



Dear families,

### Stay and Read

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to take time out of their busy day to join us for our Stay and Read sessions.

There is something truly special about sharing a book together, and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying this time with their families. Reading together not only helps to nurture a love of books but also creates lovely opportunities to spend quality time together.

Thank you for your continued support — it really does make a difference!

### 💛 Hello Yellow

Today, we will be taking part in **Hello Yellow**, a national campaign organised by **YoungMinds** to raise awareness of children's mental health.

Children are invited to come to school wearing something yellow to show their support and help us start important conversations about mental wellbeing. Whether it's a yellow jumper, a pair of socks, a hair accessory or simply a yellow ribbon, we'd love to see our school brightened by a wonderful splash of yellow!

Together, we can help children understand the importance of looking after their mental health, talking about how they feel and supporting one another.

### Parent Consultations

Next week, we will be holding our Parent Consultation sessions. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to talk with your child's class teacher about how they are settling in, their progress and how we can continue to support them throughout the year.

Please remember to book an appointment with your child's class teacher if you haven't already done so. We look forward to seeing you and working together to support your child's learning and development.

### Keeping Your Contact Details Up to Date

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our children safe, we kindly ask all families to check that the contact information we hold on Bromcom is accurate and up to date. Recently, we have noticed a few discrepancies with addresses and telephone numbers.

Please let the school office know as soon as possible if you have changed your address, phone number, email address, or any emergency contact details. Having correct information on our system is essential so that we can contact you quickly if needed.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our records accurate and our children safe.

## iRock Assembly – Monday 19th October

We are very excited to share that our much-anticipated iRock assembly will finally take place on Monday 19th October! Fingers crossed for no cancellations this time.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

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

|                                      |                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 12th & Wednesday 14th October | Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm                                                      |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October      | ‘Wear your PJs to school’ day                                                     |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October      | Flu vaccinations                                                                  |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October     | Harvest Service in church 2.30pm – all families welcome                           |
| Thursday 22nd October                | Oak class celebration worship 9am                                                 |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October    | SCHOOL BREAKS UP for half term                                                    |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October      | INSET day                                                                         |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November      | PTAF Wear What You Like Day – chocolate donations                                 |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November  | Oak class to attend Remembrance Day service at St. Leonard’s Church, Rodney Stoke |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November     | Children in Need – Wear What You Like Day                                         |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November     | PTAF Gingerbread afternoon                                                        |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November     | St. Andrew’s Day                                                                  |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December     | Willow Christmas 2pm – Dress rehearsal (grandparents & the Laurels)               |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December   | Willow Christmas – Performance to families 2pm                                    |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas lunch and jumper day - tbc                                              |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December     | Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Performance to families 2pm                            |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | Chestnut & Oak Christmas – Performance to families 2pm                            |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December     | Carols around the tree in St. Peter’s Church 2pm – all families welcome           |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December     | SCHOOL BREAKS UP – Happy Christmas holidays!                                      |

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

## St. Andrew’s Day – Monday 30th November

Looking ahead, on **Monday 30th November**, we’ll be celebrating the first of our **Patron Saint Days – St. Andrew’s Day**.

- Children in **St. Andrew’s Team** are invited to wear **something blue** (or Scottish!) to school.
- We’ll also be holding a **cake sale**—please could children in St. Andrew’s team donate cakes for this event.
- Cakes will be sold to the whole school, with proceeds going towards our fundraising efforts.

There will be four **Patron Saint Days** throughout the year, so if your child isn’t in St. Andrew’s, their team’s turn will come! Let’s see which team can raise the most money across the year!

## Somerset Term Dates – 2026 / 2027

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

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

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## Future INSET Days

|                                                                                                                                   |                                                              |
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| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                                                                                                   | INSET - School closed to learners                            |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                                                                       | INSET - School closed to learners                            |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February                                                                                                  | INSET - School closed to learners                            |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                                                                                                      | INSET - School closed to learners                            |
| Full term dates can be found on our website at <a href="http://www.drsfirstschool.co.uk/diary">www.drsfirstschool.co.uk/diary</a> | Please note, holidays during term time cannot be authorised. |

## Other information that may be of interest



*Rodney Stoke and Draycott WI invite*

# ***AUTUMN FAYRE***

**Saturday 17th October 6pm to 9pm**  
**The Strawberry Special Draycott**

***Cake Stall***

***Flo's Crafty Bits***

***Potbelly Pottery***

***Katie Boo***

***Draycott Community Shop***

***Jewellery***

***Flowers***

***Raffle***

***Gifts and more***

**Woodturning**

**Wellbeing products**

**Face Painting**

**Art**



**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!

|                                                                      |                                          |                                                       |                                                                            |                                                                                   |
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| <br><b>REFRESHMENTS</b><br>INCLUDE<br>APPLE CAKE,<br>CIDER AND JUICE | <br><b>APPLE BOBBING</b><br>FOR CHILDREN | <br><b>LIVE MUSIC</b><br>LOCAL CHOIR<br>JOYFUL VOICES | <br><b>QUIZ</b><br>TO TEST YOUR<br>KNOWLEDGE<br>FOR ADULTS<br>AND CHILDREN | <br>A SPACE FOR ALL AGES<br>TO GATHER, LEARN,<br>RELAX & ENJOY<br>NATURE TOGETHER |
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**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

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| <br><b>COMMUNITY FUND</b><br>The National Lottery<br>Community Fund | <br>Somerset<br>Community<br>Foundation | <br>MENDIP HILLS<br>National Landscape | <br>The Charity of<br>John and<br>Joseph Card | <br>THATCHERS | <br>Supporting<br>our community |
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RODNEY STOKE & DRAYCOTT COMMUNITY ORCHARD  
*Draycott, Somerset*

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## Did you know we're part of the Wessex Learning Trust?

**Teacher training, right here in our Trust.**

The Mid Somerset Consortium (MSC) is the Wessex Learning Trust's teacher training provider, based at Crispin School in Street.

## So, what is the MSC?



### **SCHOOL-BASED**

Real school experience from the start.



### **SUPPORTED**

Experienced tutors, mentors and subject specialists.



### **QUALIFIED**

Work towards QTS, with the options of a PGCE.



## Know someone who would make a great teacher?

You might already know them.....

- A colleague
- A teaching assistant
- A graduate
- A career changer
- Maybe even you!

## Tell them about the MSC!



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Crispin School, Street



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Learning Trust

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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 DLA, 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 16<sup>th</sup> Sep
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb



# NEW Parent Hub

**PLEASE JOIN US – NO NEED TO BOOK!**

**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.



## 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](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)

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

