

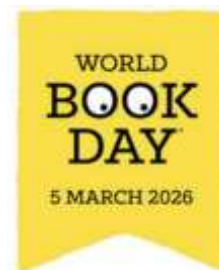


Dear families,

What another fabulous week it has been at school!

On Wednesday, we held another fantastic House Day, this time celebrating St David's Day. Our St David's team led the way in honouring all things Welsh, and it was wonderful to see the children embracing the celebrations with such enthusiasm. A particular highlight was the cake sale — thank you so much to everyone who donated delicious treats and to those who came along to support. Thanks to your generosity, St David's team raised an impressive amount for our school. Da iawn, St David's!

Yesterday, the school was buzzing with excitement as we celebrated World Book Day. The children looked incredible in their costumes and it was a joy to see such creativity on display. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of reading activities designed to promote a love of books and storytelling. Events like these are such a powerful reminder of the importance of reading for pleasure, and it was wonderful to see so many children engaged and enthusiastic. Don't forget to use your £1 book token, which can be exchanged in many shops, including Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury, Waterstones or The Works for any of the £1 titles or put towards a book of their choice. We hope that you will enjoy exploring the selection and celebrate the magic of reading together.



Today, we are very much looking forward to our visit to **We The Curious** in Bristol. With its hands-on exhibits and interactive experiences, it promises to be a fun-packed and inspiring day of exploration and discovery. We can't wait to share more about it with you next week.

Coming up, we have our next round of parent consultation meetings. In these meetings, you will have another chance to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how your child is getting on. These are really useful opportunities, so we hope you will be able to attend. A sign-up sheet will be in circulation soon.

Next Friday, is our special '**Mothering Friday**' service, the children will be reading poems and singing. Everyone is welcome to join us at 2.30pm, St. Peter's Church, Draycott.

Finally, please note a change of date for the St Patrick's Team event. This will now take place on Tuesday 17th in order to avoid a clash with Red Nose Day. Thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Netto

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

EAT PER 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	Sports Masters Coach	Mrs Major
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	
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
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patrick's Team Bake Sale
Thursday 19 th March	Forest School After School Club
Friday 20 th – Wednesday 25 th March	Book Fair in hall 3.15pm-3.45pm
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day – wear something funny!
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
Friday 24 th April	St George's Team Bake Sale
Friday 24 th May – Friday 3 rd July	Oak Class Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 5 th May – 7 th May	Year 4 Kilve Residential
Monday 11 th May	Class Photos and Year 4 Photos
Thursday 14 th May	Forest School After School Club

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 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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Please see the dates for next academic year on our [website](#).

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

Other information that may be of interest





WHAT'S ON THIS MARCH AT THE WELLBEING BLEND



MONDAYS

TUESDAYS

9TH
10AM

TALKING CAFE
THE GENTLE BREW
EVERY SECOND MONDAY
OF THE MONTH

FREE

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)

FREE

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

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

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

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 8th January
available for booking now



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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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**

