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NEWSLETTER 8th May 2026

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Headteacher's Note:

We have had a wonderful few weeks of learning, enrichment and achievement across the school.

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their *Roman Day*, which brought their history learning vividly to life. The visit from a Roman soldier was a real highlight, captivating the children with stories, artefacts and insights into Roman life. The children showed great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day and were a real credit to the school.



Year 3 had a fantastic time on their walk to the bridge over the River Wensum, where they carried out Geography fieldwork. The children explored their local environment with excitement and focus, developing their geographical skills first-hand. This experience also supported our *spiritual development*, as pupils reflected on the awe and wonder of the world around them.



We would also like to say a huge well done to the Year 5 boys' football team, who achieved an excellent result by winning 5–2 in the final at the NEST. The team demonstrated great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship – we are very proud of them. A massive thank you to Mr Lambourne and Mr Arden for the time and effort they put into supporting and coaching the boys.

We have also been delighted to welcome a number of work experience students into school. They have quickly become part of the team, offering valuable support to teachers and working positively with the children. Their enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to help have made a real difference, and we are grateful for the contribution they have made to our school community.

Finally, we wish all of our **Year 6 pupils** the very best of luck next week as they take their SATs assessments. Please remind your children that all anyone can ever ask is that they do their best – and that is enough. No one expects more. A test does not make you the person you are, nor does it define who you will become in the future.

The true measure of a person is found in their **CARE for others** – their kindness, generosity, resilience and the love they show to those around them. We believe in every one of our Year 6 pupils and know that, whatever the results, they will go on to be successful. Be proud of yourselves and simply do your best.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

John Neenan
Headteacher

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DJS Notices and Updates

THE MUSTARD SEED

Over the next week the children will be bringing home a small pack of mustard seeds, these have been kindly prepared and donated by a member of St Margaret's Church. A small reminder that the smallest of things can grow to become truly amazing.

"God's kingdom is like a mustard seed that a man plants in his field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds. But when it grows, it is the largest of all garden plants. It becomes a tree big enough for the birds to come and make nests in its branches." – Matthew 13:31-32



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP – Collective Worship Themes

1 Corinthians 13

13 I may speak in different languages, whether human or even of angels. But if I don't have love, I am only a noisy bell or a ringing cymbal. 2 I may have the gift of prophecy, I may understand all secrets and know everything there is to know, and I may have faith so great that I can move mountains. But even with all this, if I don't have love, I am nothing. 3 I may give away everything I have to help others, and I may even give my body as an offering. But I gain nothing by doing all this if I don't have love.

Reflective Thoughts

love



Practical Expressions of Love

Love is shown through daily actions like including others, forgiving mistakes, and speaking kindly.



Linking Values to Behaviour

Christian values of love reinforce positive behaviour and school expectations of kindness and respect.



Building a Supportive Community

Love strengthens relationships, making the school a safe, valued, and inclusive environment for all.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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INVACUATION & LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES

We would also like to inform parents that the school is currently developing and reviewing its policies and strategies in line with the new Martyn's Law requirements, with a particular focus on invacuation and lockdown procedures. This work is part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and ensuring the safety of all pupils, staff and visitors. Our approach places a strong emphasis on preparedness, clear communication and calm, age-appropriate practice, ensuring that any procedures are carried out sensitively and proportionately. Further information will be shared with families as this work is completed.

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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 last school year was **95.45%.** 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

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.

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.

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

May	Activity	Collective Worship Theme
11th-15th	11-14th SATS week Year 6	Our Sun – God's Creation (Sun Safety)

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18th – 22nd	22nd – Year 6 After School Cinema – Raising Funds for The Dog's Trust – Pupil Organised – Payable on School Money	Charity - 1 John 3:17-18
25th – 29th	Half-term	
June	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
1st-5th	1st – Return to school 4th June – Year 3 Trip to Banham Zoo	What is 'The Holy Trinity'?
8th-12th	8th-10th Year 6 Eaton Vale trip	The right skills at the right time - Zechariah 4:10
15th-19th	17th – Year 3 & 4 Sports Day – 11 am 18th – Year 5 & 6 Sports Day – 11 am 17th - Year 6 trip to Gressenhall – **info to follow soon!** 19th - Father's/Special person day shop	
22nd-26th	22nd City Sports field events 23rd – City Sports track events 25th – City Sports field events	TBC
July	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
6th – 10th	3rd July - Year 5 trip to Pleasurewood Hills – **info to follow soon!** 8th- 9th Transition Days	TBC
13th – 17th	17th – Last day of the Year!	TBC
September	**Activity**	**Collective Worship Theme**
1st – 4th	1st & 2nd - Inset Days for Staff 3rd – Children return to School	New Beginnings