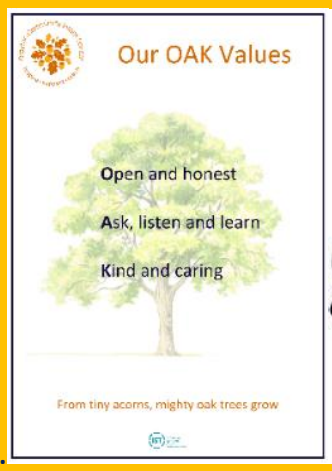
Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

17/03/25



Open and honest
Ask Listen and Learn
Kind and Caring
OAK VALUE this week is:
LISTEN





Dear Families

It was lovely to see so many families join us in our science afternoon on Friday. A big thank you to Miss Walters, our science lead, for organising the event and for continuing to raise the profile of the subject across the school.

This week is Red Nose Day on Friday where we are inviting everyone to wear something red. The School Council are organising a cake sale and are kindly asking for donations of cakes and sweet treats to be brought into school on Friday morning. The sale will take place from 2.45pm in the school hall. We kindly ask that all donations are made through the link below and through the QR codes which will be in place at the bake sale. We will be unable to accept cash.

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 14.03.25)
94.09 %	95.01%

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



Reception Talk for Writing Session

Reception class will be inviting parents/carers to come into school on 4th April at 2.15 for a Tell Me a Story session. The session will take place in your child's classroom.

Year 2 Talk for Writing Session

Year 2 are opening their doors and inviting parents/carers to come and watch or participate with a Talk for Writing lesson on Tuesday 25th March from 08:45 – 09:30. We look forward to you hopefully joining us.

Sensory Play Donations for Reception

Reception are in need of dried food items they can use for sensory play, including pasta, rice, noodles and lentils. It doesn't matter if the items are out of date. Many thanks.

Red Nose Day 2025

Wear Red for Red Nose Day

This Red Nose Day , Friday 21st March, we are celebrating 40 years of Comic Relief!

On Friday children are invited to come to school dressed in red. Over the past 40 years Comic Relief has supported over 100 million people across the world, including here in the UK. This Red Nose Day, let's giggle again to help put food on plates, roofs over heads, and keep little ones safe. Red Nose Day 2025. Go big. Give big. Feel good. We ask for donations to be made via the link below:

Red Nose Day Donations

Don't forget to tick the Gift Aid option, if you can, so Comic Relief can claim an extra 25% from the government.

Red Nose Day Bake Sale

The School Council will be hosting a bake sale on Friday 21st. All donations of cakes and sweets treats will need to be brought into school on Friday morning, the sale will take place at 2.45pm in the school hall. Purchases will be paid for via the QR code displayed.

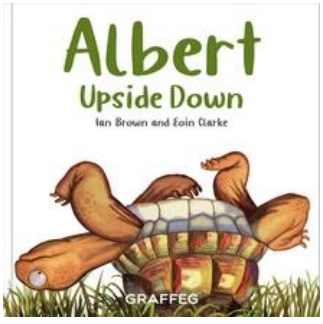
School Council and the Cake Sale

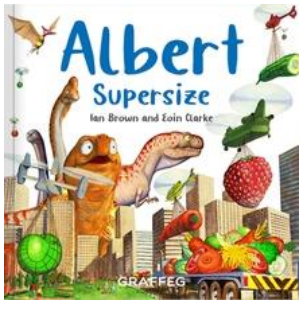
If your child is in the School Council, please confirm with Mrs Boyce if they can stay to run the stall after school on Friday. If you can help your child at the stall that would be greatly appreciated.

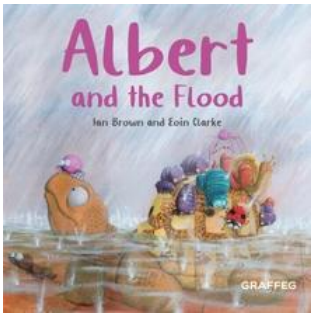
Author Visit

We are very excited to be welcoming Author Ian Brown to school on Monday 24th March for a whole school assembly. Ian is the author of the Albert the Tortoise series of picture books and also a TV writer and producer working with the like of The Simpsons, Top Gear, South Bank Show, This is Your Life and many more.

Ian will talk to the children about the real ALBERT the tortoise who inspired the books, with a lively storytelling session and encouragement for the youngsters to have a go at creating their own stories.







Books can be purchased on the day at a special event price of £7 (rrp £7.99) books will be signed and dedicated by the author. We ask for correct money to be brought in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the day.

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.

Next meeting 19th May at 2.00pm

Minutes of the last meeting will be published soon.

