



Dear families,

It has been another lovely week in school, with lots of opportunities for our children to learn, reflect and come together as a school community.

Our Christian Value – Respect

We have continued to explore our Christian value for this term. Across the school, the children have been thinking about what respect means and, importantly, what it looks like in our everyday actions and relationships.

We have been talking about how we can show respect to one another, to ourselves, to our school community and to the world around us. It has been wonderful to see the children putting these ideas into practice and showing kindness, thoughtfulness and consideration for others.

Collective Worship with Bishop Fiona

This week, we also had the wonderful opportunity to join an online collective worship with Bishop Fiona. Around 9,000 students from across the Diocese of Bath and Wells joined together for this special occasion.

It was a fantastic experience for our children to realise that they are part of such a large and vibrant Christian community. We enjoyed coming together in worship and sharing this special moment with thousands of other children and young people across the diocese.

A visit from Mrs Keller

We were also delighted to welcome Mrs Keller, the new CEO of the Wessex Learning Trust, to school this week.

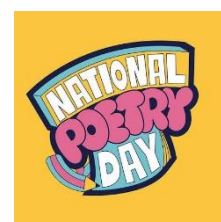
Mrs Keller had the opportunity to visit classrooms, see the children learning and meet members of our school community. She was very impressed with all that she saw, particularly the positive atmosphere in school and the wonderful learning taking place.

It was a real pleasure to welcome her and to have the opportunity to share the many things we are proud of at our school.

National Poetry Day – Thursday 1st October

Next Thursday, 1st October, is National Poetry Day, and we are looking forward to celebrating together!

To mark the occasion, we will be offering a **free lunch for all children**. If your child would like to take part, please remember to sign up via Swift Kitchen.



We hope this will be a lovely opportunity for the children to enjoy some poetry, celebrate words and, of course, enjoy a special lunch together!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Netto

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

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Upcoming dates for your diary

Friday 25 th September	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 29 th September	Phonics information session for new parents 3.15pm – 4pm
5th - 9th 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 12th & Wednesday 14th October	Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Tuesday 20 th October	Harvest Service in church - tbc
Thursday 22nd 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.

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.drsfirstschool.co.uk/diary	Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Other information that may be of interest

FREE lunch for all on Thursday 1st October – please book via Swift Kitchen



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YOU'RE INVITED!

GRAND OPENING

RODNEY STOKE & DRAYCOTT
Community Orchard

APPLE
DAY

SUNDAY
25 OCTOBER
2026
2PM - 4PM

Come and celebrate the official opening of our new
Community Orchard

A NEW COMMUNITY SPACE CREATED FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY!


REFRESHMENTS
INCLUDE
APPLE CAKE,
CIDER AND JUICE


APPLE BOBBING
FOR CHILDREN


LIVE MUSIC
LOCAL CHOIR
JOYFUL VOICES


QUIZ
TO TEST YOUR
KNOWLEDGE
FOR ADULTS
AND CHILDREN


A SPACE FOR ALL AGES
TO GATHER, LEARN,
RELAX & ENJOY
NATURE TOGETHER

A PLACE
TO GROW,
CONNECT &
THRIVE
TOGETHER

WHERE TO FIND US

Next to Memorial Hall Car Park, Draycott
BS27 3TD

EVERYONE WELCOME

PLANTING
FOR TODAY,
GROWING
FOR
TOMORROW

COME ALONG • BRING FRIENDS • CELEBRATE APPLE DAY!

WITH THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS



RODNEY STOKE & DRAYCOTT COMMUNITY ORCHARD
Draycott, Somerset

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Parent Carer Drop-In Cheddar



Coffee @ The Hub , 9:30 -11:30
No need to book.

We are delighted to be partnering with The SPACE and Wessex Learning Trust to offer a welcoming and supportive SEND Navigator Drop-In Session for parent carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

Come and meet Ellen, our SEND Navigator, alongside Hollie from The SPACE, and find out how we can help you access the right support, information, and services for your family.

Ellen can help you to:

- Access reliable and up-to-date information
- Find the right people and services to support your family
- Prepare for meetings, reviews, and appointments
- Understand the support and options available to your child
- Complete forms such as DfLA, PIP, and grant applications
- Help parent carers build confidence in understanding and supporting their child's needs.

Whether you have a specific question, need guidance, want to meet other parent carers, or simply need a friendly and understanding space to talk, you are very welcome to join us.

2026/27 Dates

- Wednesday 16th Sep
- Wednesday 21st Oct
- Wednesday 18th Nov
- Wednesday 16th Dec
- Wednesday 20th Jan
- Wednesday 17th Feb



NEW Parent Hub

PLEASE JOIN US – NO NEED TO BOOK!

A welcoming space for parents, carers & little ones

Every Wednesday

9-11am

Coffee @ The Hub (back room)

with the lovely Holly

Once a month (3rd of the month), Ellen, a fabulous navigator from Somerset Parent Carer Forum (SPCF), will be in to give advice and information – or just share a hot cup of coffee and a chat.





Wessex
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ONLINE SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO STAY SAFE, SMART AND CONFIDENT ONLINE



DATE & TIME

Oct 1, 2026



07:00 PM



Zoom

Here at the Wessex Learning Trust we are totally committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of their students. As part of this, we are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help.



Please join us for this hour-long workshop in which **Katherine Howard**, Head of Engagement and Education at **Smoothwall** will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools. Including:

smoothwall®
by Qoria



Information on the latest apps and games your child may have access to.



The harmful content your child may be exposed to.



How you can help your child to safely navigate online risk.



How to access our brand new and **FREE Online Safety Hub** with dedicated guidance for parents.



An introduction to a **parental app** that allows you to control what your child sees online if they are at risk, plus other important features.



**TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP
CHILDREN THRIVE ONLINE.**

We hope to see you there!



SCAN HERE

to find out more
and reserve your
place



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.

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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 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**

