and allows you to reinforce safe and respectful use while modelling critical thinking.
- 7 SET BOUNDARIES FOR AI USE**

Establish when, where, and how AI tools can be used, just as you would with any digital technology. For example, you might agree not to use AI tools to complete school assignments without permission, or to avoid unsupervised use of voice assistants. Consistent boundaries help manage overuse and misuse.
- 8 WATCH FOR OVERRELIANCE**

Some AI tools, like homework help apps, may be tempting shortcuts. Encourage children to use AI to support their thinking, not replace it. Celebrate effort and process over perfect answers. Reinforce that mistakes are part of learning and that relying too heavily on AI can limit real understanding.
- 9 TEACH DIGITAL ETHICS AND LITERACY**

Help children explore how AI works, where it might be biased, and why ethical thinking matters. Building digital literacy alongside ethical awareness ensures children engage with AI critically, not just conveniently. Help young people to understand that not all people use AI for legitimate purposes; some use it for malicious reasons. Encourage questions about fairness, representation, and who benefits from certain tools; talk about algorithms, echo chambers, and the impact of automation on daily life.
- 10 STAY CURIOUS AND INVOLVED**

AI is developing rapidly, and staying informed helps you support the young people in your care. Follow trusted sources for updates and keep the conversation going. If a child brings up a new AI trend or tool, take the opportunity to learn about it together. Showing interest builds trust and strengthens digital resilience.

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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**

