Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter
06/07/2026





Open and Honest
Ask Listen and Learn
Kind and Confident

Dear Families,

We have a really busy week this week with Transition days on Wednesday and Thursday. The details are as follows and were on the email earlier today with your child's class.

This year we have two transition days. These on Wednesday 8th July and Thursday 9th July. On Wednesday, children should come to school as normal, entering their current classrooms. Following an assembly, the children will move to their new classes. During the day, the children will have an opportunity to explore the classroom, get to know adults and take part in a range of activities. On Wednesday, you will collect your child from their 'new classroom'. Year 1 classes are positioned opposite the playground, in the order of Squirrel and Rabbit. Otter class is next to Rabbit class with Deer and Fox classes being on the opposite side of the building, walking past the field and to the left. These are in the order of Deer and Fox. There will be adults present to help you find your child's class.

On Thursday, the children will wait on the main playground. When the bell is rung, children will line up in their new classes, with Year 1 entering through their classroom doors and Year 2 entering through the double blue doors on the playground with their teachers. There will be plenty of additional adults around to support this as we know this will be something new to the children and it will take some time to get used to. At the end of the day, you will again collect your child from their new classroom.

As new class teams get to know you and your child, they may ask you for your child's password. Please ensure the adult collecting knows the password and we thank you for your patience as we know this can take a little longer than normal.

We know that the children will have two positive days in their new classes.

Following transition; any general feedback please pass to your class member of Parent Forum. Parent Forum will meet on Friday.

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Our current Year 2s – important

If your child is at Breakfast Club on Wednesday and /or Thursday, please let our office know that they will need to be on the walking bus down to the Juniors. We will ensure a familiar adult is with them until the Juniors take over.

If your child is at the Juniors for transition but needs to come back to us after school for clubs or because they are booked into Afterschool Club, please ring the office to book them on to the walking bus.

We will then allocate the correct number of staff.

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Last Tuesday the whole school was in PE kit for the day. We were blown away by how smart everyone looked. Everyone was in the correct uniform – the children were so smart. Thank you so much.

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 03.07.26)
96.09%	94.93%

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

Safeguarding

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call **999**.

If you have a concern about the safety or wellbeing of a child, you can contact **Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS)** on **0344 800 8020**. A member of the team will listen to your concerns and advise on the next steps.

If the concern relates to a pupil at our school, you can also inform the school so that we can support where appropriate.

Thank you for helping us to keep children safe.

End of Year Sorting- Year 1 and 2

Please send your KS1 child in with a named bag ready for us to send books and work home in the final week.

Thank you!



Health and Wellbeing Week Thank You

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers and children for their support and enthusiasm for our annual Health and Well-being Week 2026. The children, staff and visiting coaches, from various clubs around Drayton, all managed so well with the heatwave which arrived in full force. Thank you also to the staff and some of the coaches who postponed their sessions for a week so that all the children could take part when the weather was cooler.

I have been collecting feedback from the children. Here are a few of the comments:

"My favourite activity was karate because I have never done it before"
"I like the hurdle race because I love jumping over the hurdles"
"Sports day was the best because I got to get my mum into school"
"Archery was brand new and a new skill to learn"
“I loved the archery and felt comfortable to join in as I recognised coach Nicky.”
"I liked imagining in yoga and stretching"
“I really liked the hydration lesson, learning that water is so important.”
“The Karate was so fun. I learnt loads of stuff to defend myself.”
“On Wednesday we did Archery. I had 3 arrows. I didn’t hit the target but at least I tried!”
“My favourite of Sports’ Day was the hurdles and the discus throwing. Overall, I really liked Sports’ Day.”
“I liked Yoga best because it was calm and relaxing and on a hot day it cooled me down.”
“My favourite was archery. I got to point the arrow on the bow then I pulled the string back and let it go. It was so fun and I got it in the yellow bit.”
“We also learnt about health eating. Now we know what to eat.”
“Cricket was really fun. What was fun in cricket you say? Well, we bounced it on our hands and when we did some real bits of cricket. It was super fun. I really liked cricket and I hope everyone did too.”
Some children have already signed up with ESKA (karate) https://eska.co.uk/ for an after-school club in the community and the Tennis Camps. Fantastic!!

