Drayton Community Infant School

Weekly Newsletter

09/11/2026

Dear Families,

Bit chilly out there this morning! Please be sure to send the children to school with coats. The field is very exposed and therefore the wind cuts across – the children need coats.

We are seeing phones out again. Please put them in your pocket or bag. We know that if you are carrying them you may not necessarily be using them but please put them away. You can use your phone as soon as you get the car park side of the gate. This is to keep all of the children safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday) we have our information meeting for perspective parents of children starting school in September 2027. This is for new parents only however if you have a sibling starting you are of course welcome to attend if you would find it useful. It is in the hall at 4pm and will be hosted by Sarah Hutt and Lou Boyce for a short talk about our school followed by tours of the school with our teachers. This event is aimed at adults and is not for children. The same event is being held at Nightingale Infant and Nursery on Wednesday at 5pm.

Many thanks to the Parent Forum reps. We had a good meeting, and the minutes will be available soon.

Have a good 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 06.11.26)
94.92%	95.87%

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

Anti Bullying Week



Odd Socks Day is celebrated on the first day of **Anti-Bullying Week**, which runs from **November 16 to November 20** each year. In 2026, Odd Socks Day will take place on **November 16**. The event encourages individuals to wear mismatched socks to celebrate individuality and raise awareness about bullying. It is supported by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and aims to promote kindness and inclusivity.

Please could all the children wear odd socks on Monday 16th November.

Social Media

Our new Instagram page will be available very soon. The page will be for information, events, visits and visitors, reminders and celebrating our children's successes. As a general rule we will not be publishing pictures of children. We will publish the details of the new page as soon as we can.

Birthday Celebrations

Just a reminder children should not bring sweets, cakes or other food treats into school to share with classmates. Class teams will also adhere to this policy. We apologise if sweets or other food items have been shared within classes since September due to a miscommunication regarding these arrangements.

As allergies become increasingly common, it is becoming more difficult to ensure that shared food is safe for everyone.

Music



We are excited to be introducing a new musical theme each half term, giving our children the opportunity to explore the wonderful world of music! Music plays an important role in young people's lives, supporting creativity, self-expression, confidence, wellbeing and a sense of belonging. Through our musical themes, we hope to broaden children's musical horizons by introducing them to a diverse range of artists, genres and songs, helping them discover music they may not have come across before. This half term, we are travelling back in time to celebrate the 1980s! From iconic pop stars and unforgettable hits to classic rock anthems and fantastic dance tunes, there is plenty to discover. We would love families to get involved at home by listening to some 80s classics together, sharing your favourite songs and artists, having a family singalong or even showing off your best 80s dance moves! Perhaps parents and carers could share some of the music they loved growing up. Let's get everyone talking, listening and enjoying music together!

Parents Evening 24th and 26th November

The booking system for Parents Evening will open this evening, Monday 9th November at 6.00pm. Please follow the link below to book an appointment:

https://draytoncommunityinfant2.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Any problems please contact the school office.

Transfer to Junior School 2027

An email was sent out to all Year 2 parents/carers on Friday with information for children due to transfer to junior school in September 2027. Please contact the school office if you have not received the information.

Children in Need Friday 13th November

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To support Children in Need come to school dressed in spots or bright colours and donate using the link below.

Donation Link

Year 1 Christingle Church Visit

Year 1 will be visiting St Margaret's Church on **Friday the 4th of December** to learn about Christingle and how this traditional symbol represents Christmas and the story of the Nativity. We will be leaving school at approximately **9am** and returning to school by **11am**. Each class will need some parent volunteers to accompany us on the walk to and from St Margaret's.

Please fill in the form if you are available to support on the day: Helper Form



Open Evenings



Summer Reading Challenge

Following on from the Summer Reading Challenge we have received the following letter from the Head of Libraries Development at the Norfolk Library and Information Services congratulating us on achieving an impressive 24% engagement which is well above the county average! Well done to everyone who took part!



Norfolk County Council

Norfolk Library & Information Service
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21st October 2026

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Dear Mrs Hutt,

I am writing to congratulate you on the number of children who joined the Summer Reading Challenge this year from Drayton Community Infant School. The county average engagement is 12% and your school achieved an impressive 24% engagement. This figure puts you in the top 10% in Norfolk. It demonstrates a strong reading for pleasure culture in your school with all the associated benefits for supporting children to achieve their academic potential. In libraries we share your literacy ambitions and hope that you will continue to work with your local library beyond the Summer Reading Challenge. If you would like further information on the work we do with children year-round, or need to re-connect with your local library and are not sure how please contact our Children and Young People's Team Childrenslibraryteam@norfolk.gov.uk

Our next big county wide children's programme of activity is DigiFest in the February half-term. DigiFest is all about giving children, young people and families the chance to explore technology, try something new and build creative digital skills. We look forward to seeing your pupils at our exciting STEAM events. To find out more visit norfolk.gov.uk/digifest

Yours sincerely

Mark Williams – Head of Libraries Development

Norfolk Library and Information Service

Events





Dates for the diary

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

November		
10th Nov	9.00am	Reception **Mole** class parents/carer to watch their child's phonics lesson
10th Nov	2.15pm	Reception **Hedgehog** class parents/carers to watch their child's phonics lesson times
12th Nov	9.00am	Year 1 parents/carers to watch their child's phonics lesson at 9.00am
13th Nov		Children in Need – wear something spotty or brightly coloured
16th Nov	Monday	Children wear Odd socks (with normal uniform) to launch antibullying week.
24th & 26th Nov		Parents Evening – booking opens Monday 9th November at 6.00pm
December		
4th Dec		Year 1 Christingle Church Visit
7th Dec	am	Santa VisitYear
8th Dec	am	Santa Visit
8th Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Yr R Nativity to parents
9th Dec	9.15-10.15am	Yr R Nativity to parents

11th Dec	9.15am	Rocksteady Concert – performance to parents of Rocksteady children.
15th Dec		Xmas Lunch – wear your xmas jumper
16th Dec	am	Santa Visit
16th Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Squirrel Class Xmas Crafts
17th Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Rabbit Class Xmas Crafts
18th Dec	10.00-11.00am	Yr 2 Carol Concert
18th Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Yr 2 Carol Concert

Term dates

