Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

29/09/25



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

Dear Families,

Now the weather is beginning to turn, so is the field outside meaning it's damp and with that comes mud. So we can keep the carpets clean and still let the children enjoy the space at playtimes and lunchtimes, please could we remind you about the need for wellies/outside shoes in school. The children are asked to change their shoes when going out onto the field. All classrooms have storage for wellies/outside shoes to be kept in school.

On Thursday, Reverand Mark will be visiting the school to help us celebrate harvest. We are kindly asking for donations which we can send to the foodbank (details below). Children can bring these into their classrooms any morning this week. Thank you for your help.

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 26.09.25)
94.70%	95.73%

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

Boogie Bounce

Bouncy Boogie will restart on October 7th – 16th December for 10 weeks, spaces are limited and will be filled on a first come basis. There will be a charge of £20 for 10 weeks which will be payable via Pupil Asset once your space has been confirmed.

Bookings will be open from 6.00pm on Tuesday 30th September. To register your child please fill in the online form which will be sent out via Weduc, we will contact you to let you know if your child has a space. A waiting list will be set up for anyone not successful for the current sessions and will be guaranteed a spot for the new year.

Head Lice

Please note there have been some cases of head lice in school, please check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary.

Food Safety for under 5's

As you will be aware, there are guidelines regarding the preparation and food for children under 5. It has been recommended that small fruits and vegetables such as grapes, cherry tomatoes and cherries should be cut into quarters rather than just in halves. This guidance has been updated in our school kitchens. The full guidance can be found on our school website under our school lunches tab.

Early Years Food Choking Hazards

Running Club



Running Club is now open to Year R.

From tomorrow 30/09/25 Year R are welcome to join us at Running Club. We start at 8.05 by the main gates, Mrs Boyce opens the gates and closes them again at 8:10. Mrs Gamson and Mrs Boyce oversee the club.

Children need a change of shoes and socks as their trainers and socks will get wet on the grass. Please provide a carrier bag for wet shoes. We run till 8:30. It will run every week till the end of the year unless we let you know otherwise.

Pre-Loved Uniform

uniformerly

Uniformerly is an award-winning online school uniform marketplace, we are looking to use this platform to sell or give away donated uniform to parents. This will not only raise valuable funds for our school projects and help parents with the expense of uniforms but will also help minimise clothing wastage.

To enable us as a school to action this we would require volunteers to help with the set-up and running of this project. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact the school office.

Special Lunch Thursday 2nd October



Special lunch will be served on Thursday 2nd October. Thursdays Pizza Party options will be served on Friday 3rd October.

Census Day

Thursday 2*nd* October is **Census Day**, a key date in the school calendar that directly affects how much **government funding** we receive.

One of the biggest factors in this funding is the number of children who **order a school meal on Census Day**, even if they're not eating it at school.

Every single meal ordered helps us secure vital funding for resources, staffing, and support for all our children.

Thank you so much for your support it truly makes a difference.

Harvest Appeal



We are collecting dried foods and tinned goods for the local food bank as part of our annual Harvest appeal. Please add an extra item or two to your shopping or have a look in your cupboards for suitable donations. All donations must have at least 3 months left of sell/use by date. Rev Marc from St. Margaret's Church will be visiting our school to deliver an assembly to talk about Harvest and why it is important to be grateful for all we have and to show kindness to those less fortunate.

Thank you for your generosity!

St Margaret's Church Service

Harvest Festival Service 28th September 2025 – St Margaret's will be doing a collection for the Food Bank.

Pet Service on Sunday October 5th 2025 – Children or families can bring their pets to church – dogs, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs and so on all welcome.

Horror Hair Day



Norwich Penguins

October Splashdown Intensive Swimming Course!
Make a splash this half term with our October Splashdown Intensive Course – perfect for boosting confidence, developing technique, or giving your swimmer a jump ahead!

What's included?
5 x 30-minute focused lessons
Held at a range of top swimming pools across Norwich
Available during October half term
Suitable for all ages (4+)& abilities – from nervous beginners to advanced improvers
very reasonably priced (£45)and small classes (up to 8 children).

