



Drayton Green Primary School

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Whole school attendance this week = 95.5% That is great!

Well done to **SRP D** who had **100%** attendance this week. Fantastic!

Year 2 and **5D** were very close behind with **99%** attendance this week. Well done everyone!

Attendance this week has improved across the school. Well done for getting into school every day. A huge well done to SRP D for their perfect attendance this week. We wonder who else can manage to do this next week? Please make sure that you are arriving on time for school every day as some children are missing out on a lot of learning time by arriving late.

Our new round of clubs began this week. The children have enjoyed their first session and the staff leading the clubs have commented on the wonderful polite behaviour of the children. Well done to Miss Chafi's Sports Club who had everyone attend this week. If your child no longer wishes to attend their chosen club, please let the office know so that the place can be given to someone on the waiting list.

The new Head of School has been appointed. Please see the letter attached below which was also sent out to parents and carers via email this week.

Please could parents and carers ensure that children are looking after their phonics books and remembering to return them to their phonics teachers each week. Phonics books are changed on Fridays so please make sure that they are returned so that the children can swap for their new book of the week.

We have noticed that a lot of children have been bringing in toys from home and this has led to some issues with them being misplaced. We ask that children do not bring in any toys from home.

Dates for your diaries

We have lots of exciting events and important dates coming up in the next few weeks. Please keep these dates in your diaries so you don't miss a meeting, workshop or dress up day!

Thursday 16th April (and every Thursday for 6 weeks) – Brain Buddies session for Year 5 with the MHST

Monday 4th May – Bank holiday – school closed to all children

Monday 11th – Friday 15th May – Official SATS assessment week for Year 6 children

Tuesday 19th May – School photographs being taken

Wednesday 20th May – meet the new Headteacher in the gym 9:00am

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May – Half term holiday – school closed to all children

Monday 1st June – children return to school.

Certificate winners

Each half term we will be focusing on one of our school values and awarding certificates at the celebration assembly.

The value of this half term is **respect**.

Well done to the children who received a **person of the week** certificate, for their excellent behaviour or attitudes throughout the week!

We also have a certificate for **presentation**, which will be awarded to the child in each class who has worked to improve their presentation or who consistently presents their work neatly.

Well done to the children who received a certificate this week for their fantastic effort and achievements!

	Respect	Person of the week	Presentation
Reception	Abood	Adam	Khoshi
Year 1	Cairo	Saida	Safiya
Year 2	Nadine	Adam	Jannat
Year 3	Adi Sangeet	Daniela	Mohamed
Year 4	Dana	Emma P	Nada
Year 5	Sulayman	Abdul-Latif	Riyan
		Maddie	Fatma
Year 6	Malak	Salim	Joshua

Toys and fidgets

We have asked that children do not bring in any toys or fidgets from home as they are often being misplaced. In certain circumstances, children may have been given permission to bring in a comfort toy to support them in class but this has been agreed by the teacher and their adult at home and must not be a distraction to their learning. Some children have been bringing in small toys or fidgets that have been lost or swapped with other children and this is causing children to become upset on the playground.

If your child has come home with a toy which does not belong to them, please return it as soon as possible so that we can give it back to the owner.

If the children need a fidget item to help them to concentrate or regulate their emotions in class, the school will provide something suitable for them to use. Often fidget toys, that the children bring in, are noisy or cause a distraction to the other children which is not the intended purpose of using a fidget item.

We would like to thank you for your support with this.

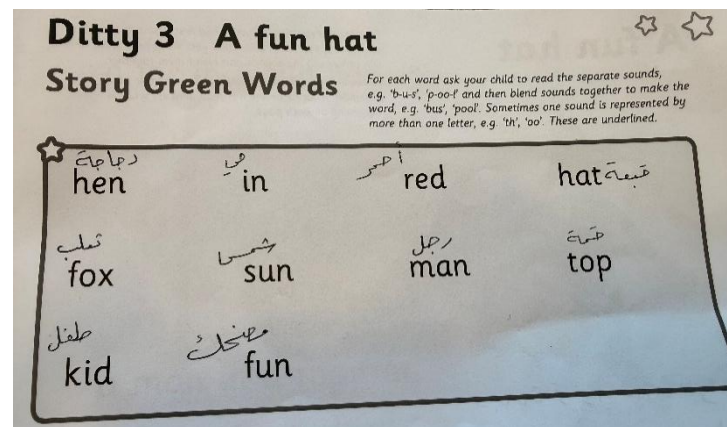
Phonics reading books



We are so lucky to have a wide range of new Read, Write Inc. books but some are missing and we need your help to bring them back!

