Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

03/02/25

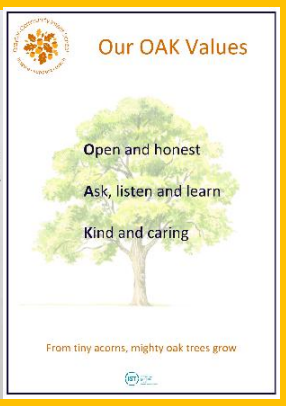


OAK VALUE this week is

Learn

We continued to read and watch The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse.
We thought about how we are always learning. We learn information at school but we also learn how to be kind, how to play, how to be friends, how to share. Please think about all the things we learn**.**
We talked about how even if we make mistakes – we all have people who love us and will help us forgive ourselves.





Dear Families

It was a busy and great week in school last week. Thank you to all of the Year 2 families who were able to join us in the children's book look on Monday. The children always love sharing how hard they have been working.

Since September 2023, one of the key school priorities has been improving the teaching and learning of writing. Staff have termly training in Talk for Writing through one of the trainers who joins us in school. The progress in the children's writing is amazing! We hope you're able to join us in some up-and-coming sessions in school – please see more information below. Alongside this we are now focussing on improving handwriting and early letter formation. Mrs Hipperson and Mrs Bradfield, our writing leads across the Partnership, having been working together to develop a new handwriting policy and looking at how this is taught and practiced across the schools. We look forward to sharing more about this and how you can support at home in the coming weeks.

On Friday several children were playing on the play tower after school. The children are not allowed to play on the equipment before or after school. One of our staff asked the children to get down and the children cooperated but the parents were not supportive. Please support us in these matters. Should your child fall, we would not be insured.

Thank you so much for your cooperation

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 31.01.25)
97.29%	95.56%

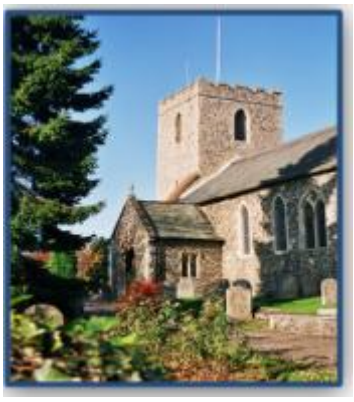
Our aim is to maintain the attendance above 96%. Thank you for your continued support.



EYFS Church Trip

EYFS will be walking down to St Margaret's Church Drayton this Thursday 6th February to learn about religious symbols. We will be leaving in the morning and aim to arrive at 9:15. The children will spend some time learning about the parts of a church and will return to school around 10:15. We would really appreciate some parent volunteers for this day, if you think you can help please speak with your class teacher.

Many thanks, EYFS team



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 😊

Upcoming Events

EYFS Bug Ball 28th February	Dress up as your favourite mini beast (Reception classes only).
World Book Day 6th March	Dress up as your favourite book character.
Red Nose Day 21st March	Wear red
School Disco 27th March	Reception and year 1 – 3.00 to 4.00pm. Year 2 – 4.00 t0 5.00pm. Full disco details to follow.
Save the Rhino Day 25th April	Wear something grey, more details to follow

Parent Forum

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.

Holiday Clubs

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https://musthavetickets.mhtickets.com/e



The Tech Camps are for ages 5-11 only, for more information **please see attached flyer** or visit our website: https://www.nextthing.education/product/langley-prep-school-february-camp-2/

Parent and Carer Cafes

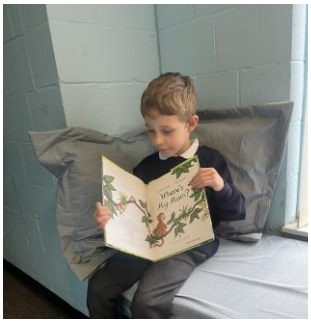




Seat Cushion



A big thank you to Mrs Ward and her amazing seamstress for supplying us with a seat cushion for our window bench, this has given the children a lovely comfortable place to enjoy a book.



ASDA Cashpot

ASDA Cashpot for Schools has raised £296.10, this money will go towards creating a relaxed, comfortable outdoor reading area for the children. Thank you to everyone who opted in through this scheme and helped us raise money for our school.

Christmas Sugar Appeal

Sugar for Shelters awarded us with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the sugar we collected as a school for their Christmas sugar collection. The organisation collected nearly 3 tonnes of sugar over Christmas!!



Clubs

Running Club – Tuesday Running Club. 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 – Thursdays - Fun Sports Club – please sign up for next term.

Boogie Bouncy – Tuesdays - 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

Tins Wanted



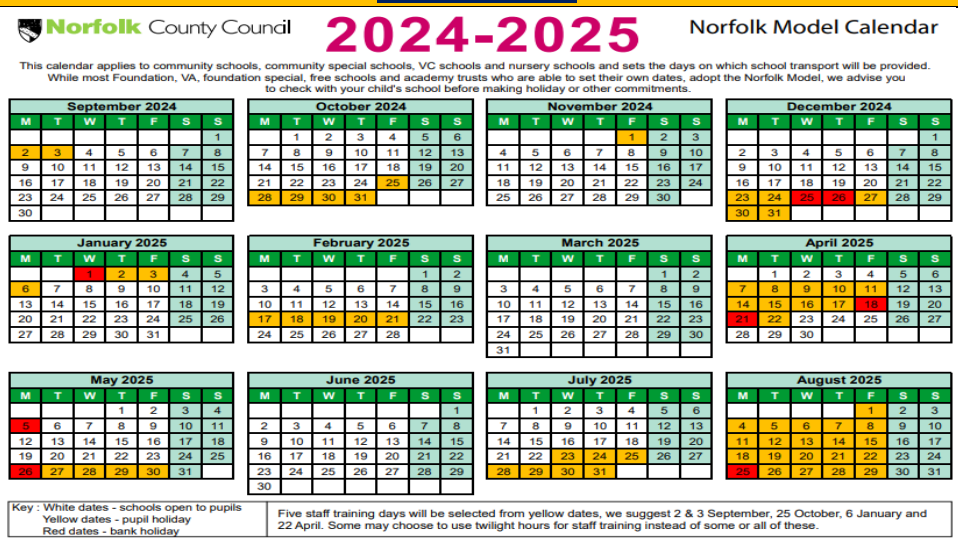
Breakfast Club are looking for empty tins (baked bean, soup etc) for some craft projects, please ensure they are clean with no sharp edges.

Dates for the diary

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

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)
14th		Last day of Spring term 1
24th		School reopens after half term for Spring term 2
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
21st		Red Nose Day – Wear red
27th	3.00 – 4.00	School Disco Rec and Yr 1
	4.00 – 5.00	School Disco Yr 2
April		
4th		Last day of Spring term 2 - Easter Holidays
23rd		School reopens - Start of Summer term 1
25th		Save the Rhino Fundraiser – wear something grey

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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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.