Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

15/09/25



Open and honest
Ask Listen and Learn
Kind and Caring

OAK VALUE this week is **Honest**

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we're already in week 3 of the autumn term. The children are working hard and settling well into their new classes.

In assembly today Mrs Boyce spoke to the children about manners and behaviour in the lunch hall. Eating and socialising at lunch time is all part of the children's learning and development and we encourage as much independence as possible. The lunch staff encourage children's independence by children collecting their own lunch from the hatch, cutting up the easier foods themselves and having a try at opening their packets/containers before asking for help. They also give reminders about good manners such as not talking with food in our mouths, sitting on our chairs at the table and being mindful of how loudly we are talking at the dinner table. This is a big step for our youngest children starting school, but they are already doing an amazing job!

Have a great week.

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The DCIS Team

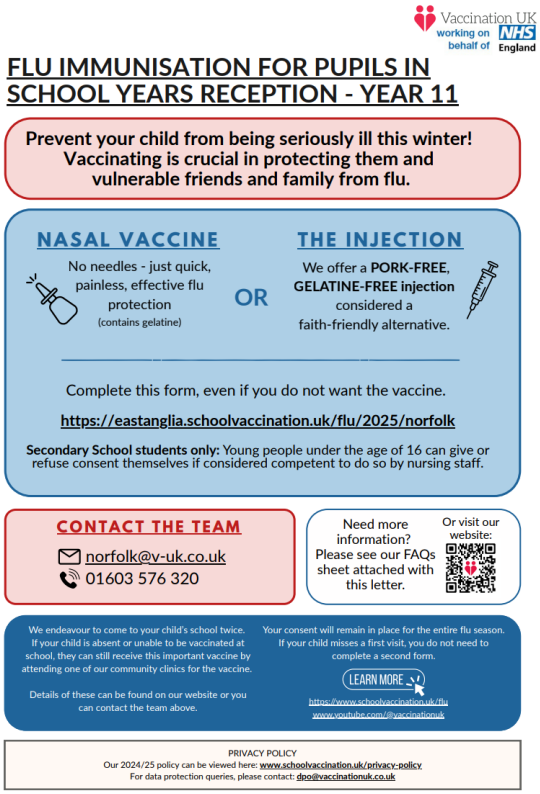
Attendance

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 12.09.25)
97.29%	95.69%

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

Flu Vaccinations



Vaccination UK working on behalf of NHS England

FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter! Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and vulnerable friends and family from flu.

NASAL VACCINE

No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection
(contains gelatine)

OR

THE INJECTION

We offer a **PORK-FREE, GELATINE-FREE injection** considered a faith-friendly alternative.

Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/norfolk

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

CONTACT THE TEAM

norfolk@v-uk.co.uk
01603 576 320

Need more information? Please see our FAQs sheet attached with this letter.

Or visit our website:

We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, they can still receive this important vaccine by attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine.

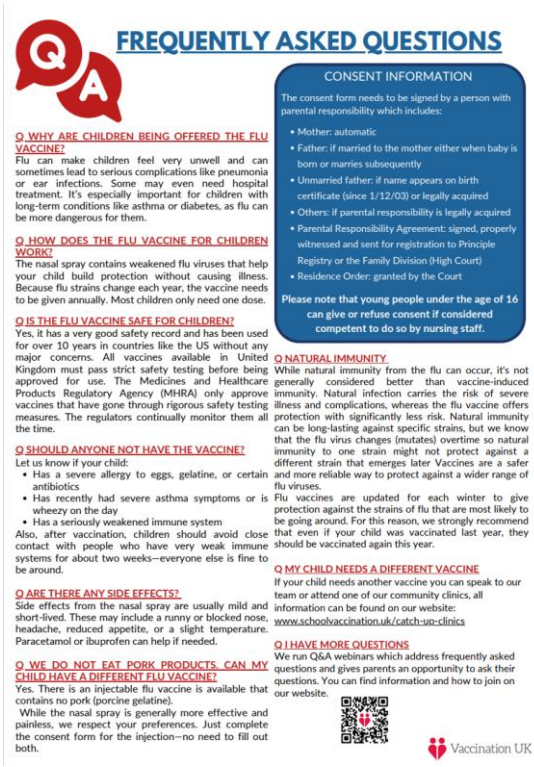
Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

LEARN MORE

https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/flu
www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY
Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact: dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING OFFERED THE FLU VACCINE?
Flu can make children feel very unwell and can sometimes lead to serious complications like pneumonia or ear infections. Some may even need hospital treatment. It's especially important for children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes, as flu can be more dangerous for them.

Q HOW DOES THE FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN WORK?
The nasal spray contains weakened flu viruses that help your child build protection without causing illness. Because flu strains change each year, the vaccine needs to be given annually. Most children only need one dose.