We understand that books can get misplaced or left at home so please could you check to see whether any books have been left there. We need the books to be returned so that other groups can use them for their learning. It does not matter if you have had the book at home for a long time, we would love to have them all returned.

We have also noticed that some books are being returned to school with handwriting in them. Please do not allow your children to draw in the reading books and please do not write in the books yourselves. We want to teach the children to respect the items from their school and we do not want to teach them to write in books which they have borrowed. Some parents are writing translations in the books and we ask that you do not so this as it confuses children.

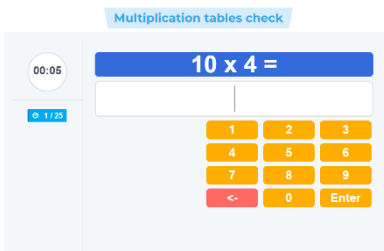


Unfortunately every book which has been drawn on or lost needs to be replaced and this costs the school money which could be used elsewhere. Thank you for helping us to keep our books in the best condition possible.

Year 4 Multiplication Check

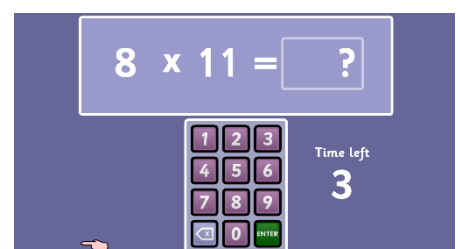
Year 4 children across England will be completing the Multiplication Check in June. They will be tested on a range of multiplication facts. The test is timed so it is important that they develop their fluency by doing regular practice.

If your child is in Year 4 (or in another year and wants to improve their multiplication skills) please have a look at the websites below to help them to practice. Children also have logins for [TTRS](https://www.ttrs.co.uk) to help them build up their times tables speed.



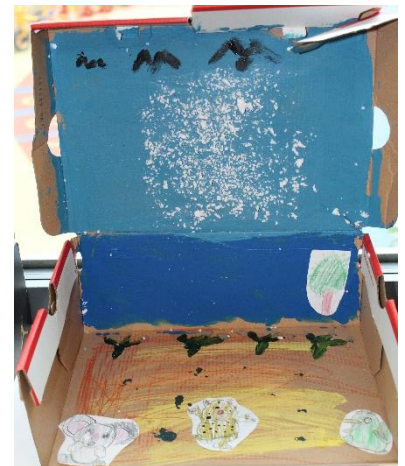
[Multiplication Tables Check - 2026 - Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)

[Multiplication Tables Check \(MTC\)](https://www.ttrs.co.uk)



Year 5 Projects

We have had some amazing projects brought in by the very talented Year 5 children. They are learning about Australia and have made projects during the holiday that show what animals and wildlife are native to Australia. Have a look at some of the brilliant creations!



Our week at Drayton Green

This is what we have been learning about this week in each year group.

Please use this to speak to your children about what they have been learning and to support them to remember what they have covered each week.

We will also share information and photos on Class Dojo of lovely pieces of work and event or activity days as they happen.

Nursery

This week in nursey we have been practising our phonic sounds a for apple and b for boot. We have also been doing a lot of learning about farm animals. We have been naming animals such as pigs, cows and horses and learning about where they sleep e.g. in a barn, field etc. We have spent a lot of this week playing outside and enjoying the sunshine and getting messy with our hands playing with coloured foam and water.

Reception

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning -To order numbers 1 to 20 and used a ten frame to add an amount.

English

In English, this week, we have been learning-. To hold and write facts about castles using capital letters and full stops.

Understanding of the World:

In Understanding of the World, this week, we have been learning about King Charles 3rd.

Year 1

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been practicing doubles.

English

In English, this week, we have been reading 'Too Much Talk' and practising orally retelling the story.

Other Subjects:

Geography

This week, we have been learning about oceans.

Science

This week, we have been learning about the different parts of a plant.

Year 2

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to measure different temperatures. Maybe you could check the forecast for the weekend!

English

In English, this week, we have been learning our new text secret sky garden. We made our own secret sky garden in our classroom!



We also learned about precise verbs and expanded noun phrases.

Other Subjects:

Geography

This week, we have been learning about Scandinavia and how the people who live there have adapted to the climate.

DT

This week, we have been learning about moving pictures and the different mechanisms needed to make them move. We have designed our pictures, ready to be made next week!