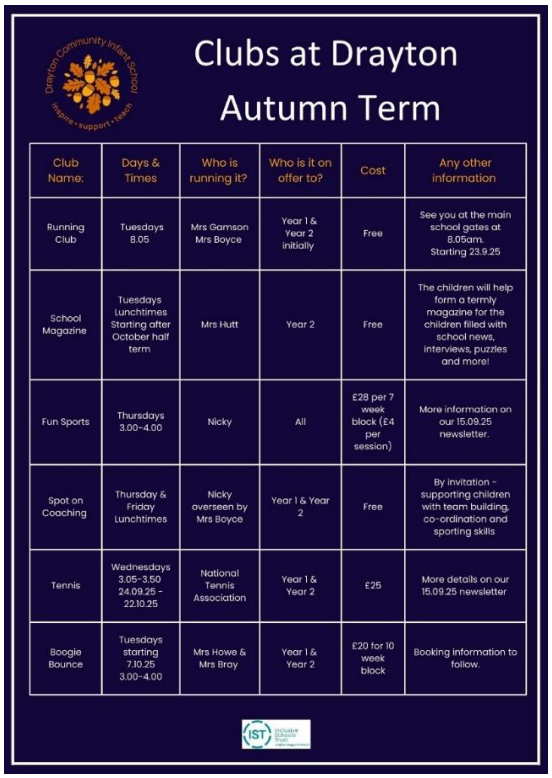
Lessons are at Recreation Road Infant school and Heartsease Primary.
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or Visit - www.norwichpenguins.co.uk

Open Days





Clubs



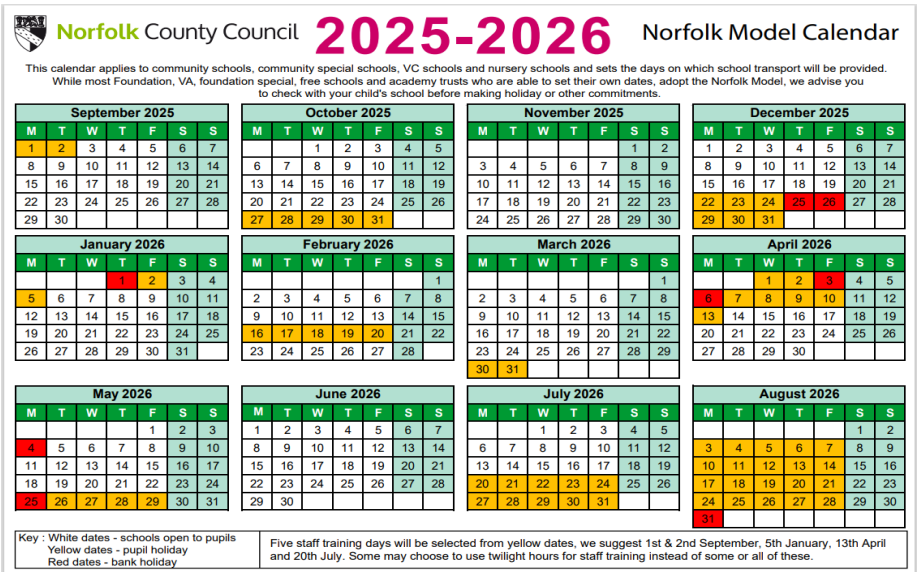
Club Name:	Days & Times	Who is running it?	Who is it on offer to?	Cost	Any other information
Running Club	Tuesdays 8.05	Mrs Garnson Mrs Boyce	Year 1 & Year 2 initially	Free	See you at the main school gates at 8.05am. Starting 23.9.25
School Magazine	Tuesdays Lunchtimes Starting after October half term	Mrs Hutt	Year 2	Free	The children will help form a termly magazine for the children filled with school news, interviews, puzzles and more!
Fun Sports	Thursdays 3.00-4.00	Nicky	All	£28 per 7 week block (£4 per session)	More information on our 15.09.25 newsletter.
Spot on Coaching	Thursday & Friday Lunchtimes	Nicky overseen by Mrs Boyce	Year 1 & Year 2	Free	By invitation - supporting children with team building, co-ordination and sporting skills
Tennis	Wednesdays 3.05-3.50 24.09.25 - 22.10.25	National Tennis Association	Year 1 & Year 2	£25	More details on our 15.09.25 newsletter
Boogie Bounce	Tuesdays starting 7.10.25 3.00-4.00	Mrs Howe & Mrs Bray	Year 1 & Year 2	£20 for 10 week block	Booking information to follow.

Dates for the diary

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

September		
October		
2nd		Special Lunch
10th		School Photos
22nd	3.30 - 4.30pm	Open Evening
24th		Horror Hair Day
24th		End of Autumn term 1 – Half term
November		
3rd		Start of Autumn term 2

Term dates



Norfolk County Council **2025-2026** 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 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 1st & 2nd September, 5th January, 13th April and 20th July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.