



Draycott and Rodney Stoke Church of England First School

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Friday 18th September 2026

Dear families,

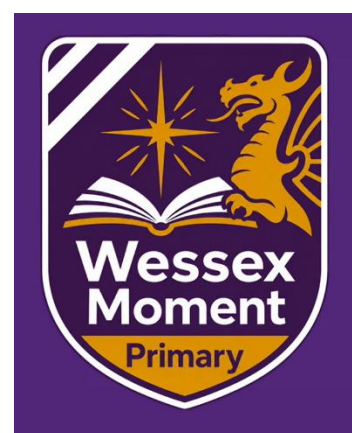
A Great Week of Learning!

It has been another fantastic week at school, with our children continuing to learn, explore and discover through our inquiry-based learning. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, enthusiasm and engagement as they develop their knowledge and understanding.

Celebrating Our Christian Distinctiveness

Our Christian distinctiveness continues to be an important part of life at our school. We enjoy creating opportunities for our children to reflect on our Christian values, grow in their understanding of faith and consider how these values can shape the way we live, learn and care for one another.

This week, we have also been enjoying our new Wessex Moments, created by Richard Coles, Director of Christian Distinctiveness within the Wessex Learning Trust. These short moments provide us with opportunities to pause, reflect and explore Christian themes and values together as a school community.



We're Back on Facebook!



We're delighted to say that we're back on Facebook after our little glitch in access!

Please do take a look at our page and interact with our posts by liking, commenting and sharing them. Every interaction helps us to celebrate the wonderful things happening in our school and, importantly, helps us to reach and attract new families who may be looking for a lovely school for their children.

Thank you for helping us to spread the word and showcase what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Mrs Netto



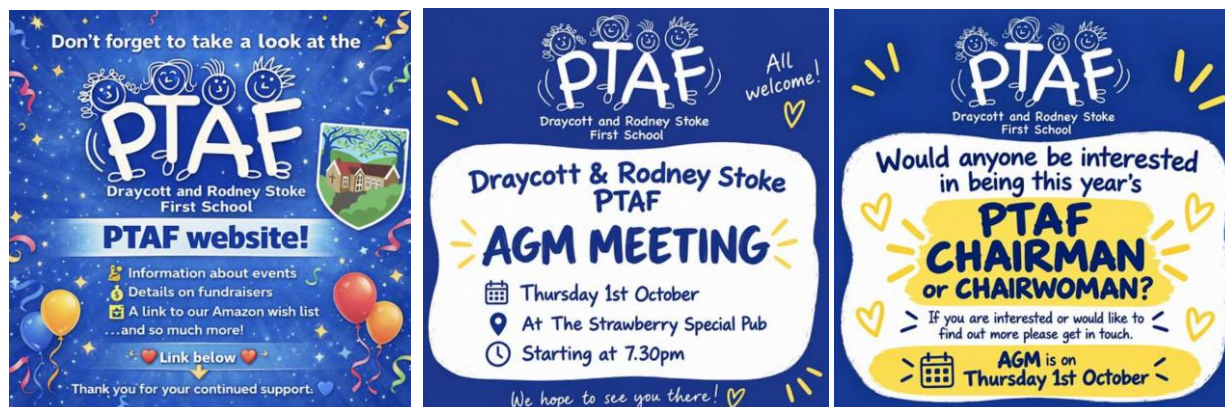
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Christian Values

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

‘Do to others as you would have them do to you.’ (Matthew 7.12)

PTAF Messages



<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 Coach / Mrs Major	Sports Coach
Thursday	Mrs Cullen	Mrs Bradley
Friday	Not available	Not available

Upcoming dates for your diary

Friday 25 th September	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 29 th September	Phonics information session for new parents 3.15pm – 4pm
5 th - 9 th October	Family ‘Stay and Read’ sessions 8.45am – 9am
Friday 9 th October	Hello Yellow (wearing yellow in support of young people’s mental health and wellbeing)
Monday 12 th & Wednesday 14 th October	Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Tuesday 20 th October	Harvest Service in church - tbc
Thursday 22 nd October	Oak class celebration worship 9am
Thursday 22 nd October	SCHOOL BREAKS UP for half term
Friday 23 rd October	INSET day

Please also see our [website](#) for other key dates.

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Somerset Term Dates – 2026 / 2027

Term 1	Monday 7 th September – Thursday 22 nd October
Term 2	Wednesday 4 th November – Friday 18 th December
Term 3	Monday 4 th January – Friday 12 th February
Term 4	Tuesday 23 rd February – Thursday 25 th March
Term 5	Monday 12 th April – Friday 28 th May
Term 6	Monday 7 th June – Friday 23 rd July

Please see the dates for next academic year on our [website](#).

Future INSET Days

Friday 23 rd October	INSET - School closed to learners
Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd November	INSET - School closed to learners
Monday 22 nd February	INSET - School closed to learners
Friday 25 th June	INSET - School closed to learners
Full term dates can be found on our website at www.drfirstschool.co.uk/diary	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Other information that may be of interest



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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 see

<https://somersetsafeguardingchildren.org.uk>

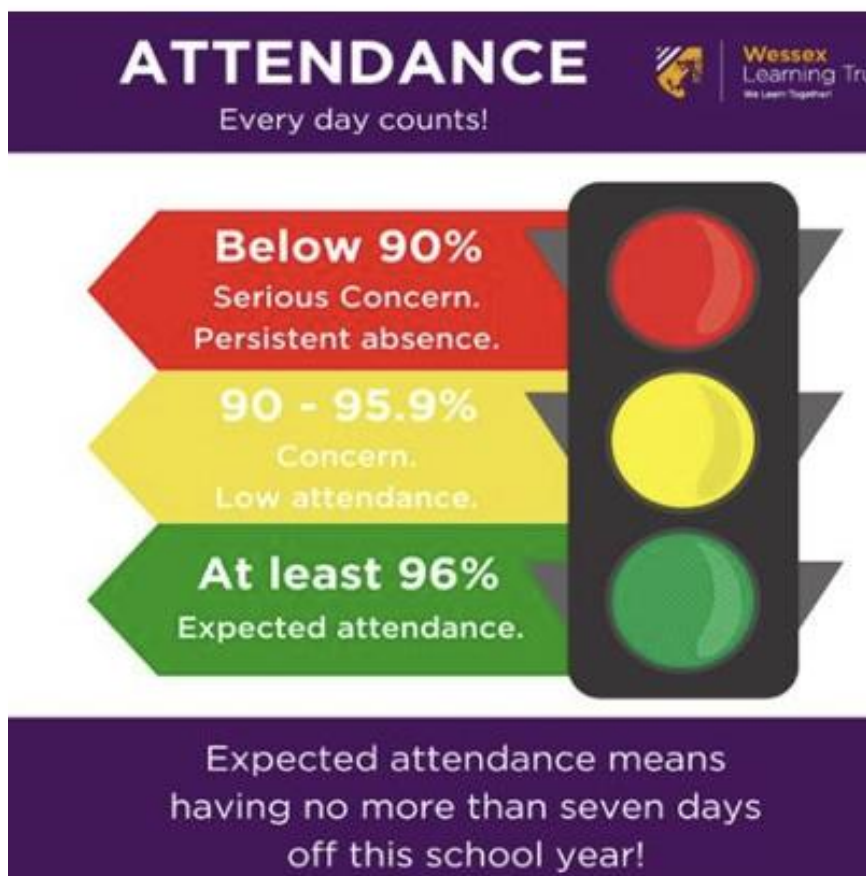
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⚠ If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact:

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

Email: childrens@somerset.gov.uk

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



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