Drayton CofE VC Junior School

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NEWSLETTER 22nd May 2025

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Headteacher's Note:

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of another half-term, we have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to celebrate.

First of all, well done to all our Year 6 pupils for their hard work and composure during SATs week. A big thank you also to all the staff who helped make the process so calm and smooth. A great deal of organisation and preparation goes into timetabling, monitoring, and administering the assessments.

It was lovely to see the Year 6 pupils let off steam in the afternoons and on Friday last week as they designed, built, and finally launched their rockets!

We also had a really exciting visit from a Roman soldier, who brought the school to life with chanting and marching. The Year 4 children had an absolutely fantastic day — as did the staff!

On a slightly less positive note, I have received several reports from members of the community about children from our school causing damage to the local park. I have spoken to the whole school about this and reminded the children to respect both their community and themselves. Behaviour outside of school does fall under the purview of the school's behaviour policy and the guidance from the Department for Education.

Please remember; from after half-term the school day will revert to starting at 8.45 am. I hope the softer start to the day helped to ease the pressure of the road closure.

John Neenan

"We should think about each other to see how we can encourage each other to show love and do good works" – Hebrews 10:24 (ERV)

Governor View

As governors we are keen to ensure that the school vision and CARE of our pupils is prioritised at all times – even during the challenge of SATs week! On a recent monitoring visit, I was able to see that the staff and Y6 pupils were well-prepared for the testing sessions. The guidance and procedures were followed so that the school is meeting its statutory compliance. The staff were trained, the pupils well-behaved and their needs were met appropriately. I would particularly like to commend Ms Cope for her diligence and organisation of the arrangements. I was pleased to see the well-being of pupils was a focus with an exciting 'Rocket Week' project in the afternoons. Well done to everyone involved!

Kay Swann

Chair of Governors

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DJS Information Update

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP – Over the past two weeks we have been thinking and learning about:

Week starting 12th May - The Parable of the prodigal son – Luke 15:11-32



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJgROx4wFKM

Reflective Thought

Think about how you can be a source of support and encouragement. Creating an atmosphere of love and acceptance to make our school a place where everyone feels they belong.

Week starting 19th May Choose Happiness!

If Almighty God warns you to do what is right, he has blessed you. So do not be upset when he decides to do that - Job 5:17

Reflective Thought

Can you choose to be happy today, to be happy with others and be happy to learn? How will you use your tallents to help make yourself and other happy?

THE COMMUNITY – Massive congratulations to Drayton United Under 9s Team for winning the Tournament in Paris. Absolutely amazing effort and achievement!



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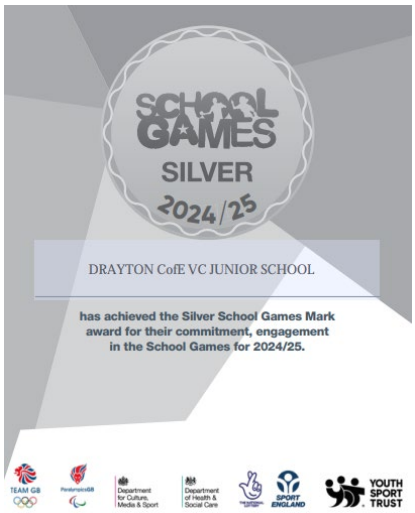
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Half-term Activities:



Message from South Norfolk and Broadland Council: This May Half Term we have lots of activities running with Tots2Teens. Showcasing a selection of fun activities from your favourite Middle Earth characters to the important life skill of sign language as taught by the wonderful team over at Signwise Tuition, and the second of our ever-popular Family Fun Days! With something for everyone, (including the adults) we promise you will not be bored. Tickets are available either on the booking system as usual, via Eventbrite or for our FFD – tickets can be purchased on the day.

SPORT –



Well done to our PE Department on all they have achieved this year, especially Mrs Finch and Mrs Silvester, it is fantastic to be able to offer such a broad range of activities and events to our young people.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

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After School Tennis Club

National Tennis Association have been delivering tennis coaching at schools in Norfolk since 2004. The after school sessions are a great introduction to the game and many of the county's most successful players started in our after school clubs.

In after school club sessions pupils will develop footwork, coordination, ball and racket skills working through a structured curriculum.

Drayton Junior After School Tennis Club Details

Mondays - 7 weeks (2 Jun - 14 Jul)
Year 3-6
3:20- 4:05pm
Cost - £31.50

How to Enrol?
For more information and booking please click or visit the below link.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

These sessions fill up very quickly therefore it is important to book your place quickly, we operate a first come, first serve basis.

Once you have booked on our website you will receive a confirmation of your place.

If you have any questions regarding the tennis club please contact us:

email: schools@nationaltennis.org.uk tel: 0330 551 9496

SCIENCE –

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Summer Science Challenge 2025

Create a kite from recycled materials and try to fly it.

Bring in your kite or send a photo/video of your kite to your class teacher. Send pictures or photos to admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk clearly labelled with your name and class.

You have until the 20th June to complete the challenge.

Have fun and good luck!

The prize!

One kite will be awarded per class.

SCHOOL DINNERS - please continue to book school lunches via the School Money System. Please note: the new menu is online for you to see.

PASTORAL STAFF - Drayton is very proud of the pastoral support we provide. If you would like to speak to Mrs Lane, our Pastoral staff member, then please contact the office – admin@draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

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ATTENDANCE – *Please note:* *The school day finishes at **3.15 pm**, unless there are valid, authorised reasons then children should not be being picked up early. If you do need to pick your child/children up early, please provide the office with the reason so we can ensure our records are up to date. Thank you*

Our current attendance rate this school year is **95.10%.** If your child's individual attendance drops below 90%, we will send out letters to offer support and see how we can help improve this. Please ensure your child is at school for **8.45 am** to start their learning. This half-term there has been **901** minutes of lateness.

We understand that illness happens and can't be helped, but it is vitally important that children attend as soon as they can. We are happy to support with medication; please speak to Mrs. Terrington or Mrs. Hastings in the office.

For the school's Attendance Policy, please follow this link: DJS Attendance Policy

Please see the Norfolk County Council 2024/25 School Calendar for further details.

June	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
Wk 2nd – 6th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	Hate something, change something - Story of creation
Wk 9th – 13th	9th to 11th - Year 6 residential – 11th - Year 3 Trip to Banham Zoo	Sustainable Development - Our Planet
Wk 16th – 20th	17th - Sports Day – Years 3 and 4 18th - Sports Day – Years 5 and 6 20th - Year 4 World War Two day	Then there was hope – Changes - The book of Job – Light and hope
Wk 23rd – 26th	City Sports Week	Learning from Nature - What can we learn from our wise animals, Proverbs 30:24-28
Wk 30th – 4th	30th Year 6 trip to Gressenhall	Keep calm and carry on - Proverbs 15:1, 15:18 & 29:11
July	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
Wk 7th – 11th	8th Summer Concert – School Hall – 3.30 to 4.30	Well-being - Psalm 119:121-122a
Wk 14th – 18th	14th School Reports Out to Parents/Carers 16th Evening performance Year 6 Play – 6pm - letter to follow after half term! 17th Morning performance Year 6 play 9.15am - letter to follow after half term!	Memories and moving on
Wk 21st – 25th	22nd Last day of term	Memories and moving on
September	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
Wk 1st – 5th	1st and 2nd Staff Inset Days 3rd – Children return to school	TBC