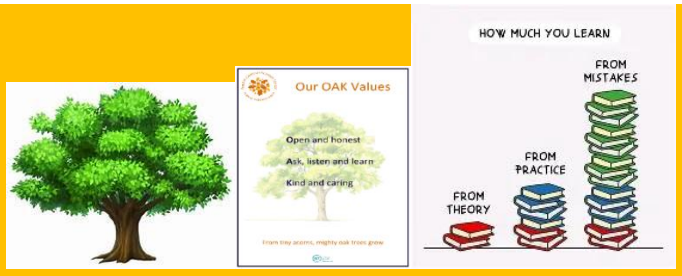
Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

01/12/25



Open and honest
Ask Listen and Learn
Kind and Caring

OAK VALUE this week is **Learn**

Dear Families

And just like that we've entered December! We have lots of exciting things happening over the next three weeks as we approach the Christmas holidays. We try to keep things are 'normal' as possible in school with lessons and timetables while enjoying this festive time of year.

Please could we kindly remind all our grownups about the use of mobile phones on the school site. There have been a growing number of adults using their phones while entering and exiting the school. The school has a no mobile phone policy across the site for safeguarding purposes and we ask this is adhered to please.

We received some overwhelmingly positive feedback following our phonics sessions in school last week. Miss Higgins has popped together a sheet which has an overview of some useful information and includes some quotes from those who were able to attend. We look forward to putting another session on in the spring term.

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 28.11.25)
95.98 %	95.77 %

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

Safeguarding

Just a reminder to all adults: if you need to speak with a **Designated Safeguarding Lead**, please look out for staff wearing **purple lanyards**. We are always available to talk. If you see us on the gate and would like to speak privately, please let us know and we will arrange a suitable space to meet with you confidentially.

Staff Vacancies

We have vacancies for lunch time staff at both Drayton Infants and Nightingale Infant and Nursery. The role includes setting up the hall/nursery ready for lunch, supporting and encouraging children while eating, supervising and playing with the children and helping to clear away.

The hours vary between schools (anything from 11am to 1.30pm), working 1-1.5 hours per day. We're happy to consider someone for 5 days, or on a part time basis, working 2-3 days.

If you are interested, please speak to a member of SLT on the gates or call/email the office for more details.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Christmas Performances

Tomorrow reception and year 2 children will come home with tickets to their Christmas performance. Due to capacity of the school hall, and in order to accommodate everyone safely, we have included two places per pupil, one ticket for each performance.

Tickets may be swapped with other parents, or any tickets that are not required can be returned to the school office for any parents wishing to exchange. Ticket must be handed in for entry to the performance.

No tickets will be required for the year 1 Christmas Café but we ask for a limit of two adult per child to ensure we can safely accommodate everyone.

Childcare availability

We are aware there is a growing demand for childcare before and after school. Our breakfast and after school clubs are full for most sessions with a significant waiting list in place.

There are a number of childminders locally who care for children attending our school who have spaces available. If you are interested, we would be happy to pass on your details with your permission. Please see the school office.

Parent Forum

Please consider being the Forum representative for your class. We currently have parents from Fox Squirrel Hedgehog and Mole Class, but we really need more parents on the Forum. We have one meeting every half term for one hour. This half term our meeting will focus on 'What would parents like to see change?'

If you were on the Forum before and would like to continue or are a new parent to the forum, please speak to Claire in the office.

Christmas Sugar Collection

Please support the Christmas Sugar Collection by bringing a bag of sugar into school before Monday 8th December.

Christmas School Sugar Collection

Help our LOCAL shelters support the homeless and hungry, families in crisis and those fleeing domestic violence in East Anglia

This year we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of collecting sugar for the homeless, needy and vulnerable in Norfolk and Suffolk. Once again, we will be continuing this much needed support for Shelters and for families in crisis. Over recent years we have been successful with our Christmas sugar collections with more than 80 schools, collecting over 5,500 bags of sugar each year.