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 3.00 – 4.00pm - Fun Sports Club – spaces still available contact Nicky on spotoncoaching1@gmail.com

Boogie Bouncy – Tuesdays 3.00 – 3.45pm - Boogie Bouncy

National Tennis After School Club – Wednesdays 3.05 – 3.50 - The after-school tennis club provides a fun and welcoming environment for all Year 1-2 children. Sessions focus on developing key tennis skills, improving footwork, balance, and coordination, and, most importantly, ensuring everyone has a great time! Places still available please follow link to book: National Tennis Booking

Singing Club – Monday 3.00- 3.45pm – Book via school office, places still available.

My School Fund

MY SCHOOL FUND

My School Fund is an exciting initiative that combines the spending power of parents, guardians and carers in order to boost school and nursery budgets. By registering, individuals can link their spend to their chosen school or nursery, meaning every time they make a purchase with participating retailers, both will benefit through this innovative cashback scheme.

For every £1 spent with participating retailers, 1% will go to the school or nursery (terms and conditions apply) and 2% will go to the individual. Over time, this figure will add up and can be redeemed in the form of e-gift cards that can be spent online or in-store with participating retailers.

Sign up or find out more information via www.myschoolfund.org

School Disco Thursday 27th March

FRIENDS of Drayton Community Infant School

Reception & Yr 1 Disco



With Moore Madness –

Children's Entertainment

Thursday 27th March 2025

School Hall 15.00-16.00

A Voluntary Contribution of £2.50, is kindly being asked from the Friends to help support the school.

Every child is welcome, and it would be lovely to see them all get together. Please scan the QR code or go to the link to donate.



https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dcisfriends/#.YUuafiV4XDt



Dear Parents/Carers

The Reception & Year 1 Disco will be held in the school Hall on:

Thursday 27th March 2025 from 15.00-16.00.

Moore Madness will be hosting the disco with entertainment.

The children will be with their reception and year 1 teams and will head to the hall as soon as school finishes. Squash and water will be available for the children during the disco. If children wish to change their clothes – they will have the opportunity to change in class, please just label their clothes and put them in a labelled bag.

Please collect your child at 16.00 from their classroom.

This event has been organised by the Friends of DCIS. We would like all the children to attend the disco so they can share this experience with their friends. Every child is welcome, and we can't wait to see them all there. A Voluntary Contribution of £2.50, is kindly being asked from the Friends of DCIS to help pay for the event and to support the school.

All monies raised goes back into the school to help with other events/trips and school equipment. We would like to thank you in advance for your contribution.

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Thank you for your support.

DCIS Friends

FRIENDS of Drayton Community Infant School



Yr2 Disco

With Moore Madness –

Children's Entertainment

Thursday 27th March 2025

School Hall 16.00-17.00

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Year 2 Disco will be held in the school Hall on:

Thursday 27th March 2025 from 16.00-17.00.

Moore Madness will be hosting the disco with entertainment.

The children will be with their year 2 team in the hall.

Please arrive at the hall for 16.00, can we ask that you take children's coats with you.

Squash and water will be available for the children during the disco.

Please collect your child at 17.00.

Collection will be from the year 1 classrooms.

(Blue door side that is used in the mornings).

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DCIS Friends

Easter Holiday Activities



Norwich Swan Swimming Club are running 5-day Easter swimming courses in the Norwich area

- **Broadland High School**: Monday 7th - Friday 11th April
- **Colman Junior School:** Monday 7th - Friday 11th April
- **Heartsease Primary Academy**: Monday 14th - Friday 18th April

Full information via link: [Website link]



Booking now open:

[Karate Session by ESKA -The Dojo Norwich (BNHF spaces) | Active Norfolk]

[SEN Karate Session by ESKA - The Dojo Norwich (BNHF spaces) | Active Norfolk]

Dates for the diary

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

March		
17th	1.30-2.45	Squirrel class - Local walk to Littlewood
18th	1.30-2.45	Otter class - Local walk to Littlewood
20th	1.30-2.45	Fox class - Local walk to Littlewood
21st		Red Nose Day – Wear red Cake Sale in the hall 2:45
24th		Author Visit
25th	8.45-9.30	Yr2 Parents short burst writing English lesson
26th	All day	Dental Screenings (consent required)
27th	3.00 – 4.00	School Disco Rec and Yr 1
	4.00 – 5.00	School Disco Yr 2
April		
4th	2.15	Reception Tell Me a Story Parent Session
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
May		
5th		School Closed May Bank Holiday
19th	2.00pm	Parents Forum
23rd		Last day of Summer Term 1 – May Half Term
June		
2nd		School reopens – Start of Summer term 2
9th – 11th		Vision and Hearing Screening for Reception
20th		Class Photos
23rd – 27th		Health and Wellbeing Week
24th		Sports Day
July		
15th	9.00am	Parents Forum
22nd		Last day of Summer Term 2 – Summer Holiday

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.