



Dear families,

We have had a wonderfully busy and enriching week in school.



We started the week with a visit from Helen Brock, who delivered a fantastic violin taster session during our Music Worship. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. If you would like to book your child (Year 2 and above) in for lessons, further details have been shared via Class Dojo.

On Wednesday, we were pleased to welcome our School Improvement Partner along with a member of the Central Team for a school visit. It was a great opportunity to share the ongoing work and successes within our school.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our travelling book fair. Your enthusiasm helps us continue to foster a love of reading across the school.



Congratulations to our winning house team for the term – **St. Andrew's Team!** As a reward, they will enjoy a 'Wear What You Like' day on Thursday 2nd April.

As we approach the end of term, just a reminder that children are invited to decorate an Easter bonnet to wear on our final day, Thursday 2nd April. We will be parading these during our church service at St. Peter's at 2:30pm. We hope many of you will be able to join us for this special occasion.



The new **Summer Menu** for hot lunches is now live on MCAS. Please place orders by **Tuesday 31st March**, so the order can be placed with Fairlands prior to the Easter break. If no order is placed for your child by Tuesday, we will assume you will provide a packed lunch for your child, daily, for the first week back.

Next Monday afternoon we have all kindly been invited to visit The Laurels Care Home for an Easter Egg Hunt and activities. We will be walking from school after lunch and returning to school in time for the end of the day. When your child started school, you each completed an EV6 form to consent for local external trips. This continues for their entire school journey with us. However, should you not wish to consent on this occasion, please let the office know.

Thank you to our amazing PTAF for organising their next fundraising event this Saturday. We hope it will be a fantastic evening for all involved. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from our community in raising much-needed funds for the school.

Finally, a quote from Shakespeare to leave you with:
"Be not afraid of greatness." (*Twelfth Night*)



Wishing you all a lovely 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



<http://draycottandrodneystokesptaf.myshopify.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	<i>Not available</i>	<i>Not available</i>

Procedure for booking:

- Booking must be made 7 days in advance on MCAS app.
- £5 late collection fee for every 15 minutes late.
- Emergency bookings – please telephone the school.

Upcoming dates for your diary – subject to change

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 – CANCELLED
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.

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Other information that may be of interest

**SATURDAY
18TH
APRIL**

**DRAYCOTT
COMMUNITY
CINEMA**



EARLY MAN **PG**

@ 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

Parent Support Sessions

[WISE Up Workshops](#)

[NSPCWT](#)

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WHAT'S ON THIS APRIL AT THE WELLBEING BLEND



WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

NOT RUNNING
DURING EASTER
HOLIDAYS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
8.30-10.30AM

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

FREE

EVERY THURSDAY
6:30PM-8:30PM

YOUTH CAFE
CHILL OR LIVE MUSIC EVERY OTHER WEEK FOR AGES 13-19

FREE

NOT
RUNNING
09/04

NOT RUNNING
DURING EASTER
HOLIDAYS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
8.30-10.30AM

FOODBANK VOUCHERS AVAILABLE HERE

Trussell

FREE

2ND Attachment
12.30-2.30

WISE UP WORKSHOP SPCF
SLEEP DIFFERENCES IN NEURODIVERGENT YOUNG PEOPLE

NOT RUNNING
DURING EASTER
HOLIDAYS

EVERY WEDNESDAY
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

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



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