Drayton Community Infant School

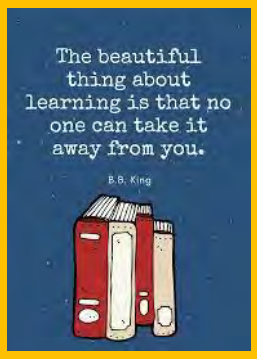
Weekly Newsletter

02.12.2024



OAK VALUE this week is Learn

In assembly we thought about the best ways to learn and having good behaviours for learning. The children thought about the things that happen in school that stop learning, and we talked about how this is not ok. We also thought about all the things we learn when we come to school. Not just the information but we learn to get along with others, we learn how to function in a large group, we learn how to follow instructions and lots lots more



Dear Families

The elves are out in force from what we have heard today! We are gearing up for these last 3 weeks – we have started decorating and the school is filled with the sound of Christmas singing. It is a very magical time in school, but it is also very tiring for all – please look after each other.

The car park continues to have cars that are not allowed in. **You might be late but please respect the gate!**

It's not ok to come in the car park without a permit. The car park is for staff and those with a school permit or a blue badge. Please do not take offence if we ask you to leave if you do not have the permits required. All cars in the car park must switch off the engine please.

Thank you so much for sending in the costumes – they are coming in steadily.

Have a good week everyone and please send in a bag of sugar for the Sugar Appeal!

Mrs Hutt Mrs Boyce and Mrs Watling and all the staff team

Attendance – Whole School

Attendance last week	Attendance this term (up to 29.11.2024)
94.01%	94.47

Our aim is to maintain the attendance above 96%. Thank you for your continued support.





CHRISTMAS AT DRAYTON

Year R Performance

There will be 2 Nativity performances in Reception:

Tuesday 10th December 2:00 pm

Wednesday 11th December 9:15 am

We are doing things a little differently this year in EYFS, all the children will be telling the Nativity story through song! There are no main parts, instead all children will have their turn on stage with their group during the performance. We feel that this will alleviate some of the anxiety felt by the children at this early stage in their education. We want the Nativity to be a fun and enjoyable experience for all!

Letters will be sent home this week detailing what group your child is in and costume ideas.

Year 1 Performance

There will be two Christmas performances in Year 1.

Monday 16th December 13:45pm
Tuesday 17th December 09:15am

Though we cannot offer exact starting/finishing times, we estimate the play will be 45 minutes long.

This week your child will come home with a slip of paper in their bags with their part and costume ideas. We hope to see you there and Drama Club are excited to show you what they have been working on!

Year 2 Performance

There will be two Christmas performances in Year 2.

Monday 16th December 9.00am

Wednesday 18th December 1.45pm

Please note that children can wear **Christmas themed outfits/a Christmas jumper/Christmas hats or headbands or red** clothing for the performance. Children with nativity roles will receive a separate text and a slip with some suggested outfits.

Please can clothes for the year 2 performances be brought in to class in a named bag by the 9th of December.

Christmas Crafts at Drayton

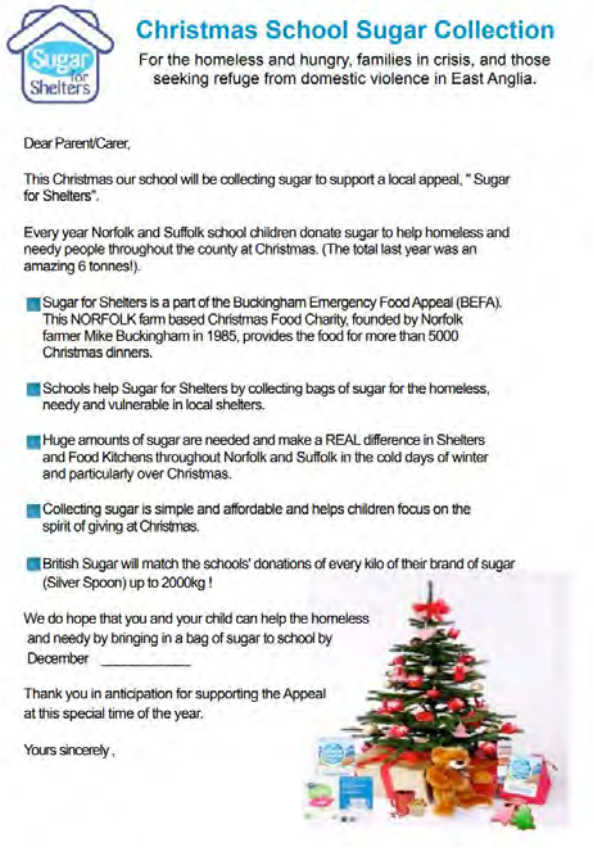
19TH	2-3pm	Year 2 Christmas Crafts
20th	2-3pm	Year R and Year 1 Christmas Crafts

Christmas Performance Tickets

Physical tickets for the Christmas Performances will be sent home with the children this week. Due to the capacity of the school hall and in order to accommodate everyone safely, we have included two places per pupil, one ticket for each performance. Tickets may be swapped with other parents or any tickets that aren't required can be returned to the school office for parents wishing to exchange.

