Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

09/03/2026



Open and Honest

Ask Listen and Learn

Kind and Confident





We have changed the value this week to to fit with British Science week. Lots of exciting science this week in school.

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who came to the Maths Mornings over the last couple of weeks. We were thrilled with how many people came and hope you found it useful. The children love having their grown ups visit them in school.

Thank you to the adults who helped with the Reception trip to the church on Friday. Sounded like it was really good and the children had a wonderful time.

Its British Science Week! Lots of science happening in school this week!

Red Nose Day Red Nose Day is coming on Friday 20th March – the children are invited to wear red for the day. Please donate to Red Nose day using the QR codes that we will have on posters around the outside of the school. The children will do lots of fun activities which may include joke book making, designing your own red nose, telling jokes, writing silly stories.

Car park Just a reminder to our carpark users that the permit must be displayed in the window. If you need a new one please let the office know.

Have a great week.

Sarah Hutt and Lou Boyce and 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 06.03.26)
96.94%	95.66 %

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

Medical & Dental Appointment Evidence

To help us understand and support children whose attendance is lower than expected, we may ask for basic proof of medical or dental appointments.

This could be an appointment card, text message, or email confirmation - whatever is easiest for you to provide.

For day-to-day illness, your explanation is usually enough, but if a child's attendance falls below expected levels, this extra information helps us work together to ensure they are in school as much as possible.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote good attendance for all children.

Government Support - changes

Norfolk County Council Schools & Learning Providers

Important Update: Support for Families - Changes from April 2026

The Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) is ending on 31 March. It will be replaced by a new scheme called the Crisis Resilience Fund (CRF).

What this means for families:

- Families who currently receive Edenred vouchers through the HSF will get their final vouchers in March.
- The council's Client Hardship Service (CHS) will continue to offer support.
- There will be help available for families who are experiencing a crisis, but being eligible for Free School Meals will no longer mean automatic entitlement to support under the new system.

Even though the HSF is ending, there are still places families can get support: www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving

If families are in difficulty, we would encourage them to contact our Family Hubs services www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs where there is broader support on debt, welfare rights, early help, and more.

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is continuing, families can visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun to sign up.

Families can also find information about wider national support schemes at:

- Cost of living support: Overview - GOV.UK
- Universal Credit: What Universal Credit is - GOV.UK
- Child Benefit: How it works - GOV.UK
- Free Childcare for Working Parents: Check if you're eligible - GOV.UK

Science & Foundation Book Look for Year 1 Parents- Friday 27th March

On Friday 27th March, Year 1 parents are invited into classrooms to listen to a Geography story and look at our foundation and science book work so far this year.

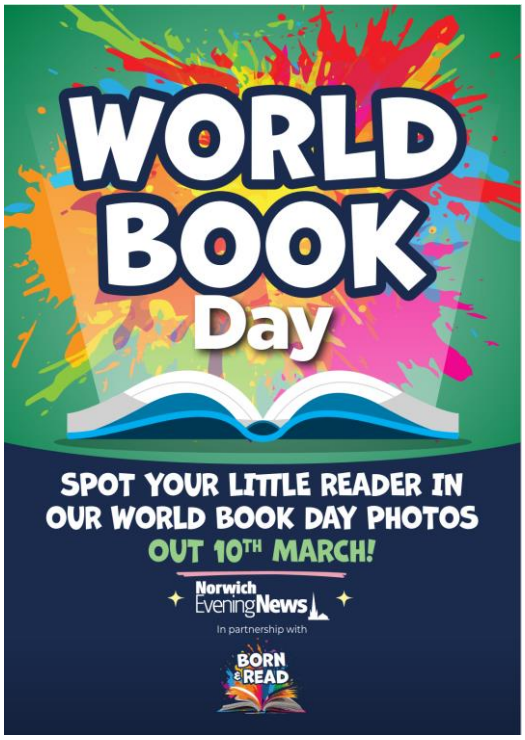
2:40pm-3pm on Friday 27th March

Bingo Nigh[illegible]NCELLED

Sadly, we have decided to cancel the Family Bingo due to take place on Friday 20th March, this is due to low ticket sales. It is a great shame that we have had to make this decision, but we do plan to reschedule next term, dates to follow.

Many thanks to the families who did purchase tickets, you will receive a refund shortly.

World Book Day Photos



We're delighted to let you know that our pupils will be featured in the special World Book Day supplement in the Norwich Evening News next week, Tuesday 10 March, showcasing the children's wonderful costumes.

EYFS- Hedgehog Class PE

Hedgehog class will now do PE every Friday. Please wear school uniform on Thursday and PE kit on a Friday. Thank you! Children signed up to Rocksteady will still attend their music lesson.

EYFS Planting

As you may have noticed, the children have been busy this week preparing our planters for some Spring growing! (A big thank you to the children at after school club for all your help too!). We would be very grateful for any seed/bulb/plant/flower donations that the children can plant and care for.

Dates for the diary

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

March		
17th March	pm	Year 2 Littlewood walk
20th March		Red Nose Day
20th March	6.30-7.30	Family Prize Bingo night at school - CANCELLED
27th March	2.40-3.00	Year 1 Book Look
27th March		Last day Spring Term 2
April		
14th April		School re-opens Summer Term 1
21st & 23rd		Parents Evenings (details to follow)
May		
13th May		Class Photos
4th May		School Closed Bank Holiday
22nd May		Last day Summer Term 1
June		
1st June		School re-opens Summer Term 2
8th, 9th, 10th		Reception Vision and Hearing Screenings.
22nd		Sports Day
July		
17th July		Last day Summer Term 2

Term dates

