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NEWSLETTER 13th February 2026

Please go to: www.draytonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk
Instagram

Headteacher's Note:

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

We are excited to share that we now have a school Instagram page, where we post snapshots of the wonderful learning, activities and events taking place across the school. We hope this gives families a closer look at the fantastic experiences your children enjoy each day.

A gentle reminder that if your child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be put away as soon as they arrive on the school playground in the morning. Phones should remain out of sight and switched off until children have fully left the school premises at the end of the day. Thank you for helping us maintain a calm and safe environment for all pupils.

We are also reaching out for donations of spare uniform items, particularly jumpers and girls' and boys' trousers. We are especially short of clothing in sizes 9–10 years and above. If you have any clean, good-condition items at home that your child no longer needs, we would be very grateful for your support.

Additionally, if you have any school-issued spare uniform at home, please could this be returned to us as soon as possible so that we can continue to support pupils who may need a change of clothes during the school day.

Please can we also ask for your continued consideration and support for our school staff. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team who work incredibly hard each day for the good of the school and the wellbeing of our pupils. Your kindness and understanding make a real difference.

Unfortunately, there have been a few incidents recently where staff have been affected by rumours or unhelpful comments. We kindly ask that any concerns are brought directly to us so they can be addressed appropriately. Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. It truly makes a positive difference to our school community.

A massive thank you to Master Wayne (https://sesma.co.uk/) for the very kind donation of basketballs and skipping ropes. This generosity is hugely appreciated.

We would also like to apologise to those who experienced difficulties attending parents' evening meetings. This was understandably frustrating for all concerned. I have raised the issue with School Cloud, as the service provided was less than acceptable.

There will be an opportunity in the Summer Term for you to come into school and see your children's work and classrooms. We will provide more information and confirm the date next half-term.

Have a wonderful half-term.

John Neenan
Headteacher

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DJS Notices and Updates

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP – Collective Worship Themes

Being Grateful – 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.'



Reflective Thought

"Think of one thing—just one—that you are grateful for right now. It might be a person, a moment from today, or something simple that made you smile."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSt7k_q_qRU

family voice norfolk
together improving services

Family Voice Newsletter January 2026

YEAR 3 - As part of our 'Forces Around Us' topic, we visited a local play park to explore push and pull forces. We investigated how different play equipment moves by pushing, pulling, lifting, and sliding. We made observations to help us understand how forces can make objects start moving, stop, or change direction. The exciting adventure in Drayton supported our science learning through hands-on, real-life experiences.

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Can your child ride a bike? - With summer approaching teaching your child to ride their bike will be a priority this year for many parents. If you need a bit of expert help with this, there is an excellent local company that offers this service.

The link below leads to their website, which will allow you to book your child into workshops: **https://www.littleriders.co.uk/learntoride/**

FOOTBALL/CROSS COUNTRY - Well done to the Girls football team who won 3 – 0 against Falcon, great performances for the boys too and well done to everyone who braved a very wet/muddy cross-country event! Please note the change of location for the cross-country on the 6th March.



COMMUNITY - 5:17 Coffee House would like to support the parents of the school by offering an exclusive 10% discount on items in our Coffee House during set hours. The offer is available in the morning from 8:00am - 9:30am and in the afternoon from 3:00 - 5:00pm. Use code - DraytonJunior517-10



PARKING – Please can I ask everyone to park respectfully by not blocking driveways, keeping footpaths clear for pedestrians, and ensuring crossing points remain safe—especially for our children.

AFTER SCHOOL - Please ensure that children of DJS and their younger siblings do not play on the tyres and play equipment at the end of the school day. As school staff are unable to supervise this, we want to avoid any risk of injury.

BEHAVIOUR – As a school we have high expectations for school behaviour, we want to work with our families to support children's behaviour but this must be a collaborative effort. Please see our policy for how we manage behaviour at DJS- Behaviour-Policy-2025-to-26.pdf

CURRICULUM – Don't forget to keep up-to-date with what your children are learning, see our website for the latest Curriculum Maps.

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SCHOOL DINNERS - please continue to book school lunches via the School Money System.

BREAKTIME SNACK – please provide your child with a healthy snack for morning break at 11.15 am.

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, Mrs Lane can also be found on the playground in the morning from 8.35 am.

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 last school year was **95.47%.** 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.

Gates are open from **8.30 am** and a member of staff will be on the playgrounds at **8.35 am.** Please ensure your child is at school for **8.45 am** to start their learning, this is when the gates will close.

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: School_Attendance_Policy_2025-26.pdf

Please see the Norfolk County Council 2025/26 School Calendar for further details.

February	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
16th – 20th	Half-term	
23rd – 27th	23rd- 26th Year 5 Bikeability (further details to follow nearer the time)	Generous and Considerate -1 Timothy 6:18
March	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
2nd – 6th	6th – Cross Country Horsford 2nd – 5th Year 5 Bikeability continues	Reap what you sow - Parable of the sower – Luke 8:1-15
8th-13th	13th – Mothers/Special person day shop	10th Collective Worship – Rev Marc Celebrating Women - 1 Timothy 5:2
16th – 20th	16th – 18th Year 4 Residential group 1 18th – 20th Year 4 Residential group 2	St Patrick's Day Global Recycling Day - Numbers 35:33-34
23rd – 27th	25th - SEND Parents Meeting with Mrs Lamb 26th – Parent/Carer drop in – come and see your children's work 27th – Last day of term	Easter Story – How do different Christian denominations Celebrate Easter?
April	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
13th – 17th	14th – Return to School	

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May	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
4th-8th	4th – May Bank Holiday School closed 8th – School Disco – Years 3/4 5-6pm, Years 5/6 6.15-7.30	
11th-15th	11-14th SATS week Year 6 15th Year 4 Roman soldier visit	
25th – 29th	Half-term	
June	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
1st-5th	1st – Return to school	
8th-12th	8th-10th Year 6 Eaton Vale trip	
15th-19th	19th - Father's/Special person day shop	
22nd-26th	22nd City Sports field events 23rd – City Sports track events 25th – City Sports field events	
July	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
6th – 10th	8th- 9th Transition Days	
13th – 17th	17th – Last day of the Year!	