



Dear families,

Raising Standards

As always, we continue to work hard as a team to reflect on how we can further improve the provision and opportunities we offer our learners. A key part of this involves working closely with the Wessex Learning Trust Central Improvement Team. We are delighted to report that their latest visit this week was very positive.

School Photographs

The children had their class photos taken on Monday. The slip containing the QR code has been sent home with your child. Details of how to order are given on the slip and on Tulip's website. Please order promptly to save with the early bird discount.

French Café

Today, our year 4 learners from Shipham and Draycott & Rodney Stoke will join together for the annual French Café at Shipham First School. This is always something that they look forward to and I am sure they will have lots of fun, ordering their items from the café and playing a variety of games.



Working out for positive mental health

On Thursday, we joined together with many other schools across the country to complete The Big School Workout – an online session with Joe Wicks for Mental Health Week. As always, Joe was hugely inspiring and made the event great fun.



Willow Class Worship

A reminder that Willow Class will be holding their celebration for their families next **Friday 22nd May**. This will be at **9am** in the school hall.

Online Safety Hub

As mentioned last week, we are pleased to share that we now have a new Online Safety Hub, designed to support parents, staff, and governors with clear and up-to-date digital safeguarding information, advice, and guidance. The hub brings together practical resources to help everyone better understand online risks, support children and young people in using technology safely, and promote positive digital wellbeing. It will be regularly updated to reflect emerging trends and concerns, ensuring our whole community stays informed and confident in supporting safe online experiences.

The platform can be found here:

[Online Safety Hub - Draycott & Rodney Stoke C of E First School](#)

A link can also be found on our school website.

We hope you will find it useful.

All the books

Thank you once again for supporting our 'Stay & Read' sessions, the last session is on Thursday 21st May at 8:45am, join us if you can. **Unfortunately, we have to cancel the Book Swap with Coffee & Cake that was planned for Monday 18th May we look to reschedule this later in the year.**



Hot lunches

Please place lunch orders for w/c 1st June, by the end of next Tuesday, the 19th May. If the order isn't placed then you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child, daily, for the first week back after half term.

Winning House Team

Congratulations to our winning house team for the term – **St. Patrick's Team!** As a reward, they will enjoy a 'Wear What You Like' day on Friday 22nd May.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Netto

Christian Values

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

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." (Colossians 3:12)



**DRAYCOTT
& RODNEY
STOKE PTAF**

petals & paint

£10 PER TICKET

**WHEN:
13TH JUNE
AT:
7PM
SCHOOL HALL,
DRAYCOTT**

**PAINT FLOWERS, DRINK WINE, HAVE A
GIGGLE & RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL**

**TO GET YOUR TICKETS
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Don't forget to take a look at the

PTAF

**Draycott and Rodney Stoke
First School**



PTAF website!

-  Information about events
-  Details on fundraisers
-  A link to our Amazon wish list

...and so much more!

← ♥ Link below ♥ →

Thank you for your continued support. ♥

<http://draycottandrodneystokesptaf.myshopify.com/>

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

Friday 24 th April – Friday 3 rd July	Oak Class Swimming Lessons
Thursday 23 rd April – Thursday 16 th July	Ukulele Lessons Oak Class & Private
Monday 18th May	Book Swap – coffee & cake 3.15pm
Wednesday 20 th May	Chestnut Class Bishops Palace & Gardens
Thursday 21 st May	Cricket Team – Winscombe Cricket Tournament Oak Class
Thursday 21 st May	“Stay & Read” 8.45am
Friday 22 nd May	Willow Class Collective Worship – Families welcome 9am
Tuesday 2 nd June	10.30am – 11.30am Stay and Play in Willow Class for little learners
Thursday 4 th June	Vision Screening Reception Children only
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)
Tuesday 14 th July	Whole School Trip Noah’s Ark
Friday 17 th July	Year 4 Leaver’s Service 9.15am School Hall (Year 4 parents only)

Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 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](#).

Together, We Flourish and Grow

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.

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**

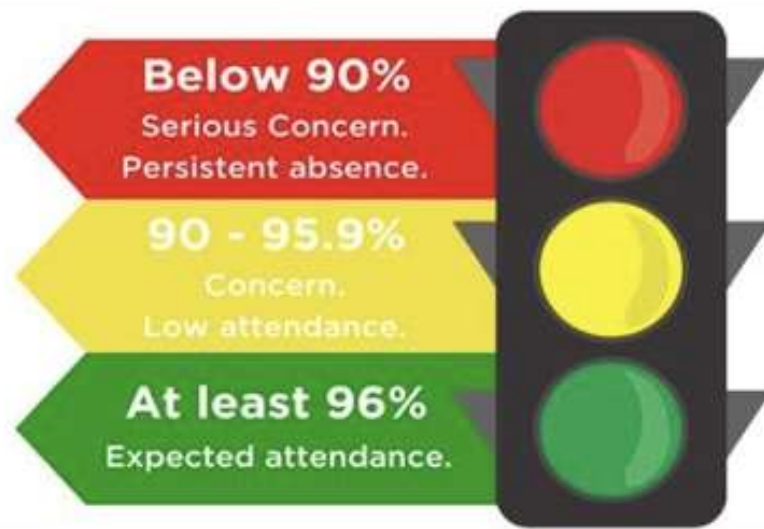


ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



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Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!