Q IS THE FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR CHILDREN?
Yes, it has a very good safety record and has been used for over 10 years in countries like the US without any major concerns. All vaccines available in United Kingdom must pass strict safety testing before being approved for use. The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) only approve vaccines that have gone through rigorous safety testing measures. The regulators continually monitor them all the time.

Q SHOULD ANYONE NOT HAVE THE VACCINE?
Let us know if your child:
- Has a severe allergy to eggs, gelatine, or certain antibiotics
- Has recently had severe asthma symptoms or is wheezy on the day
- Has a seriously weakened immune system

Also, after vaccination, children should avoid close contact with people who have very weak immune systems for about two weeks—everyone else is fine to be around.

Q ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?
Side effects from the nasal spray are usually mild and short-lived. These may include a runny or blocked nose, headache, reduced appetite, or a slight temperature. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can help if needed.

Q WE DO NOT EAT PORK PRODUCTS. CAN MY CHILD HAVE A DIFFERENT FLU VACCINE?
Yes. There is an injectable flu vaccine is available that contains no pork (porcine gelatine).
While the nasal spray is generally more effective and painless, we respect your preferences. Just complete the consent form for the injection—no need to fill out both.

CONSENT INFORMATION

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:
- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

Q NATURAL IMMUNITY
While natural immunity from the flu can occur, it's not generally considered better than vaccine-induced immunity. Natural infection carries the risk of severe illness and complications, whereas the flu vaccine offers protection with significantly less risk. Natural immunity can be long-lasting against specific strains, but we know that the flu virus changes (mutates) overtime so natural immunity to one strain might not protect against a different strain that emerges later Vaccines are a safer and more reliable way to protect against a wider range of flu viruses.
Flu vaccines are updated for each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, we strongly recommend that even if your child was vaccinated last year, they should be vaccinated again this year.

Q MY CHILD NEEDS A DIFFERENT VACCINE
If your child needs another vaccine you can speak to our team or attend one of our community clinics, all information can be found on our website:
www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics

Q I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS
We run Q&A webinars which address frequently asked questions and gives parents an opportunity to ask their questions. You can find information and how to join on our website.

Vaccination UK



NHS

flu: 5 reasons
to vaccinate your child

1. **Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. **Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. **No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
4. **It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
5. **Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine)

For more information visit **www.nhs.uk/child-flu**

Flu immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

The Norfolk Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 22nd September to carry out their annual flu vaccination programme.

Please find attached the consent form to be completed, this form needs to be completed even if you do not wish your child to have the vaccine.

https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/norfolk

Please complete the form by 16th September.

Reception and Tapestry

The reception children have had a brilliant first week of school! They have blown us all away with how quickly they have settled into the routines of the day. We have documented your child's first week of school so you can see what they have been busy doing. This will be uploaded on Tapestry as soon as we are able- unfortunately Tapestry is experiencing some technical issues – we are doing our best to get these resolved as quickly as we can.

Phonics and Reading Meeting for Parents and Carers

Please come along to find out more about Phonics and Little Wandle Reading on Monday 22nd September at 9.00am - 9.30am. This is a chance to find out how phonics and reading are carried out during our school day. Miss Higgins our Phonics and Reading lead, will be leading the meeting and there will be a chance for you to ask any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Free School Meals

Is my child eligible?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. This is called universal infant free school meals. This is different to benefit-related free school meals and you do not have to apply, but if you receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still register below. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium).

Parents/carers can receive food vouchers provided by Norfolk County Council. The scheme is extending to March 2026.

The qualifying benefits are:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

You must apply for these free school meals.

Apply for free school meals https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If it is confirmed that your child is entitled, please inform the school office so our records can be updated.

PE Days

Mole Class – Tuesday

Hedgehog - Thursday

Badger Class – Monday and Thursday

Fox class – Wednesday and Friday

Rabbit class – Tuesday and Thursday

Squirrel class – Monday and Friday

Deer Class – Monday and Wednesday

Years 1 and 2 PE will often be outside. Please can the children bring their school shoes in a bag to change into after PE so they don't have to wear muddy trainers indoors.

Read and Meet Session

Y1 and Y2 will be hosting a Read and Meet Session in your child's class. This session will involve sharing a story with the class teacher and having an opportunity to ask any question you may have.

Please find below session times:

Y2 Tuesday 16th September at 2.45pm

Y1 Wednesday 17th September at 2.45pm

We look forward to seeing you there.

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!

Clubs

Clubs at Drayton Autumn Term

Club Name:	Days & Times	Who is running it?	Who is it on offer to?	Cost	Any other information
Running Club	Tuesdays 8.05	Mrs Gamson 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.

