Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

27/01/25



OAK VALUE this week is listen





In assembly today we watched and read a bit more of our story. The Fox has joined the boy and the mole. The mole saved the fox from the snare and the fox saved the mole from the river. They saved each other. We must all look after each other. This week we are going to try and listen to each other.

Dear Families

Staff and children were so pleased to welcome Mrs Stitt back into school today. As some of you may know, Mrs Stitt is a member of our support staff and has been off school since July. While her treatment continues, she is now well enough to come into school for short periods of time. It was so lovely to see her.

Parking in and around school continues to be a challenge for both families, the school and the local community. Talks continue between the local police and the council to discuss how this can be improved. As a school, we continue to share our concerns and engage with these discussions.

Please could we again remind parents that the car park is for staff only. Only families with blue badges or a carpark pass may use it. This includes when arriving late. If you are permitted to use the carpark, please only park in a designated marked space and ensure you engine is switched off. When parking on the road, please ensure you are not parked on any of the yellow markings. Increased parking on these is causing additional congestion.

Thank you for your support.

Have a great week!

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The DCIS Team

Attendance

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

Attendance last week	Attendance this term (up to 24.01.25)
93.45%	94.95%

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



EYFS Chinese Food tasting

As part of our learning about people and cultures and Chinese New Year reception will be tasting Chinese food on Wednesday this week. The children will be offered prawn crackers, rice noodles, vegetable spring roll, mild sweet chilli sauce and hoisin sauce. The noodles, spring rolls and sauces are all vegan. We also have vegan prawn crackers for those with special dietary requirements. If you have any concerns about your child's dietary needs, please speak with your class teacher.



Talk For Writing Parent Sessions

We would love to invite parents to come and join us for a Talk For Writing lesson over the Spring term. This is an opportunity to show you some of the amazing work the children have been doing and give you the chance to see how we teach it. From story creating to short burst writing and poetry we have it all!

The following dates for each year group are as follows:

Mon 10th Feb - Reception 2.30

Wed 5th Feb - Y1 2.15

Year 2 will confirm their dates next half term.

We can't wait to see you 😊

Holiday Club from National Tennis

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Looking for an exciting activity this half-term? Sign up for the February Half-Term Holiday Tennis Camps! Open to 5-15 years old, these fun-filled sessions are perfect for beginners and young players to learn tennis skills, stay active, and make new friends. Don't miss out!

nationaltennis.org.uk/camps/norfolk/

Current Vacancy

Please find below link to a job vacancy for an MSA position at Nightingale Infant and Nursery School.

Nursery MSA Position Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Practical Parenting Sessions



Practical Parenting Sessions

The School and Community team from Norfolk County Council are hosting a free course (3 sessions) around Practical Parenting for our parents/carers here at Drayton Infant School.

The approach that will be taught is called Norfolk Steps – which is the same approach already used by school. Therefore, this is an excellent opportunity for you as parents/carers to learn more about this approach and support your child with a consistent approach at both home and school.

Using the Norfolk Steps approach, we will be covering:

- Set responses through Scripts and Positive Phrasing
- Removing the power of negative behaviour
- Using limited choices and now / next
- Supporting children to communicate and to self-regulate
- Supporting parents and children use restorative approaches.

These are 2-hour sessions, held over 3 weeks to help support parents embed the strategies discussed.

Dates:

Session 1 – Wednesday 29th January, 9-11am

Session 2 – Monday 3rd February, 1-3pm

Session 3 – Wednesday 12th February, 9-11am

(In order to receive the full benefit of this course, we would recommend attending all 3 sessions if possible)

Location:

Drayton Infant School

Limited to 12 spaces!

Please book your space now by contacting the school office ASAP – places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Home Learning

Home learning for Spring 1 can be accessed via Weduc and our School website using the link below:

EYFS Home Learning

KS1 Home Learning

Useful maths app:Regular practise, even short bursts, of maths skills such as counting, subitising, times tables, number bonds, doubling and halving is very beneficial in helping children to build fluency in maths.

The One Minute Maths app is a useful tool for practising fluency for children in all year groups. It is available to download for free from google play and will support your child's maths learning in school.