- Sugar for Shelters works together with a NORFOLK farm based Christmas food charity (BEFA) founded by Norfolk farmer Mike Buckingham in 1985, to collect sugar from schools.
- The Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA) provides the food for more than 10,000
- Christmas dinners of which our sugar is an important part.
- Huge amounts of sugar are needed in Shelters and Food Kitchens in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas. Last year we collected nearly 6 tonnes of sugar, every bit of which was needed!
- Sugar is a fast energy boost for the homeless.
- Sugar is an essential ingredient for hot drinks and Christmas foods e.g. puddings and cakes.
- Collecting sugar is simple, affordable and helps children focus on the Christmas spirit of giving.

Thank you for your support.

Fun Sports Club

DODGEBALL CLUB

FUN SPORTS CLUB IS GOING TO BE HELD ON A THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL STARTING FROM THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026 FROM 3.00PM TILL 4.00PM. RUN BY A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR ALONG WITH FIRST AID AND CHILD PROTECTION.
THE CLUB WILL RUN FOR 6 WEEKS COSTING **£24** 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 5 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)

Fun Sports will be running a Dodgeball Club after the Christmas holidays, to book message Nicky: spotoncoaching1@gmail.com

The club will run from Thursday 15th January 2026 from 3.00pm till 4.00pm.

Phonics Session Parent Feedback

What you said...

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to attend our phonics sessions in school last week. Here's some of the feedback we received.

Lovely to have the children show us what they can do and have learnt.

Lovely to see them in their learning environment

Great to see the techniques in actions. Helps to understand and replicate at home. Thank you!

Lovely to see the children in the classroom. All very well organised and structured.

Wow! Amazing lesson! Loved the pronunciation and finding the naughty letters! Great job!

Thank you, was really good to see a phonics session in action and how to then use a similar method at home.

Lovely to see the children in their lessons - it helps us as parents to better understand how they learn. Thank you!

Thank you! It was really helpful to see how the lesson is organised, especially after parents evening.

Really good to watch how the lesson is carried out. Brilliantly behaved children!

It was lovely to watch how the children learn their sounds and letters so we can support them further at home. I enjoyed watching my child participate as I worry about their interactions and confidence. Thank you for inviting us! Please do it again as they progress!

Really good to see how you teach phonics and to see my child in school. Thank you.

Phonics Workshop 2025

Thank you to everyone who attended our Phonics Workshops. Please find key vocabulary below.

Phonemes are the smallest unit of speech-sounds which make up a word.
For example: sit - s/i/t chop - ch/o/p

Graphemes are the written representation of sounds. A grapheme may be one letter (f), two letters (ir), three letters (igh) or four letters in length (ough).

Digraphs are graphemes made up of 2 letters that makes one sound (sh in shop).
Trigraphs are 3 letters (igh in night).

Segmenting involves breaking up a word that you hear into its sounds.
Blending involves merging the sounds in a word together in order to pronounce it.

A Split digraph is a grapheme that is split between a consonant (a-e in make). A split digraph usually changes the sound of the first vowel.

To find out more about Little Wandle and how it is taught in school please visit their parent page. Here you will find videos, resources and useful information to support your child with their phonics journey.
https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

Yr1 Church Visit

On Thursday 4th December our year 1 children will visit St Margaret's Church to learn all about Christingle. They will leave school at 9.30am and return at 11. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the outing the year 1 team would be very grateful. Please fill in the form below if you would like to help.

Parent Helper Form

Year 2 Visit to Drayton Junior School

On the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd December, year 2s will be joining years 3 and 4 for an author visit. We will return to the infant school in time for collection at home time as usual.

If you would like to volunteer to accompany us on the visit please complete the form below.

Parent Helper Form

Bookvent Year 1

We will be doing a book advent in Y1 for the month of December! Please wrap a favourite Winter/Christmas book from home, label with your child's name and send it in.

The children will enjoy sharing books from home and unwrapping the surprise story of the day. All books will be returned once they have been read.

Thank you! Y1 team

Christmas Dinner



Christmas dinner day is Wednesday 17th December, please pre order your dinner via Pupil Asset selecting the main meal option.

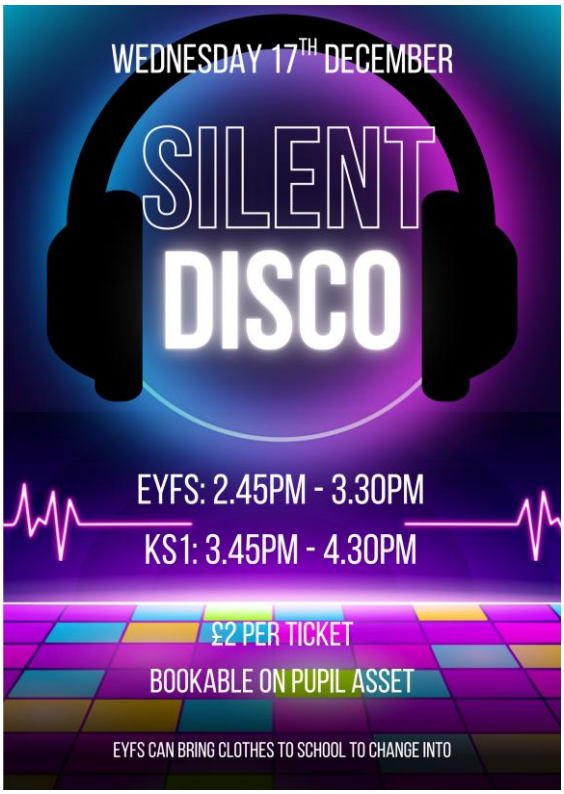
Other options will not be served on this day.
Special diets will be catered for.

Please pre book your meal by Friday 12th December.

Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper.

Christmas at Drayton





Festive Events at Drayton Infants

Thursday 4th December - 9.30 - 11.00am Year 1 Church Visit

Monday 8th December - 9.00-10.00 - Reception Classes - Story with Santa
Monday 8th December - Last date for Christmas Raffle tickets to be returned

Tuesday 9th December - 9.00-10.00 - Year 1 Classes - Story with Santa
Tuesday 9th December - 2.00-3.00 - Reception Nativity - Parents Invited - 1 ticket per show, details to follow

Wednesday 10th December - 9.00-10.00 - Year 2 Classes - Story with Santa
Wednesday 10th December - 10.00-11.00 - Reception Nativity - Parents Invited - 1 ticket per show, details to follow.

Friday 12th December - Rev Mark visiting to lead a Christmas Assembly for the children
Friday 12th December - Christmas Raffle to be drawn (school will contact winners to arrange collection)

Monday 15th December - 2.30-3.30 - Drama Club Performance - Parents Invited, details to follow

Tuesday 16th December - 2.00 - 3.00pm Year 1 Christmas Story Café and Carols - Parents Invited to join

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner Day - (Roast option available only)
Wednesday 17th December 2.45-3.30 (Reception Classes) - Christmas Silent Disco
Wednesday 17th December 3.45-4.30 (Year 1 and Year 2 Classes) - Christmas Silent Disco

Thursday 18th December 9.30-10.00 - Year 2 Carol Concert - Parents Invited - 1 ticket per show, details to follow.

Friday 19th December 2.30-3.00 - Year 2 Carol Concert - Parents Invited - 1 ticket per show, details to follow.

Dates for the diary

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

December		
2nd	1-3pm	Year 2 to Drayton Junior School – author visit
4th	9.30-11.00am	Yr 1 Church Visit
8th	9.00am	Reception Story with Santa
9th		Reception Height and Weight Checks
9th	9.00am	Yr1 Story with Santa
9th	2.00 – 3.00pm	EYFS Nativity Show to Parents - Show 1
10th	9.00am	Yr2 Story with Santa
10th	10.00 – 11.00am	EYFS Nativity Show to Parents – Show 2
15th	2.30 – 3.00pm	Drama Club Performance to Parents
16th	2.00-3.00pm	Yr1 Christmas Story Café and Songs
17th		Christmas Jumper Day
17th		Christmas Dinner
17th	2.45-3.30pm	EYFS Xmas Disco (Silent Disco)
17th	3.45-4.30pm	KS1 Xmas Disco (Silent Disco)
18th	9.30 - 10.00am	Yr2 Christmas Carol Service
19th	2.30 – 3.00pm	Yr2 Christmas Carol Service
19th		Last day of term – Christmas Holidays
January		
6th		School Reopens for Spring Term 1

Term dates

