Drayton Green Primary School

Newsletter 13.11.26

Whole school attendance this week = 91.8**%**

Well done to **6G** and **Year 1** who both had **97%** attendance this week. Brilliant!

The weather is definitely getting colder as we move into winter. Please make sure that your child has a warm coat in school every day and if they have a scarf, gloves, hats etc, please make sure that they have their name on them so that they can be returned if misplaced.

Year 4 children have been swimming this week and will be continuing next week. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have made sure that the children bring their swimming kits in every day.

We honoured the 2 minute silence for Rememberance Day on Wednesday. The children were very respectful and we had some interesting discussions about why we mark the day and how we can learn from history to improve our futures.



Our children are kind to everyone every day but it was lovely to see them making a special effort to say kind things and help others today as we celebrated kindness day. Year 3 made a beautiful kindness tree, displaying ideas of how they are kind, which will remind us to continue the good kindness work each time we walk past their classroom. In year 6, the children wrote gratitudes to one another and created a chain of kindness from paper. Everyone had a smile on their face throughout the day and we hope that they take the positivity and kindness and spread it to others over the weekend.

The children looked great in their different colours and spots today. If you would still like to donate to Children in Need, you can use the link on Parent Pay to donate.

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!

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

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

Thursday 19th November – Federation MHST coffee morning, being held at St John's Primary school

Friday 20th November – Reception Open Morning for children starting Reception in September 2027.

Friday 20th November – wear odd socks for anti bullying week.

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

Wednesday 25th November – EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and SRP parent meetings 1:30 – 5:30pm

Thursday 26th November – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 parent meetings 1:30 – 5:30pm

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December – INSET days – school closed for children

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	Adam M	Khoshi	Ali
Year 2	Safiya	Kathleen-Marie	Dee-Jay
Year 3	Mouma	Imran	Jannat
Year 5	Kha-lil	Nada	Muna
Year 6	Jayceon	Riyan	Hawa
Year 6	Amalia	Patrick	Neziah
SRP	Khalid	Yamik	Abdallah

Clubs

The children in art club made some fantastic hedgehog pictures using leaves collected from the park and playground. They enjoyed talking about the colours and they look really effective!

Science club have been learning about electrical circuits this week and built circuits to see if they could make them work.

Poetry club wrote some fun poems about fireworks and worked together to think of different firework themed words using their 5 senses.

The children have been enjoying board games club, practising the skills of taking turns and learning the rules of new games.









From the Head's desk

Dear all,

At this time of year, as we see poppies appearing on coats and lapels and take part in the two minutes' silence, I always think about the importance of remembrance and the stories behind it. