



Drayton Green Primary School

Newsletter 18.9.26

Whole school attendance this week = 90.6%

Well done to **Year 3** who had **98.7%** attendance this week. Amazing!

Try to come in to school on time every day!

It has been another brilliant week at Drayton Green Primary School. It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Meet the Teacher event earlier this week.

The flyer for the workshops that the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are running is attached to this newsletter. Please sign up to a free workshop if you feel it would help your or your child. If you need any help with accessing the workshops, just speak to Miss Stack or a member of the School Office team.

Our coffee morning for the Parents and Carers of the children in the SRP was very well attended this week. Everyone had the opportunity to speak to the therapists and school staff about what will be happening in the SRP this year and to ask questions about support for their children. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and we hope you found it a useful and enjoyable morning!

Mad Science came to do an assembly for the children on Monday, which was very exciting! They are running an after school club and if any children want to join there is more information later in the newsletter.

It is that time of year again and there are lots of sickness bugs going around the school. Please remind your children to wash their hands regularly and to "catch that cough" to try to avoid more germs spreading. If your child is sick, please let the office know why they are absent from school.

Please can you make sure that all children bring a coat to school everyday. The weather at this time of year is very changeable and we try to let the children play outside if it is only light drizzle. If children do not have a coat, they will not be allowed to play outside if the weather turns.

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!

Wednesday 30th September – Monday 5th October – Book Fair after school

Thursday 1st October – Drayton Green Pyjama Party!

Monday 9th November – Friday 20th November – Year 4 swimming block sessions

Tuesday 17th November – school photographer in school for children's individual photos

Certificate winners

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

Well done to the children who received a **citizen of the week** certificate, for being a brilliant role model to others, looking after their belongings, equipment and being kind and caring towards others!

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!

	Citizen of the week	Student of the week	Presentation
Year 1	Mohamed	Kobe	Adam
Year 2	Amjad	Moiaid	Jannet
Year 3	Adam	Astou	Nasri
Year 4	Gabriella	Nagi	Daniela
Year 5	Maxim	Kiame	Emma P
Year 6	Esther	Anirudh	Subhaan
Year 6	Asmaa	Julian	Manvika
SRP	Faaiz	Filip	Filip
			Special Mention: Aleks

Meet the teacher meetings

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the meet the teacher meetings this week, we hope you found them useful!

The slideshows have been shared on the school website for if you were unable to attend or if you would like a reminder of the information that was provided.

Please make sure that you are signed up to Class Dojo and that the office have your correct email address to ensure that you receive all of the information that we send out.

Clubs

The clubs have started and the children enjoyed the first sessions this week. There are still spaces available in KS1 poetry if your child would like to join.

This half term there are also two external companies offering clubs - Mad Science Club and Music lessons. As these are run by companies they will need to be paid for. Please see the links below for more information:

[Pay and Register – Music Explorers](#)

[After School Clubs | Science for Kids | Mad Science](#)

From the Head's desk

The future is an exciting place. It is full of unknowns and the unexpected. However, as Benjamin Franklin said: *by failing to prepare you are preparing to fail*.

At Drayton Green, we are very fortunate to live in the future in a way, surrounded by children who will grow up to change the world. From Nursery to Year 6, we are always preparing children for the next step in their learning journey. Be it their first mark making, developing their skills in the classroom or practising phonics, English and Maths, it is our privilege to support all of our children in achieving their very best.

Creating opportunities for children to thrive is the heartbeat of any school. We are blessed with a talented pool of staff at Drayton Green and I hope you enjoyed meeting them at the *Meet the teacher* events this week. To support the progress of the children and ensure continuity, I am delighted to welcome Miss Koutas to the team. Miss Koutas has a broad range of experience in schools and has recently taught in a similar setting to Drayton Green; she will be teaching across the school including Year 6.

Next week, I am very pleased that our Mad Science Club (Thursday) continues, along with our new peripatetic piano and guitar lessons. If you are interested in either opportunity, please refer to the information sent home from the office or contact them for more information.

So, as we head towards the end of another busy week, the weekend and the future beckon. I hope you have a relaxing few days at home and look forward to seeing everyone next week.

Mr Hammond's Challenge

I slip this into the newsletter, to see what the response will be: any child who can come and tell me which team won last year's Champions League Final (men's or women's) will be rewarded. Best of luck.



Sendco Clinic

Miss Stack, our SENDCo, is running a SENDCo clinic every Monday if any parents or carers have any concerns you would like to discuss or share with the school.

This is a dedicated time where Miss Stack will be available, but please book a meeting in this session to avoid a long wait or not being able to be seen.

If you would like to book a slot to meet with Miss Stack, please speak with the office or email

sendco@draytongreen.ealing.sch.uk to book an appointment.

Miss Stack's

SENDCo Clinic

Achieving and Thriving: Your SEND Questions Answered



**15 MINUTE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE:
MONDAYS 9AM-10AM**

- *discuss child's needs*
- *discuss concerns*
- *support with SEND paperwork*
- *discuss strategies for support at home*

REQUEST A MEETING

senco@draytongreen.ealing.sch.uk 

Flu vaccine

The NHS will be offering the free flu vaccine to all school children again this year.

