



Drayton Green Primary School

Newsletter 16.10.26

Whole school attendance this week = **94.8%** Our attendance is going up, well done!

Well done to **Year 5** who had **99%** attendance this week. Fantastic!

As you will be aware, Ofsted did an inspection of Drayton Green this week. We will not find out the result and final grading of the inspection for a few weeks but the whole experience was very positive and the staff and children really showed off the best of Drayton Green. We were all so proud of the children's excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for learning! Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey online or shared their views with the inspectors before and after school - it helped Ofsted to get a good understanding of how well the school is running and how happy the children are by asking parents/carers, children and staff to get everyone's views. We are looking forward to sharing the results with you when we receive them.

There was a tour for prospective Reception parents and children this week. We were delighted to show them around our stunning Early Years setting and how this wonderful learning progresses throughout the school. Please see dates later in the newsletter for upcoming Reception Open Days. If you know any families who have children that will start Nursery or Reception in September 2027, please refer them to our school website for further details about our Early Years setting.

We celebrated DLD awareness day by wearing purple or yellow to help raise awareness for Developmental Language Disorder.

As the weather is turning for the autumn, please make sure your child is wearing a coat every day to school. We like to allow the children to have a run around at breaktimes if it is very light rain but they cannot go outside if they do not have a coat. Please also make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather and have a warm coat, jumper and a hat and gloves when it gets colder.

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 21st October – flu vaccination team in school

Half term holiday – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

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

Friday 13th November – Children in Need dress up day (wear spots or yellow)

Monday 16th November – Year 5 and 6 Cyber Choices talk from the Police

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

Monday 23rd November – Royal Institute Science workshops for KS1 and KS2

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	Thomas	Hanen	Annylah-Renee
Year 2	Ahmed	Saleh	Saida
Year 3	Nadine	Zayaan	Sana
Year 4	Ikram	Amara	Seba
Year 5	Yusuf	Alice	Emma F
Year 6	Musa	Mahmoud	Abdul-Latif
Year 6	Adnan	Neziah	Sulayman
SRP	Ameerah	Lewis	Faaiz

PGL residential trip

Year 6 children are able to go on a residential trip in the summer term each year. We go to a PGL centre and the children stay there for 2 nights. The trip is packed with outdoor adventures including a giant swing, archery, raft building, silent disco and much more!

If your child is in Year 6 and would like to go on the trip in June 2027, please speak to Mrs Howard for more information.

Please pay your deposit using ParentPay.

If you were unable to attend the meeting this week, you can still pay your deposit on ParentPay. The presentation from the meeting will be available on the school website.



From the Head's desk

Dear families,

I sit down to write this week's Head's Desk at the end of particularly exciting and important week for our school. Having Ofsted with us has certainly made for a busy few days, but it reminded me of just how much there is to be proud of at Drayton Green. Watching our children learning and play, seeing our staff work so hard and hearing the positive comments from parents about our school – it has been a real reminder of what we can achieve when we all pull together.

Our children were absolutely *superb* throughout the inspection. They approached the week with enthusiasm, showing the excellent behaviour, positive attitudes to learning and kindness towards one another that we see every day. They have been a real credit to themselves, their families and our school, and I hope they feel as proud of themselves as I do.

The staff have been equally fantastic. A lot of hard work goes into teaching and organising children even during an ordinary week, with an inspection creating additional demands. Colleagues have worked tirelessly, supported one another and continued to put children first. I have been so impressed by their professionalism, teamwork and commitment, and I want to thank every member of staff for everything they have done.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our parents and carers: to those of you who took the time to speak to inspectors and share such positive experiences of Drayton Green, and to everyone who completed the online survey. Your support means a great deal to us and we appreciate families taking such an active interest in our school and helping inspectors understand what makes our community special.

The close partnership between home and school makes such a difference to children's lives. Whether it is encouraging reading at home, arriving at school on time, celebrating achievements, reinforcing good behaviour or simply taking the time to share a concern with us; all these things help pupils succeed.

Although this week's inspection was important for Drayton Green, our work continues long after the Ofsted team have left. What matters most is what happens in our classrooms, on the playground and in our relationships with families every single day. We will continue to celebrate our strengths, learn from experience and work together to make our school even better.

All the best for a relaxing weekend,

Mr Hammond



Federation archery

Last Friday, some of our pupils from KS1 and KS2 went to St John's to take part in an archery event. They learnt a new skill and did incredibly well. Some children came back to school with medals and all of the children were awarded a certificate for their amazing efforts.



A huge thank you to Miss Anderson at St John's for organising and inviting us to the wonderful event. We have lots more Federation sporting events planned across the year to look forward to.

KS2 London Rocks - 2026



✖ PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!

30MIN TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON! ➕

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST
NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER STUDENT!



KS2, get your times tables hats on as we are participating in London Rocks in November.

Children from around the country will be answering multiplication questions to earn points for their schools!

It's time to get practising! Log into TTRS and use the Jamming and Garage options to practise your times tables.

We wonder how many other schools we can beat on the leaderboard this year!

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) day

Today we celebrated DLD Day at Drayton Green. The children were invited to dress in purple or yellow to raise awareness for the disorder and to show that we are all equal and all deserve the same respect.

