



Dear families,

Kindness Challenges

A huge well done to everyone who took part in our 'Random Acts of Kindness' challenges. It has been wonderful to see so many thoughtful and caring actions across the school community. Thank you to all the children for helping to spread kindness and positivity.

Fond Farewell

This week we said a fond farewell to Mrs Charlton, who will be greatly missed by children, staff and families alike. We are very grateful for all her hard work and dedication during her time with us, and we wish her every success for the future.

We also held interviews on Monday and are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Massey into the role of Operations Officer, who will be joining us in term 6. We look forward to welcoming her to the team.

School Pennant

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Sam Johnson** for creating our beautiful new school pennant. It is a wonderful addition to our school community and something that will hold special meaning for many years to come.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the **Strawberry Special** for their incredibly generous donation, which made it possible for us to commission this special piece for our school.

Our new pennant will help to steep our school in history and tradition, giving our children a strong sense of pride and belonging. We look forward to seeing it carried proudly at important school events, including Sports Day and the Year 4 moving-up celebrations at Wells Cathedral.

It is so important for children to feel connected to their school community, and this pennant will serve as a symbol of unity, pride, and shared memories for generations to come. Thank you once again to everyone involved in making this possible.



Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parent survey. We were delighted to receive such positive feedback and greatly appreciate your kind comments and continued support for the school. We also received some thoughtful and constructive suggestions, which will help us as we continue to develop and improve. We value working closely with our families and look forward to taking some of these ideas forward in the future.

Chestnut Class Visit to The Bishop's Palace

On Wednesday, Chestnut Class enjoyed a wonderful educational visit to The Bishop's Palace in Wells. The children had a fantastic day exploring the historic grounds and learning more about the rich history of the area. They represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the visit. Well done, Chestnut Class!

Cricket Festival

On Thursday, a selection of our year 4 children took part in a cricket festival organised by Sports Masters Coaching. The children travelled to Winscombe where they joined forces with friends from Shipham School to form a combined team. The children showed excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event and represented the school brilliantly. Well done to everyone involved!



Willow Class Worship

Today at 9am, Willow Class will be leading their class worship to showcase all of their recent learning and achievements. The children are looking forward to sharing their work, reflections and experiences. Willow families are warmly invited to join us in the school hall for this special occasion.


10 years of Reverend Stuart




Everyone is warmly invited to join the celebrations for 10 years of Rev. Stuart's ministry. The special service will take place at St Andrew's Church at 10am on 31st May. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate this important milestone. We hope you will be able to make it.



Wishing you all a very wonderful half-term break. School resumes on Monday 1st June.

Mrs Netto

ATTENDANCE  Every day counts!

Below 90% Serious Concern. Persistent absence.	
90 - 95.9% Concern. Low attendance.	
At least 96% Expected attendance.	

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

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Calling All Parents and Guardians:

Tell us about your Big Brush Club experience!

Please complete the parent and guardian survey online by scanning the QR Code below. It only takes 2 minutes and makes a BIG difference!

Your answers are confidential; we will use them only to support your child's participation.



Thank You For Participating in Big Brush Club!

Why your survey matters?

- Helps us understand your child's needs
- Supports better oral health for all children
- NHS requires this to be done as a part of the programme
- To answer any oral health questions you may have around your child



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)

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**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
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](#).

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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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**