The vaccine usually offered to children is a nasal spray. The nasal flu vaccine contains a small amount of porcine gelatine but there is a porcine-free vaccine available, which is an injection.

Please see the posters below for more information.

The NHS nurses will be coming into school during the week before October half term to administer the vaccines to the children. It is very important to keep the children healthy and to help reduce the spread of Flu to other relatives and vulnerable people in the community.

You will receive a consent form to complete. Your child will not be given a vaccine without your consent so please complete the form as soon as you receive it to ensure your child and family are protected!



For more information about vaccines:
www.schoolvaccination.uk

Mad Science assembly

Mad Science came to do an assembly this week for the children. Everyone really enjoyed watching the experiments and the children were very enthusiastic about volunteering to join in.

The Mad Science club is running after school on Thursdays. If your child would like a space in the club please see the link to sign up:

[After School Clubs | Science for Kids | Mad Science](#)



Drayton Green pyjama party



On 1st October Drayton Green will be having a pyjama party! The children can come to school wearing their pyjamas (please make sure they are appropriate for the weather and a day at school). Children are welcome to bring in a soft toy too – these will remain safely in class throughout the day.

We will be doing fun activities during the day and in the afternoon the children will get to vote in their classes for which short film they would like to watch. They will also have hot (warm) chocolate and biscuits to enjoy with the film.

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.

EYFS – Nursery and Reception

Maths

Nursery children have been learning to sort objects according to colour and Reception children have been learning about the concept of matching and sorting objects into sets.

English

In English, this week, we have been reading the book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do you See?' Nursery children have been learning to recall the characters of the story and Reception children are learning to blend c-v-c words.

Understanding of the World:

We are learning about all the amazing things our body can do!

Year 1

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been using number lines and tens frames to learn how to count onwards and backwards from numbers up to 10.

English

In English, this week we have learnt how to follow instructions to make a split pin teddy, which is related to our new class book: Where's my teddy. We have then re-created the instructions by writing them as a class.

Other Subjects:

Science:

This week in science we have been learning about our five senses and where they are on our body.

Art

This week in Art we have been learning about primary colours and why they are special. We used the colours to create Mondrian paintings.

Year 2

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to partition numbers in different ways. We have also started to label number lines in intervals of 10.

English

In English, this week, we have been learning about co-ordinating and sub-ordinating conjunctions. We have been using our knowledge of these concepts to do activities relating to Lubna and the Pebble.

Other Subjects:

Geography

This week, we have been learning about maps, globes, directions and the compass.

Year 3

Maths

In Maths, we are continuing to develop our understanding of place value. This week, we have been learning to find **one more and one less, 10 more and 10 less, and 100 more and 100 less** than a given number. We have also been exploring different ways to partition numbers, helping us to understand the value of each digit.

English

In English, we have been learning about setting descriptions, focusing on describing where and when a story takes place. We have been using adjectives and expanded noun phrases to add detail and bring our settings to life. The children have been expanding their vocabulary and using creative language to make their setting descriptions detailed, engaging and full of imagination.

Other Subjects:

History

In History, we are learning all about the Stone Age and exploring its three main periods: the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. We have been learning about how people lived during each period and exploring the changes that took place over time, including how they lived and survived.

Year 4

Maths

In maths, this week we continue to build ur knowledge of place value by finding 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more or less

English

In English, this week, we have been learning about expanded noun phrases and how to use effective nouns in our writing

Year 5

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to partition numbers, label number lines and compare and order numbers to 1,000,000.

English

In English, this week, we have been learning to use co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions to extend our ideas. We also planned our narrative retelling of the text Tuesday.

Other Subjects:

History

This week, we have been learning about the creation of Baghdad and the reasons it was built in its location.

Art

This week, we have been learning about the Rococo style and sketching items made in this style.

Year 6

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been revisiting formal written methods for addition and subtraction

English

In English, this week, we have been completing our narratives with dialogue and multi-clauses

Other Subjects:

Art

This week, we have been learning about Da Vinci and his incredible renaissance sketches

History

This week, we have been learning about the events which lead up to WWI

SRP

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to identify odd and even numbers. We have also been learning to find the missing number in additional equations.

English

In English, this week, we have been reading, Rhino makes a new friend. We identified Rhinos emotions. We discussed what were good ideas and what were bad ideas when making new friends, following what Rhino did throughout the story. We have used colourful semantics to structure our sentences.

Other Subjects:

Topic

This term, we are learning, all about me. We have learnt about germs and how to prevent ourselves from getting sick. We used a water spray bottle to imitate sneezing and the children had fun catching the germs in their tissues, then throwing it in the bin and washing their hands.

PSHE

We have started to look at 'PANTS' by NSPCC. We watched the PANTS story, pausing it to confirm understanding. We also listened to the song (both can be found on youtube) We then coloured a pair of pants for our display in the SRP.

Back to School

Returning to school after the summer break can bring a mixture of emotions for children and young people.

As they adapt to new routines, friendships, and expectations, parents and carers may notice changes in mood, confidence, or behaviour.

To help families support this transition, we are pleased to be offering a Back to School Workshop early in the term for primary-aged children, alongside a variety of workshops throughout the year designed to support young people and their families at different stages of development.

Children are more likely to feel ready to learn when they understand routines and expectations, while also feeling safe and connected. Here are some top tips to help lay these foundations for the term ahead:

- 1. Continue engaging in meaningful and enjoyable activities** both within and outside of school. These experiences can foster connection, a sense of belonging and mastery.
- 2. Establish consistent routines.** Predictable routines can help create clear expectations, reduce feelings of overwhelm and make it easier to adjust to increasing academic demands.
- 3. Prioritise a calming evening wind-down and regular sleep routine.** Did you know that adolescents typically need around 8-10 hours of sleep each night to support their rapidly developing brains?
- 4. Make time to connect with family, friends and other important people.** Positive relationships provide emotional support and help children and young people feel secure as they navigate the new school year.

Upcoming Online Workshops

Workshop	Date and Time
Back to School for Primary Children	Friday 18th September 12:00 -13:15
Supporting Your Young Person with Emetophobia	Tuesday 6 th October 12:00-13:15
Supporting Anxiety in Adolescents	Friday 16 th October 12:00-13:30
Supporting Positive Behaviour	Tuesday 20 th October 12:00-13:30
Autism and Children	Monday 9 th November 12:00-13:30
Understanding SEND	Wednesday 11 th November 12:00-13:30
Understanding & Supporting Toileting Difficulties in Children	Wednesday 18 th November 10:30-12:00
Social Media and Self-Esteem in Young People	Wednesday 25 th November 12:00-13:30
Autism and Adolescents	Wednesday 16 th December 12:00- 13:30



Scan the QR Code to sign up to a workshop!

Little Noses, Big Protection!

FREE Flu Vaccination at School

*Vaccinated at school, protected for winter - an easy and convenient way for your child to receive their **free flu vaccine** during the school day.*



This autumn, your child will be offered a **FREE NHS flu vaccination at school**.

The flu vaccine helps protect your child from getting seriously unwell and helps stop flu spreading to family and friends.

- ✓ FREE at school
- ✓ All eligible year groups invited
- ✓ Parents/carers will receive an email asking for consent

Most children receive a **quick nasal spray vaccine**.

A **gelatine-free injectable vaccine** is also available for children who cannot have the nasal spray or where parents choose this option.

Please complete your consent form as soon as you receive it.



For more information about vaccines:
www.schoolvaccination.uk

A porcine-free flu vaccine is available

Protect your child from flu this winter

Your child will be offered a **free** NHS flu vaccination as part of the school-aged vaccination programme.

The vaccine usually offered to children is a nasal spray. The nasal flu vaccine contains a small amount of porcine gelatine.



You do not have to choose the nasal spray - a porcine-free alternative is available.



PREFER A VACCINE WITHOUT PORCINE GELATINE?

A **porcine-free** injectable flu vaccine is also available.

If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine containing porcine gelatine for religious, cultural or personal reasons, you can request the injectable flu vaccine instead.



TWO VACCINE OPTIONS

NASAL SPRAY



- ✓ Given as a quick spray into each nostril
- ✓ The preferred vaccine for most children
- ✓ Contains a small amount of porcine gelatine
- ✓ No needle is needed

INJECTABLE VACCINE



- ✓ Given as an injection, usually in the upper arm
- ✓ Does not contain porcine gelatine
- ✓ Available for children who cannot have, or whose parents prefer not to have, the nasal spray

WHY VACCINATE AGAINST FLU?

Flu can make children very unwell and can spread easily at school and at home.



Protect them from flu and its complications



Reduce the chance of flu spreading to family and friends



Protect people who may be more vulnerable to becoming seriously ill

HOW DO I CHOOSE THE PORCINE-FREE VACCINE?



When you receive your child's flu vaccination consent form, complete it as instructed and select the injectable flu vaccine if you would prefer the porcine-free option.



If you have questions or need help completing your child's consent, please contact the Vaccination UK team.





Term Dates – 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Inset Day - No school for children

First day of school year for children

Last day of half term

Half term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Thursday 3rd December 2026

Friday 4th December 2026

Friday 18th December 2026

Children return to school

Inset day - No school for children

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Last day of term (2:00pm finish)

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January 2027

Tuesday 5th January 2027

Friday 12th February 2027

Inset day - No school for children

First day of term for children

Last day of half term

Half term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19th February 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027

Thursday 25th March 2027

Children return to school

Last day of term (2:00pm finish)

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Monday 3rd May 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

First day of term for children

May Bank Holiday - No school for children

Last day of half term

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Thursday 15th July 2027

Friday 16th July 2027

Children return to school

Last day of school year for children (2:00pm finish)

Inset day - No school for children