The children took part in fun “No Pens” activities to help them to think about how important communication is.

Raising awareness for DLD helps us to be kind and patient with others and also helps us to celebrate the fact that every individual communicates in their own unique and valuable way.

Thank you all for your support this DLD Day!



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

In maths, this week, Nursery children have been learning number songs Reception children have been learning to compare weight, height, and size.

English

In English, we continue to explore our book 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?' Reception children have been learning to write with the sentence starter "I can" and Nursery children have been building their vocabulary by matching animal names to their pictures.

Understanding of the World:

Nursery children have been introduced to people who help us and Reception children continues to learn about their school and their journey to school.

Year 1

Maths

This week in maths, we have been learning about the different number bonds up to 10. We have used our part-whole models and cubes in each lesson to help us understand what this looks like.

English

In English, this week we have been learning how to do a retell of our class text, 'Dogger'. Each lesson we have focused on a different part of the story (beginning, middle or end), using expanded noun phrases and time adverbials in our writing.

Other Subjects:

Art:

This week in art we have learnt that artists use different shades and tints to make artwork. We looked at David Hockney's 'the splash' painting as inspiration, and created our own version with different tints and shades of blue.

Year 2

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning to identify number bonds to 100 and we explored vocabulary relating to addition and subtraction.

English

In English, this week, we have been reading the story of the 3 little pigs and using adjectives to describe the Wolf.

Other Subjects:

Science

We have been exploring ways of staying healthy and we learned about 2 scientists Edward Jenner and Louis Pasteur.



Year 2 had a cheeky little visitor in their class this week. Could this be the culprit who snuck in and blew items around the classroom? We will have to wait to find out!

Year 3

Maths

In Maths this week, we have been focusing on adding 1s to cross a ten and adding 10s to cross a hundred. We used concrete resources to **exchange**. These practical activities helped us to build confidence, deepen our understanding of place value.

English

This week, we explored writing diary entries from the perspectives of different characters. We focused on **first-person pronouns**. We also experimented with **rhetorical questions** to show a character's emotions.

Other Subjects:

This week in RE, we have been learning about Abraham and how he demonstrated his dedication to his faith. We have also explored Jewish prayer practices.

Year 4

Maths

In maths, we were learning how to use formal methods to add and subtract 4-digit numbers without needing to exchange.

English

In English, this week, we have been using different features to draft our alternative ending to The Dam.

Other Subjects:

Art

We have been looking at light, tone and contrast. We use charcoal and pencil to create still life.

History

This week, we have been learning about Ancient Greece and how it was an ancient civilisation made up of city states.

Year 5

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning about multiples and finding common multiples as part of our multiplication and division unit.

English

In English, this week, we have been planning and writing persuasive letters using the features we learned about last week. This includes formal tone, adverbials to organise, emotive language, facts, rhetorical questions and first person.

Other Subjects:

History

This week, we have been learning about the Mongol attack on Baghdad and how this impacted the city.

Geography

This week, we have been learning about relief maps. We used colour shading and contour lines to compare the heights of land on maps.

Year 6

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been about the order of operation and how to use known facts to help us to check and solve problems.

English

In English, this week, we have been writing newspaper reports based on our book Skellig.

Other Subjects:

Art

We have designing and creating painted plates inspired but the great works of Da Vinci and Michelangelo

RE

This week, brought together all of our learning in RE to create a fact file of what people believe about doing good in their lifetime.

Renaissance Plates



SRP

Maths

In maths, this week, we have been learning about the parts that make up number 7. We have also continued use part whole models and tens frames. We continue to break down word problems.

English

In English, this week, we have been reading, Oliver's vegetables. We have been using our senses to explore a variety of vegetables and applying adjectives to describe them.

Phonics

We have been focussing on the sounds l and nk

Other Subjects:

Topic

This term, we are learning, all about me.

We looked at a balanced food chart. We categorised food into fruit and vegetables, carbohydrates, dairy and protein.

Life skills

We enjoyed making apple rings with toppings. The children could choose to slice the apple or use a corer which gave them segments. They were given the opportunity to taste all toppings and further explore adjectives.

Science

In science, we looked at the life cycle of a pumpkin. We enjoyed cutting the pumpkin open to find the seeds and explore the anatomy of the pumpkin

We enjoyed having a new fancy dress box in our playground, pretending to be passengers on a train, doctors, princesses and firefighters.

Drayton Green Reception Tours



Reception 2027

Open Mornings

A chance to meet the staff and see the school in action!

Tour dates:

Thursday 15th October - 9am
Friday 20th November - 9am
Wednesday 2nd December - 9am
Wednesday 6th January - 9am

Tours will last approximately one hour.
Children are welcome to attend.

To book a tour, please click on the link below :

<https://forms.gle/Chdo9FcCsJ2Yv9m56>

Unable to attend or have any questions?
Please contact our office:

✉ admin@draytongreen.ealing.sch.uk | ☎ 0203 829 8204

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



Part of the NHS School Aged Immunisation Service

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.



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WWW.SCHOOLVACCINATION.UK



Term Dates – 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Thursday 3rd September 2026
Friday 3rd 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

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

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