Year 3

Maths

In maths, this week, we learning about non-unit fractions

English

In English, this week, we have been focusing on main clauses and writing sentences.

Other Subjects:

Science

This week, we have been learning about the features of plants

Year 4

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning about tenths and hundredths and how to divide a whole number to get tenths and hundredths.

English

In English, this week, we have been learning to write a character description of The Happy Prince or The Sallow from the story.

Other Subjects:

History

This week, we have been learning about The Stuarts time period. We have looked at the rise and fall of Oliver Cromwell. We have also learnt about the rise of King Charles 2nd

RE

This week we have been learning that Hindus represent their beliefs in many different symbols of Gods.

Year 5

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to add and subtract decimals.

English

In English, this week, we have been learning to write and sequence narratives.

Other Subjects:

History

This week, we have been learning about the Industrial Revolution.

Art

This week, we have been learning about New Zealand.

Anything Special:

We have had a lovely week working alongside Brain Buddies, where we learnt different techniques to control our emotions.

Year 6

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been finding missing angles in triangles and quadrilaterals.

English

In English, this week, we have been looking at the features of a formal persuasive letter linked to our new book Kensuke's Kingdom.

Other Subjects:

History

This week, we have been learning about the tensions in the Cold War.

RE

This week, we looked at religious stories and how they can teach us about sin and consequences.

SRP

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning the difference between equal and unequal groups. We have enjoyed using playdough to share out equal and unequal groups.

English

In English, this week, we have been reading 'The girl who made a million mistakes.' This has been a wonderful book for resilience. We have spoken a lot about how it is ok to find things difficult. If we practice, we will find it easier and then feel proud of ourselves. We have continued to use colourful semantics to help us with our sentence structure.

Other Subjects:

Knowledge and understanding of the world

We reviewed how to cross the road. I was very impressed at how many children could identify which is a safe/unsafe place to cross and what steps to follow.

Life skills

We have started to learn how to use buttons and zips to be more like the 'problem solving hero' in last weeks book. The boy wanted to be more independent like his new friend and then felt very proud of himself.

Art

This week, made snapping crocodiles. We used scissors, a hole punch and split pins all aimed to improve fine motor skills.

Anything Special:

After swimming, we had our 'fun Friday' as the children have named it. We enjoyed a variety of sensory play including activities aimed at improving our fine motor skills.



23th April 2026

Our New Head of School.

Dear Parents,

I am writing to share some very positive news regarding leadership at Drayton Green Primary School. Following a rigorous recruitment process, I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed a new Head of School. We received a very strong field of applicants, which reflects the growing strength and reputation of the school.

Mr Christopher Hammond

After a thorough selection process, I am pleased to announce that Mr Christopher Hammond has been appointed to the role.

Mr Hammond impressed us with his leadership experience, his clear passion for the progress and well-being of his pupils, and his thoughtful and reflective approach. He has an excellent track record of encouraging independent, creative thinkers whilst also ensuring strong academic progress and high-quality pastoral care.

Mr Hammond will begin at Drayton Green Primary School on 6th July 2026. Ahead of this, he will be holding a meeting to introduce himself to parents and carers in the school hall on Wednesday 20th May at 9.00am. Please do come along to meet him and say hello.

Mr Hammond is as pleased as we are about his appointment and has said:

“I am very excited by the opportunity to lead a school which puts children at the centre of all it does into the next phase in its development. I look forward to using my experience to take Drayton Green forward, by developing strong links with St John’s and working with Mr Stevanovic and the broader team within the Federation to ensure we achieve excellence for all together.”

With a teaching career spanning over two decades, Drayton Green will be Mr Hammond’s fifth headship.

He read History at the University of York before completing his PGCE at the University of Bristol. He has worked in both the state and independent sectors, in all-girls, all-boys and co-educational schools, and has taught children from Nursery through to A-Level.

Prior to headship, he held a range of leadership roles including Head of IT, Head of PE, Academic Leader and Deputy Head. He is also an experienced schools inspector, a governor of Wembley Multi-Academy Trust and a leadership coach.



Outside of school, Mr Hammond is a keen runner and plays hockey for Hampstead and Westminster. He lives in North London with his partner, who is an actress and teacher, and their young daughter.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mr Hammond to the school and to working together as we continue to strengthen the quality of education and opportunities for all pupils.

Please do attend the meeting to meet Mr Hammond in the school hall on **Wednesday 20th May at 9.00am**

Moving forward, there will be further opportunities for the school community to meet Mr Hammond.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Milan Stevanovic
Executive Headteacher
Excellence in Education Federation