Best wishes to you all and hope you have a lovely, active summer holiday,
Mrs Gamson (EYFS Teacher and PE Lead)

Running Club

Mrs Boyce and Mrs Gamson would like to invite the families of the runners to come and join us on Tuesday 14th July at 8.05. You are welcome to watch Club in session and or of course join in.

Parent Forum

The last meeting of the year for Parent Forum will be held on Friday 10th July at 9:30 to 10:30.

Thank you for your help this year.

Reading Books

In the last week of term, please bring in all reading books. This includes your child's Little Wandle book and Library book.

Over the Summer Holidays at Taverham Library, there is a 'Summer Reading Challenge' where your child can earn stickers and a medal for reading. Please pop to the library to find out more information.

Water Play Monday 13th July

As is tradition for year 2s, we will be having our water play session on the field on Monday 13th July.

Children are asked to come to school in the PE kits that they will get wet in. To participate, children will need to bring in a full change of school uniform including underwear, footwear and a towel. Children are invited to bring in a water squirter.

School Car Park – September, Reminder

Car Park Passes – Final Reminder

This is a final reminder that all current car park passes will automatically expire at the end of this school year.

If you wish to request a car park pass for September, please complete the following form **by 10th July**: https://forms.office.com/e/tFSePQVUhY

Please note that only applications submitted via this form by the deadline will be considered. Unfortunately, we cannot issue a pass if an application form has not been received.

Submitting the form does not guarantee that a pass will be issued. All requests will be reviewed, and you will receive a response before the end of term.

As availability is extremely limited, we kindly ask that you only apply if you genuinely feel you need a pass.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Free School Meal Changes

Free School Meals is changing: here's what you need to know

Free School Meals (FSM) is changing from September 2026. Please read each point, as this may affect your eligibility.

1. More families are becoming eligible

All households on Universal Credit are becoming eligible, with two tiers of entitlement:

- **Targeted:** if you earn under £7,400 a year, your children will be entitled to FSM and extra support for their school
- **Expanded:** if you earn above £7,400: your children will be entitled to FSM only

All households who receive other qualifying benefits will also receive Targeted FSM. A full list of qualifying benefits is available on our webpage: https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals You will only need to apply once per child.

2. Protected entitlements are ending

Children who were previously assessed as eligible for FSM had their eligibility protected. This meant they could not lose their FSM, even if the household was no longer eligible. These protections are ending in September, meaning some children may lose their existing eligibility. We will contact you to confirm your eligibility before the end of the summer holiday.

3. Annual eligibility rechecks

We will recheck the eligibility of all children on an annual basis. **Parents already in receipt of benefits related FSM do not need to reapply**, as your eligibility will be rechecked and confirmation of this will be sent to you before the end of the summer holiday.

4. No Recourse to Public Funds

Due to these changes, **all households that qualify as No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) and receive FSM must reapply** or you will lose your entitlement.

Questions

If you have any questions following receipt of your updated eligibility, please contact us at: fsm@norfolk.gov.uk

Picnic Lunch – Tuesday 14th July

Please note there will be no hot meal option, special diets will be catered for.



Please fill in the form below to order your child's picnic lunch by 8th July.

Picnic Lunch – Fill in form

Colour Run – **Date Change Friday 10th July**

Due to extremely hot weather predicted on Friday we have made the decision to postpone the Colour Run until Friday 10th July.