Sugar Appeal





Sugar will be collected from school on the 9th December.

Rockify Band Lessons



Please find information regarding the wonderful Rockify Band Lessons, we would love for these lessons to begin for the Spring term but will be dependent on uptake. Please contact Rockify directly to sign up.

Clubs

Staff run clubs have started, spaces still available in running club on a Tuesday morning please contact the office to join, this is a 8:05 meet ready for the children to be on the field at 8:10 and will run till the bell ring at 8:30. Children can stay in school pe kit for the day after running club.

Ms Threadgold reminds everyone in her tennis club that today, 02/12/24, will be the last session.

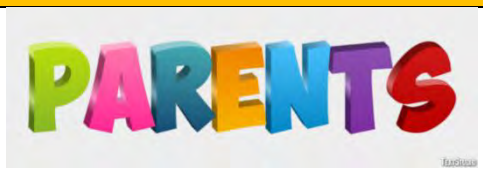
Year 1 trip to the Church

We still need parent and carer volunteers, please let the class teacher know if you can come. 9am – 11am Friday 6th December.

Reverend Mark is asking for a donation of £1 towards the charity 'Save the Children.' Please can all year 1 children bring a £1 to school the week beginning 2nd December.

The church are kindly providing resources for all year 1 children to make their own Christingles.

Parent Forum



Thank you so much to the parents/carers who have come forward to be on the Forum
Rob Lee – Otter and Fox
Hannah Howard – Mouse
Francesca Allen – Hedgehog
Fiona Taylor – Otter
Abigail Etchells – Rabbit
Holly Ireson - Starling
Clare Tavernor – Starling
Lou Boyce – Deputy and Senco
Mole, Squirrel, we need you!!

Christmas Dinner



Christmas Dinner is Wednesday 18th December, the kitchen have asked for orders to be made via Pupil Asset by 11th December so they are aware of numbers. Only Christmas Dinner including vegetarian and special dietary needs menus will be available on this day, home pack lunches need to be supplied from home.

Story with Santa



Monday 9th December - Year 1

Tuesday 10th December - Reception

Wednesday 11th December - Year 2

Santa is coming to visit the DCIS Children very soon. This year the Children will enjoy a story with Santa and will be singing him a song. Santa will be taking questions before giving the children a gift. We are asking for a voluntary donation to help cover the cost of the gift. Donations can be made by scanning the QR code on the posters at the school gate or by clicking the following link:

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dcisfriends/#.YVLW6yV4XDu

Thank you for supporting The Friends of DCIS, all donations go towards the cost of hosting this event.

Year 2 Bookvent

Year 2 are planning to count down the days to Christmas with a Bookvent. Please send your child to school with a wrapped Christmas/Winter book. Each day we will choose a story to read. The books will be returned once we have read them in class.

Thank you, the Year 2 Team.



Holiday Clubs





Meet Our Staff



Mrs Lake is one of our Teaching Assistants, she is class unattached and works in all the classes. She is quite amazing. She is not here on a Monday but the rest of the week you can find her on the playground first thing. She knows all the children and will be able to help

Mrs Bennett is one of fabulous new TAs. Mrs Bennett works in Hedgehog and also works in our After School Club. Mrs Bennett is one of the grown ups who brings up the walking bus from the Juniors

Dates for the diary

Reception – Yellow	Year 1 – Blue	Year 2 – Green	Whole school –NO COLOUR	KS1(Y1&Y2) - Grey

