



Dear families,

It's hard to believe we're nearly at the end of another fantastic school year! The time has flown by, and we're so proud of everything the children have achieved. They continue to impress us every day with their enthusiasm, resilience and kindness, and we've still got lots to look forward to before the summer holidays begin.

James Rizzi Inspired Art

A huge thank you to the Chestnut crew for their fantastic James Rizzi-inspired artwork, which was proudly showcased in a special gallery viewing. Their creativity, imagination, and vibrant use of colour brought each piece to life, reflecting the playful and distinctive style of James Rizzi. It was wonderful to see their hard work celebrated, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and talent they have shown. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

PTAF Summer Party – TODAY

A reminder that our PTAF Summer Party will take place tonight after school. The children are invited to wear their own clothes today, in exchange for a teddy donation. It is also our PE enrichment day so sensible footwear will be required please.

Noah's Ark Visit

We're all really looking forward to our trip to Noah's Ark next Tuesday. It's sure to be a fantastic day and a lovely way to celebrate the end of the school year together. Please make sure your child comes prepared for the weather so they can enjoy every moment: sunhats, sun-cream and plenty to drink!



House Point Winners

Congratulations to **St. Andrew**, who are this term's House Point champions! Their teamwork, positive attitudes and consistent effort have earned them this fantastic achievement. As a reward, children in the winning house are invited to come to school in their own clothes on **Thursday 16th July**.



Year 4 Leavers' Celebration

One of the most special moments of our final week is our Year 4 Leavers' Celebration, which will take place on **Friday 17th July at 9.15am** in the school hall.

We'd love all our Year 4 families to join us as we celebrate the children's time at our school, look back on the wonderful memories we've made together and wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their journey.

It's always a lovely event filled with smiles, laughter and, more often than not, a few happy tears—so don't forget to bring some tissues!

This will be followed by the traditional leavers race over on the sports field.

Summer Reading Challenge

Summer is when reading often slips, and children can head back to school having lost ground.

The National Read-Aloud Challenge keeps your child reading aloud through the holidays in just a few minutes a day. It's free, it's safe, and 9 in 10 parents told us their child's confidence grew. Your child reads independently on Fonetti while you follow their progress and celebrate every milestone.



More information can be found here: [National Read Aloud Challenge](#)

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. It is a privilege to work with such wonderful children and such a supportive school community. We are looking forward to making the most of these final few days together before the summer holidays begin.

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



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

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

Monday 22 nd June – Monday 13 th July	Ukulele Lessons Oak Class & Private
Friday 10 th July	Fun Friday! Sports Enrichment Day PTAF Mufti Day and Party 3.30pm – 6.30pm
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 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.drsmfirstschool.co.uk/diary	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Draycott, Rodney Stoke & Nyland

SCARECROW TRAIL

in partnership with

*The Village Show &
Lion Rock Tearooms*

Scarecrows to be in place by
1st August.

Any theme! Make us smile!

Judging to take place evening
of **4th August.**

Winners receive afternoon tea for two
at Lion Rock Tearooms

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Email phoebeinger@gmail.com
to take part or
with any questions

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 see

<https://somersetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>

Safeguarding is everybody's business

⚠ If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact:

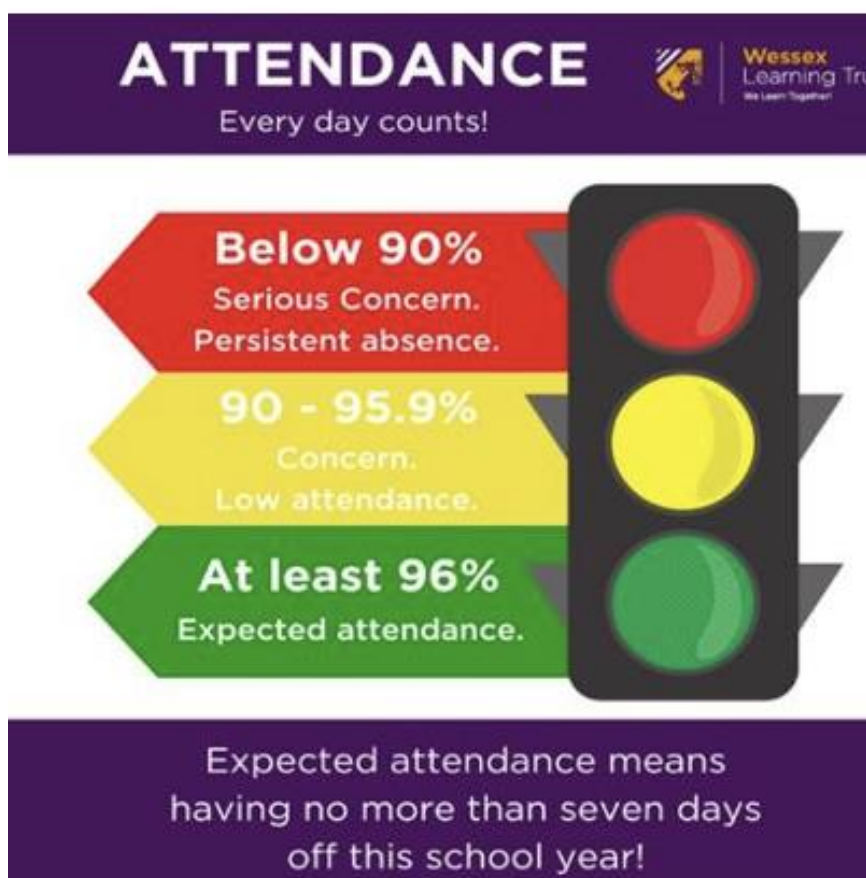
Children's Social Care on **0300 123 2224**

Email: childrens@somerset.gov.uk

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



Somerset Safeguarding
Children Partnership



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