



Dear families,

Our week began with a visit from **PCSO Ben Newbury**, who introduced himself to the children and shared that he will be patrolling the local neighbourhood. It was a great opportunity for pupils to learn more about the role of the police in our community and how they help to keep everyone safe. We look forward to seeing him around and building a positive relationship with our school.



We have also had a fantastic time celebrating Science Week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of experiments, investigations and activities that have encouraged curiosity, problem-solving and lots of thoughtful questions. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for discovering how the world around us works.

Later today we are looking forward to our special **Mothering Friday service**. The children have been busy preparing poems and songs, and we are very excited to share them with you. Everyone is warmly invited to join us at **2:30pm at St. Peter's Church in Draycott**. We hope many of you will be able to come along and celebrate this lovely occasion with us.

Next Thursday, Mrs Cullen and Mrs Bradley will be running Forest School After School Club, they are planning on leaf printing, baking banana treats, den building and having lots of outside fun! Please book on MCAS, select 2 hours after school club.

Finally, we would like to wish all the wonderful mums, grandmothers and special ladies in our community a very happy Mothering Sunday. We hope all of our families enjoy a lovely time celebrating together.



Warm wishes,

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 PRIMARY 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 **EIT P/R TICKET** **CHEESE & BISCUITS INCLUDED**

PLACE YOUR BETS

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

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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.

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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 – subject to change

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
Monday 23 rd – 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	Easter 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 April – Friday 3 rd July	Oak Class Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 5 th – Wednesday 6 th May	Year 3 to Shipham First School for activities
Tuesday 5 th May – 7 th May	Year 4 Kilve Residential
Thursday 7 th May	"Stay & Read" 8.45am
Monday 11 th May	Class Photos and Year 4 Photos
Thursday 14 th May	Forest School After School Club
Thursday 14 th May	"Stay & Read" 8.45am
Monday 18 th May	Book Swap – coffee & cake 3.15pm
Thursday 21 st May	Cricket Team – Winscombe Cricket Tournament
Thursday 21 st May	"Stay & Read" 8.45am
Friday 22 nd May	Willow Class Collective Worship – Families welcome
Friday 5 th June	Country Dancing Festival Brent Knoll 4pm
Thursday 11 th June	September 2026 Reception Parents Evening 6pm
Tuesday 23 rd June	Year 4 Moving Up Celebration Wells Cathedral
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day 1pm Draycott Playing Field
Wednesday 1 st July	Transfer Day (all children move to their class / school for Sept 26)
Wednesday 8 th July	Back up Sports Day (if wet / hot on 24 th June)
Thursday 9 th July	Swimming Gala Oak Class
Tuesday 14 th July	Whole School Trip
Friday 17 th July	Year 4 Leaver's Service 9.15am School Hall (Year 4 parents only)

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



BEETLE DRIVE

6pm on Saturday 14th March
in Cheddar Village Hall



Soft drinks & pudding provided at the interval

All ages welcome for 1.5 hours of fun!

Messy Church families & everyone from the Benefice of Cheddar, Draycott and Rodney Stoke are invited to a family fun evening!

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Please email Samm on beneficecdrs@gmail.com to guarantee a place

NO entry fee, donations for the evening welcome.

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH





@ 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

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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**