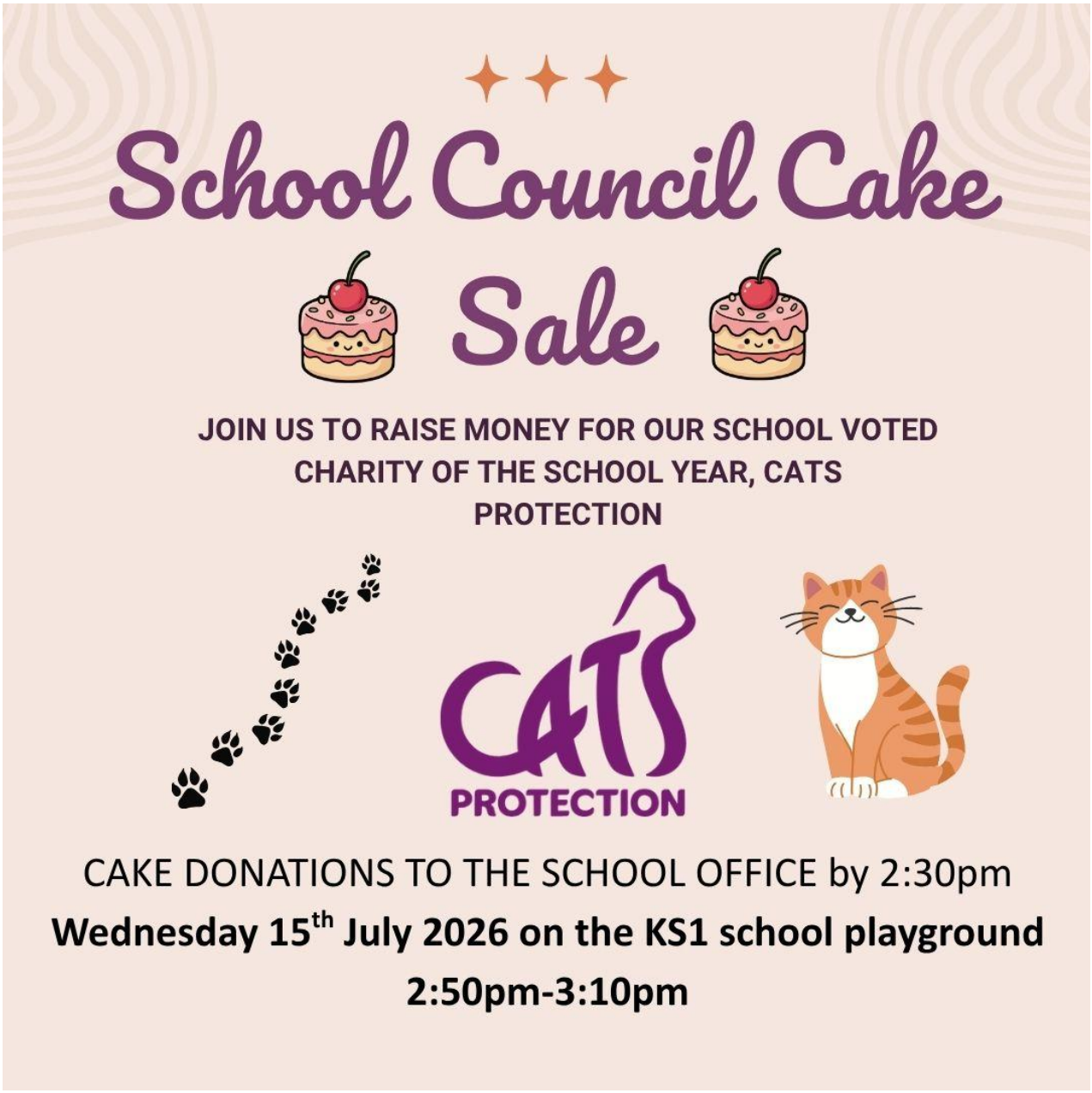
Disco - **Amended time 4.00 – 5.15pm**



School Council Cake Sale!

Donations of cakes and treats to be made to the school office by 2:30pm at the latest please.