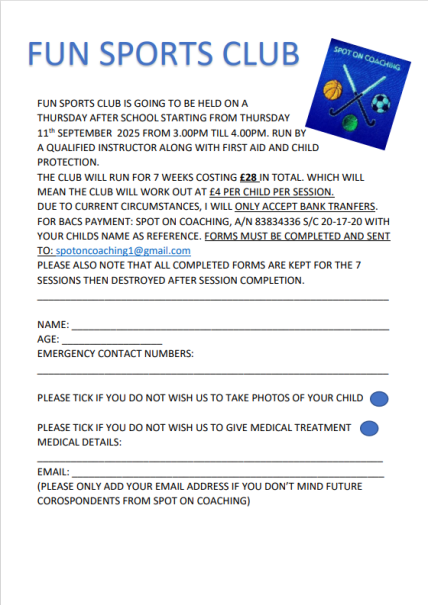
National Tennis Club



Click Here To Register

Fun Sports Club

Fun Sports Club runs every Thursday after school from 3.00 – 4.00pm. It is run by our amazing coach Nicky from Spot on Coaching, please find full details below:



FUN SPORTS CLUB

FUN SPORTS CLUB IS GOING TO BE HELD ON A THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL STARTING FROM THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2025 FROM 3.00PM TILL 4.00PM. RUN BY A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR ALONG WITH FIRST AID AND CHILD PROTECTION.
THE CLUB WILL RUN FOR 7 WEEKS COSTING **£28** IN TOTAL. WHICH WILL MEAN THE CLUB WILL WORK OUT AT £4 PER CHILD PER SESSION.
DUE TO CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, I WILL ONLY ACCEPT BANK TRANFERS.
FOR BACS PAYMENT: SPOT ON COACHING, A/N 83834336 S/C 20-17-20 WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME AS REFERENCE. FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND SENT TO: spotoncoaching1@gmail.com
PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT ALL COMPLETED FORMS ARE KEPT FOR THE 7 SESSIONS THEN DESTROYED AFTER SESSION COMPLETION.

NAME: _____
AGE: _____
EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:
_____

PLEASE TICK IF YOU DO NOT WISH US TO TAKE PHOTOS OF YOUR CHILD ☐

PLEASE TICK IF YOU DO NOT WISH US TO GIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT ☐
MEDICAL DETAILS:
_____
EMAIL: _____
(PLEASE ONLY ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IF YOU DON'T MIND FUTURE COROSPONDENTS FROM SPOT ON COACHING)

Opening Evening



Drayton Junior School Opening Evening

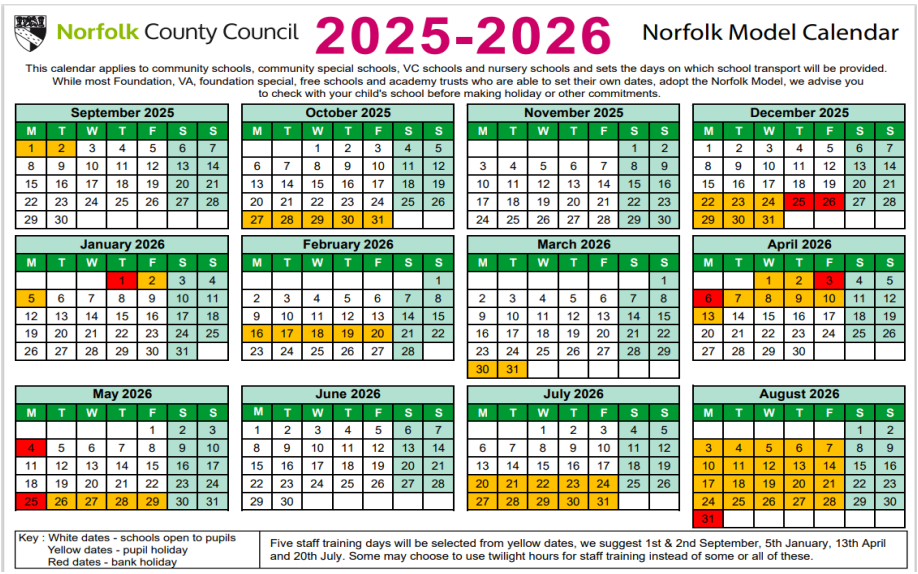


Dates for the diary

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

September		
16th	2.45pm	Y2 Read and Meet Session
17th	2.45pm	Y1 Read and Meet Session
22nd		Flu Vaccinations
22nd	9.00-9.30am	Phonics and Reading Meeting
October		
10th		School Photos
22nd	3.30 - 4.30pm	Open Evening
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.

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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.