



Drayton Green Primary School

Newsletter 1.5.26

Whole school attendance this week = 94.4%

Well done to **5D** who had **100%** attendance this week. Amazing!

SRP D were very close behind with 98.5% attendance this week. Well done everyone!

Everyone has been enjoying the lovely weather this week! Please make sure that your child brings their water bottle to school every day so that they can stay hydrated. Well done to all of the children who have been wearing sun hats to school! Please make sure your child wears a sun hat to school on sunny days to protect them at playtimes or during outdoor learning sessions. They need to have their name written on their hats so we can return them to the correct owners if they get misplaced!

Reception had a very exciting day on Thursday as they got the chance to visit our partner school St John's to see some newly hatched chicks! They were very well behaved on the walk there and enjoyed working with the other Reception children and getting to hold the chicks.

We would just like to remind all parents and carers that we do not allow dogs on site please unless they are service dogs or you are carrying them in your arms. There are lots of people who are allergic to or scared of dogs and to keep everyone safe, please secure them outside the gates or carry them in your arms if it is a small dog.

Year 6 children will be coming home with a letter inviting them to a special SATs week breakfast club. This club will run from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May and allow the children to have a calm start to the SATs week. Year 6 children can arrive at school from 8:15am, have a special breakfast, check in with their friends and their teachers and do some fun activities before the tests start for the day. We are looking forward to seeing all of the Year 6 children there.

It is a bank holiday so the school will be closed on Monday! We hope you all enjoy the long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

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.

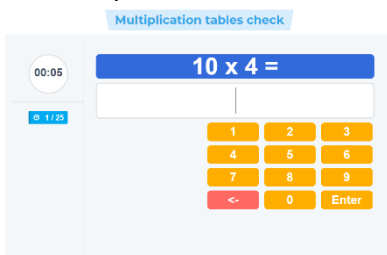
Well done to the children who received a certificate this week for their fantastic effort and achievements!

	Respect	Person of the week	Presentation
Reception	Kobe	Arlo R	Kyra
Year 1	Benjamin	Yasmina	Arya
Year 2	Elynaaz	Saif	Maryam O
Year 3	Safaah and Rahman	Haya	Rodin
Year 4	Ahmed	Aliya	Emma P
Year 5	Mao	Euan	Jayceon
	Manvika	Noor	Adnan
Year 6	Moeed	Ayyan	Kiran

Year 4 Multiplication Check

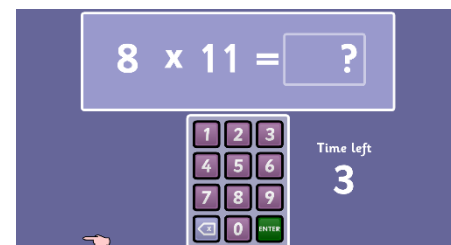
Year 4 children across England will be completing the Multiplication Check in June. They will be tested on a range of multiplication facts. The test is timed so it is important that they develop their fluency by doing regular practice.

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 to help them build up their times tables speed.



Multiplication Tables Check - 2026 - Timestables.co.uk

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)



Safety in the park

We are aware that there have been a couple of small fires in the park this week. As the weather has been so dry there is a risk of fires spreading quickly if someone doesn't put a cigarette out properly. Please speak to the children about staying away from any fires and if you are concerned, please call 999 immediately!

Please ensure you stay with your children in the park as we have been told of a few incidents of unkind behaviour that have happened after school. Please monitor what your child is doing in the park and be there to help out if they get into any difficulty with other children or get injured.

Reception meeting baby chicks

On Thursday afternoon our Reception class got the opportunity to meet some newly hatched chicks and they were very cute! Our partner school St John's had "living eggs" which were delivered to the school in an incubator and they could see the chicks hatching as part of their growing topic. They invited us to meet the chicks before they went back to the farm at the weekend and it was such a lovely experience for the children to have together!



The three chicks were very fluffy and had just started to grow feathers on their wings. The children were very gentle when they held them and the chicks were happily cheeping and enjoyed being held or stroked.



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 nursery we have been learning about the number 5! We have been learning how to spot the number 5, show the number 5 with our fingers, count to five and even trace the number 5. We have also been reading our book of the week brown bear and have been painting pictures of our own brown bears. We have also been learning about woodland animals and their habitat.

Reception

Maths

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

English

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

Understanding of the World:

In Understanding of the World, this week, we have been learning about Palaces and how it is a special building where a king or queen lives.

Children were given the opportunity to visit St John's Primary School, where they watched newly hatched chicks.

Year 1

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to split 2D shapes into halves.

English

In English, this week, we have been learning to write sentences that include capital letters and full stops.

Other Subjects:

Geography

This week, we have been learning about deserts, rainforests and grasslands.

Science

This week, we have been learning about how seeds spread. We also got to plant our own coriander seeds.

Year 2

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning about fractions. We learned about a half and starting to investigate quarters. Maybe over the long weekend you could look at baking with fractions and make a lovely treat!

English

In English, this week, we have been learning about setting descriptions and the importance of using your five senses to paint a picture of the setting.

Other Subjects:

PSHE

This week, we have been learning about the affects of being online.

Science

This week, we have been learning about different materials and their properties.

We have had a lovely week in Geography! We used the laptops and did some research on Northern Europe, ready to make our posters!

Year 3

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning about equivalent fractions on a number line.

English

In English, this week, we have been learning features of a narrative.

Other Subjects:

History

This week, we have been learning about Henry II and his son Richard I.

Geography:

This week, we have been learning about the capital cities of Western Europe

Year 4

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to recognise tenth and hundredths. We have also learnt how to add and subtract in tenths and hundredths.

English

In English, this week, we have been learning to plan and write an informal letter to our mums, based on the book *The Happy Prince*.

Other Subjects:

Geography

We have been learning about the South East of England. We have been learning how London began as a port and how it has changed over time. We have also look at Canterbury and why the cathedral is important.

Year 5

Maths

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

English

In English, this week, we have been continuing our narratives using direct speech.

Other Subjects:

Art

This week, we have been print making using potatoes.

Year 6

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to about angles inside polygons and nets for 3D shapes.

English

In English, this week, we have been continuing our formal persuasive letters using evidence to support the points which we are trying to make.

Other Subjects:

Geography

This week, we have been learning about the impact of desertification in Africa.

Art

This week, we have been learning about impressionist painters and produced our own transient art.

SRP

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning about halves and quarters. We have enjoyed using playdough to cut our creation into half or into quarters. Group two went on to learn the appropriate fractions.

English

In English, this week, we have been reading 'Godfrey is a frog.' This book is great for self-acceptance. We may all be different from each other but that is ok. We have different likes/dislikes. We shine in different subjects and that's ok. We spoke about, not all needing to be the same. We have continued to use colourful semantics to help us with our sentence structure. We also focussed on using 'finger spaces' between our words.

Other Subjects:

Life skills We have started to learn how to wash up our own plate or paint tray.

Art

This week, made a frog to match our English book. It was a step by step activity, helping them to hold information and follow instructions.

Knowledge and understanding of the world

We reviewed the life cycle of the frog. They had retained their knowledge well.

We have continued to have our 'fun Friday' as the children have named it. We enjoyed a variety of sensory play, messy play and included activities aimed at improving their fine motor skills.