1-Minute Maths - Apps on Google Play

Clubs

Running Club – Running Club is back! Spaces are still available so please contact the office to join. This is an 8:05 meet ready for the children to be on the field at 8:10 and we run till the bell rings at 8:30. Children can stay in school pe kit for the day after running club. The children need one pair of trainers for running and another pair of shoes for the rest of the day. A change of socks is recommended too. Please tell breakfast club staff that your child is attending if you would like them to come and the staff will ensure their safe delivery to us on the field

Fun Sports Club - Fun Sports Club – spaces still available.

Boogie Bouncy – Boogie Bouncy is now full for this half term.

National Tennis After School Club - National Tennis takes place on a Wednesday 3.05 – 3.50, a space has become available for tennis please follow the link below if you are interested.

National Tennis Club Bookings

Parent Forum

The minutes of the Parent Forum were sent out last week and we hope you enjoyed reading them.

Rob Lee – Otter and Fox
Hannah Howard – Mouse
Francesca Allen – Hedgehog
Fiona Taylor – Otter
Abigail Etchells – Rabbit
Holly Ireson - Starling
Clare Tavernor – Starling
Sophie Siddall - Squirrel
Sophie Hughes – Mole

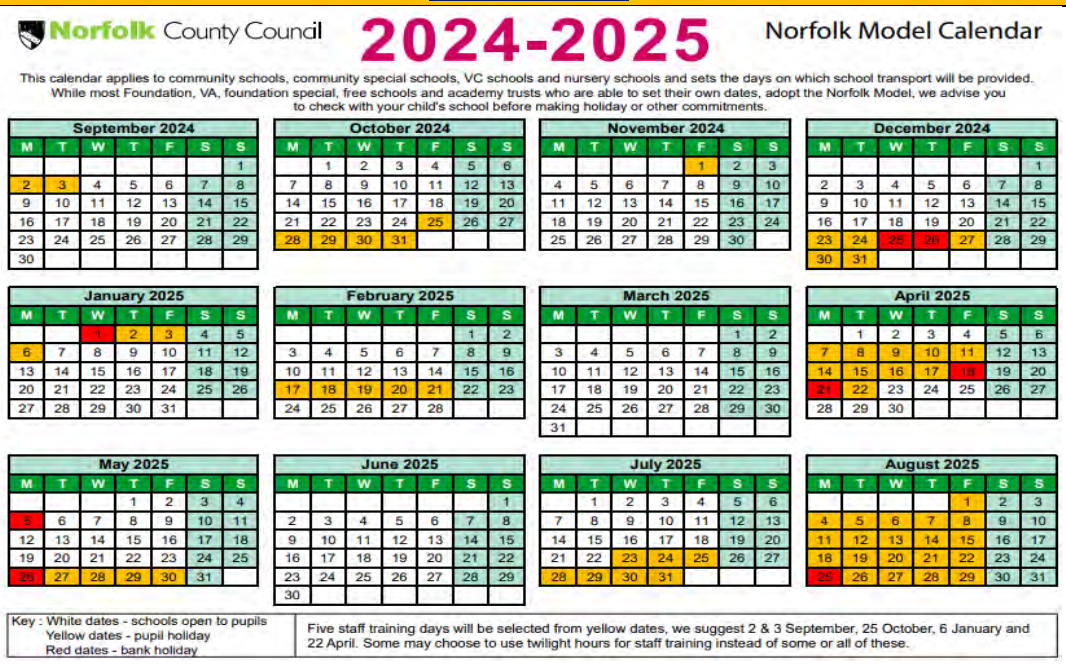
The parents on the forum are very happy to listen to your thoughts about school. Please find them on the playground.

Dates for the diary

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

January		
27th	2.30	Yr 2 Book Look
29th	9-11am	Practical Parenting session 1 of 3 (requires sign up, contact school office)
February		
3rd	1-3pm	Practical Parenting session 2 of 3 (requires sign up, contact school office)
5th	2.15	Yr 1 Talk for Writing Parent Session
10th	2.30	Reception Talk for Writing Parent Session
12th	9-11am	Practical Parenting session 3 of 3 (requires sign up, contact school office)
26th		Book Fair – 26th Feb to 3rd March
28th		EYFS Bug Ball – Dress up as your favourite mini beast
March		
4th & 6th		Parents Evening
6th		World Book Day – Children to dress up as book characters
10th		British Science Week
14th		Parents in for science meeting and experiments

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.

September 2024

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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.