



Dear families,

We have had a fantastic start to the new term and it has been wonderful to see the children returning with such enthusiasm and positivity.

We are delighted with the final installation of our perimeter fencing at the front of the school. This will enable us to ensure safe access to the area and remain in line with Martyn's Law. We are very grateful to the Wessex Learning Trust for their support in making this possible.

World Thinking Day

We began the term by celebrating **World Thinking Day**, which is linked to Girlguiding and is celebrated by Girl Guides and Scouts across the world. The children enjoyed learning about global friendship, community and how they can make a positive difference both locally and globally.



PTAF DISCO – Tonight at the Draycott Memorial Hall 4-5pm

A reminder that **the PTAF DISCO** is taking place this evening. We're looking forward to a fun event for our school community – thank you to our PTAF for organising!

St. David's Day – Wednesday 4th March

On Wednesday 4th March, we will be celebrating the second of our Patron Saint Days – **St. David's Day**.

- Children in **St. David's Team** are invited to wear something **yellow** (or Welsh-themed!) to school.
- We will be holding a **cake sale**, and we kindly ask children in St. David's Team to donate cakes.
- Cakes will be sold to the whole school, with proceeds going towards our fundraising efforts. Each cake will be 50p.



Thank you in advance for your support – we are sure it will be a lovely celebration.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are very much looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day** next Thursday!

- Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.
- We would also love to see your child reading in a funny or unique place, please email your photos to office@drfirstschool.co.uk
- We will also be launching our **Extreme Reading Challenge**.

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We can't wait to see the creative costumes and hear about everyone's favourite stories.



Whole School Visit – Friday 6th March

On Friday 6th March, the whole school will be visiting We The Curious. This promises to be an exciting and engaging day of hands-on learning. Please ensure permission is consented on MCAS and payment is made by the end of today.

A few reminders:

- *For Chestnut and Oak Class, please provide a named rucksack that your child can carry, containing a lunch box and a drink (non-fizzy and no sweets, please). For Willow Class, a packed lunch and a water bottle will be required, and we will have a designated storage space for their items.*
- *All pupils are expected to wear their school uniform and a warm coat.*
- *Additionally, please send any required medication in a named bag, accompanied by a completed medicine form, and ensure that a member of staff is informed. These forms are available from the school office. If your child is prone to travel sickness, please administer the necessary medication prior to the journey and complete the medicine form for any additional medication needed for the return trip.*
- *We plan to leave the venue in time to return for the usual pick-up time.*

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting few weeks ahead.

Mrs Netto

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Christian Values

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

"Always be thankful." (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

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>

BMC RACE NIGHT **PTAF** **DRAYCOTT AND RODNEY STOKE**
Draycott and Rodney Stoke First School

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 P/R TICKET
CHEESE & BISCUITS 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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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	
Friday 27 th February	PTA Disco 4pm-5pm Draycott Community Hall
Wednesday 4 th March	St David's Team Bake Sale
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
Saturday 28 th March	PTA Charity Race Night 7pm Village Hall
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

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Please see the dates for next academic year on our [website](#).

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Future INSET Days

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

Other information that may be of interest



SAVE THE DATE


07 MARCH 2026

Theme: Mothering Sunday

All very welcome

MORE INFORMATION :

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

WHAT'S ON THIS MARCH AT THE WELLBEING BLEND

MONDAYS		TUESDAYS	
9TH 10AM	TALKING CAFE THE GENTLE BREW ENJOY SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH!	3RD 6PM-7.30PM	PARENT CLUB EVENING 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES BUY A FRIENDLY FACE AND A CUPPA ON US!
EVERY MONDAY 7.30-8.30AM 8.30-9PM	BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB A HAPPY SPACE FOR OUR FUTURE AND AFTER SCHOOL. *MEMBERSHIP COSTS \$5.00		

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

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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

 17 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

1st Monday of every month
From 6pm
Coffee @ The Hub

Please email Victoria
VBoorman@thespacesomerset.org.uk
to book your space

Monday 5th January
available for booking now



**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**

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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.

Free Parent/Carer Session Around Online Grooming & Exploitation, the sessions will be Led by Prevention officer Andri Nicolaou from the dedicated Child Exploitation Team in Avon and Somerset Police.

This session will enable participants to learn how to keep the children in their care safe online and recognize the signs of grooming and exploitation. It will provide valuable insights and practical tips to help them navigate the digital world with their children and young people.

[Avon and Somerset Police Events - 2 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

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**