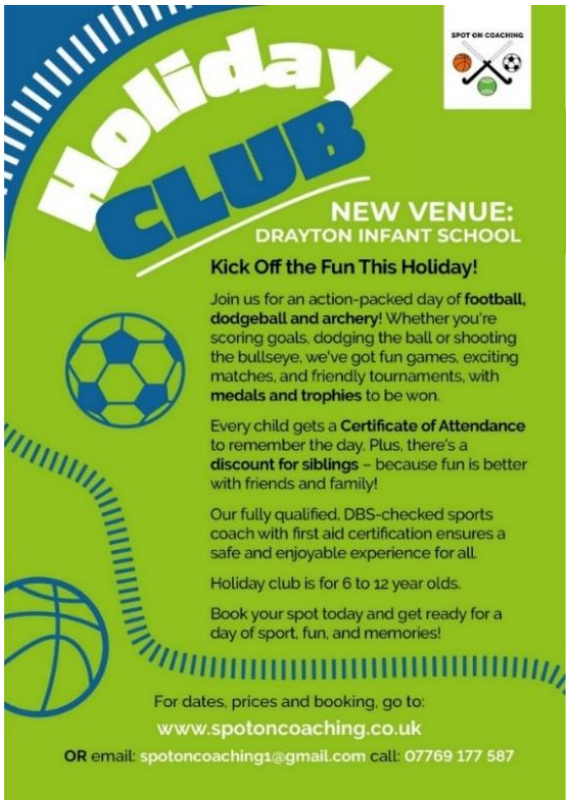
CASH ONLY – please bring 20p's,50p's and 10p's where possible.



Clubs and Groups







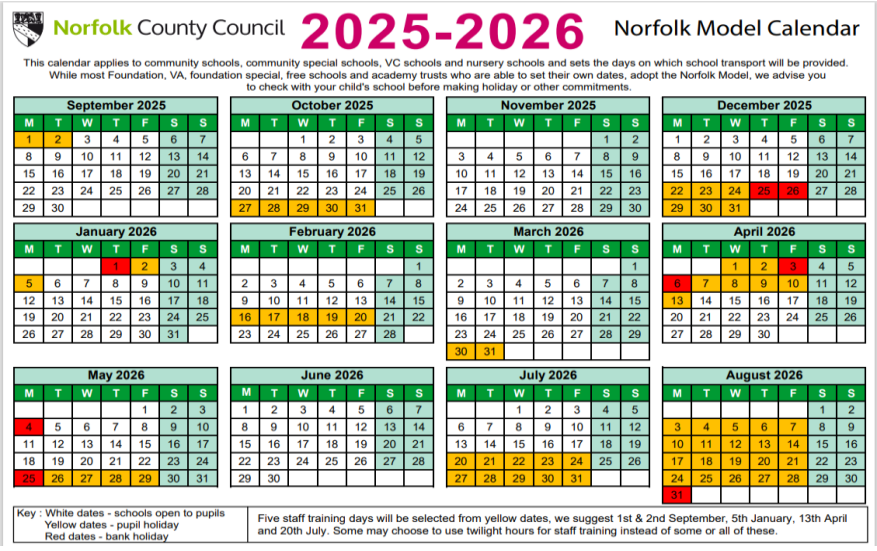


Dates for the diary

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

July		
8th – 9th July		Transition Days
Fri 10th July		Rock Steady End of Term Concert in the Hall. 9:15-9:45. Parents of Rock Steady students have been sent info via email
Fri 10th July		Colour Run – **Amended Date**
Mon 13th July		Year 2 Water Play Day
Tues 14th July		Whole School Picnic
Tues 14th July	4.00 – 5.15pm	Whole School Outdoor Disco ** Amended time**
Tues 14th July	08.05	Parents invited to join the runners at Running Club.
Wed 15th July	1.30 – 3.00pm	Graduation Leavers Assembly – Deer Class
Wed 15th July	2.50-3.10pm	Cake Sale
Thurs 16th July	1.30 – 3.00pm	Graduation Leavers Assembly – Fox Class
17th July		Last day Summer Term 2
17th July		Non-Uniform Day
17th July		Year 2 Shirt signing – More details to follow

Term dates



Norfolk County Council **2025-2026** Norfolk Model Calendar

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