



Dear families,

## Welcome to Term 6

It has been a lovely start to Term 6, and it has been wonderful to see the children returning with such enthusiasm, positivity, and readiness to learn. The school has been full of energy, and we are excited for the term ahead.

Earlier this week, we had a worrying moment involving Mr Edwards, which came as a shock to many of us. We are very pleased to report that he is feeling much better and is recovering well. We know the whole school community will join us in wishing him a speedy and continued recovery.

This term, we are focusing on our new Christian Value of **Community**. Over the coming weeks, the children will be exploring what it means to belong, support one another, and work together. Through collective worship, classroom activities, and everyday interactions, we will be encouraging our pupils to think about how they can contribute to making our school a caring, inclusive, and welcoming community for all.

## Stay and Play

This week, we were delighted to welcome prospective families into our school for a special Stay and Play session. It was a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to explore our learning environment, meet staff, and experience the warm and nurturing atmosphere that makes our school so special. Willow Class proudly showcased their classroom and learning opportunities, and it was lovely to see our visitors engaging with activities and getting a glimpse of life at our school.

## Young Carers in Schools - Award Success

We are delighted to share that we have successfully achieved the **Young Carers in Schools (YCIS) Award**. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment, hard work, and dedication shown by our pupils, staff, and wider school community in supporting young carers.

We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment, which recognises the inclusive and supportive environment we strive to provide for all our children. Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards this success. We look forward to building on this achievement and continuing to ensure that our young carers feel valued, understood, and supported.



We look forward to sharing more exciting learning experiences and achievements with you as the term progresses.

Mrs Netto

## Christian Values

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

*"Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)*

## PTAF Messages



DRAYCOTT & RODNEY STOKES 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  
[DRAYCOTTANDRODNEYSTOKESPTAF.MYSHOPIFY.COM/PAGES/EVENTS](http://DRAYCOTTANDRODNEYSTOKESPTAF.MYSHOPIFY.COM/PAGES/EVENTS)

The poster features a woman in a white cardigan and a grey hat painting a canvas. The background is a soft-focus image of pink roses.



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. ❤️

The poster has a blue background with stars, confetti, and balloons. The PTAF logo is stylized with faces and arms. The school crest shows a building with a tree in front.

Together, We Flourish and Grow

### 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 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Oak Class Swimming Lessons
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Ukulele Lessons Oak Class & Private
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	September 2026 Reception Parents Evening 6pm <b>We may have to postpone this event – we will keep you posted</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 Moving Up Celebration Wells Cathedral
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day 1pm Draycott Playing Field
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transfer Day (all children move to their class / school for Sept 26)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Back up Sports Day (if wet / hot on 24 <sup>th</sup> June)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Trip Noah's Ark
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leaver's Service 9.15am School Hall (Year 4 parents only)

### Somerset Term Dates – 2025 / 2026

Term 6	1 <sup>st</sup> June – 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026
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Please see the dates for next academic year on our [website](#).

### Future INSET Days

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July and Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	INSET - School closed to learners – Time for the summer holidays!
Full term dates can be found on our website at <a href="http://www.drfirstschool.co.uk/diary">www.drfirstschool.co.uk/diary</a>	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](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)

Police: **101 or in an emergency 999**