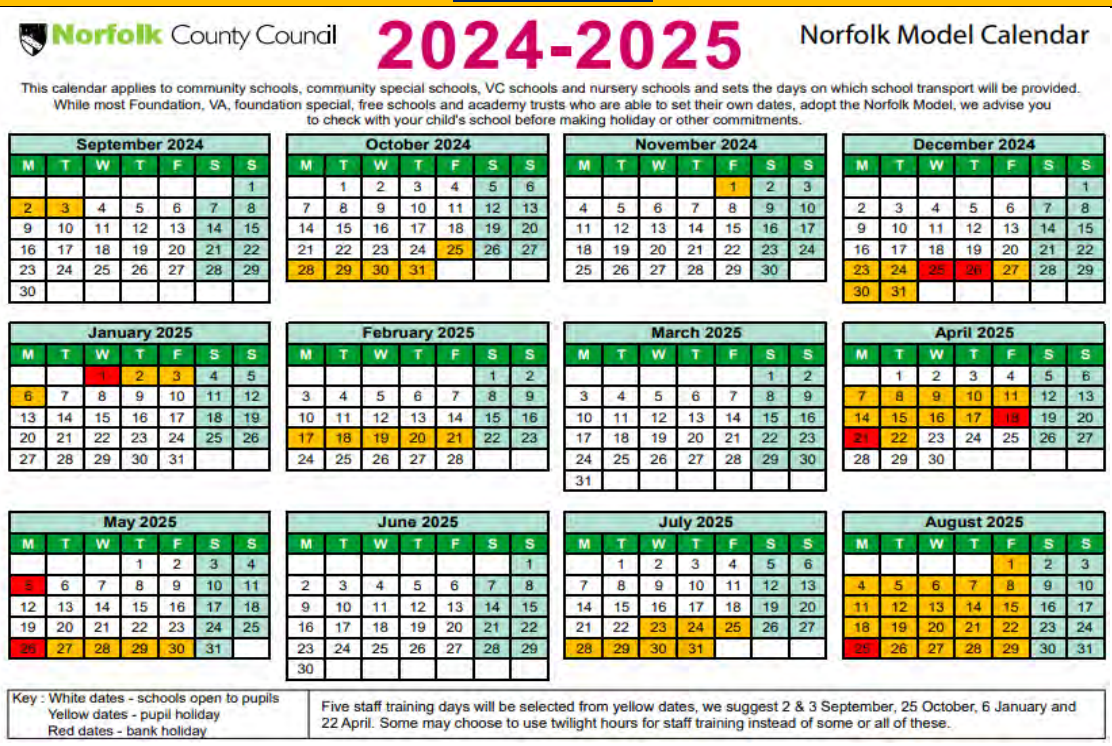
December		
9th	9AM	Height and weight checks
10th	PM	Reception Nativity
11th	AM	Reception Nativity
9TH	TBC	Story with Santa
10TH	TBC	Story with Santa
11TH	TBC	Story with Santa
16th	AM	Year 2 Christmas Performance
16th	PM	Year 1 Christmas Performance
17th	AM	Year 1 Christmas Performance
18th	PM	Year 2 Christmas Performance
18th		Christmas Dinner Day
		Christmas Jumper Day
19TH	2-3	Year 2 Christmas Crafts

20th	2-3	Year R and Year 1 Christmas Crafts
20th	3:00	SCHOOL FINISHES FOR CHRISTMAS
		January
7th	8:30	School opens for Spring Term
15th	TBC	Yr 1 Book Look

School day times from September 2024

8.20am	**Gates Open**
8.30am	**Classroom doors open**
8.40am	**Gates Closed** **Classroom doors close**
3pm	**End of the school day.**

Term dates



Norfolk County Council **2024-2025** Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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August 2025

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.

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3rd December 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Consultation on admission arrangements for 2026/2027 - Drayton Community Infant School

Inclusive Schools Trust would like to inform you that we are proposing a change to our admission arrangements for Drayton Community Infant School.

From September 2026, the Published Admission Number (PAN) will reduce for entry into Reception from 90 children to 60 children. This change of admission number reflects a broader demographic trend in Norfolk that has been affecting schools and local authorities in recent years.

We are required to consult where there is a reduction in the PAN and as such, the Trust Board of Inclusive Schools Trust would welcome the views and comments from parents, carers and other stakeholders of the school and its community regarding this change.

The consultation period will run from Tuesday 3rd December 2024 until Tuesday 14th January 2025 and during this time, parents and other key stakeholders are invited to give their views about the proposed admission arrangements in the following ways:

- Writing to: Inclusive Schools Trust, c/o Lionwood Therapeutic Services, 63 Wolfe Road, Norwich NR1 4HT
- Emailing: office@istnorfolk.co.uk

At the end of the consultation period, the Trust Board will meet to consider any responses received by the closing date and the arrangements will be determined by Thursday 16th January 2025.

Please note that there is no change proposed to our determined admissions arrangements for school entry in September 2026. We will continue to follow Norfolk County Council's admission arrangements, details of which can be found on the Inclusive Schools Trust website www.inclusiveschoolstrust.co.uk.

A hard copy of our admission arrangements can be requested from the Trust office who can be contacted on office@istnorfolk.co.uk or 01603 516164.

Yours sincerely,

Selene Sawyer
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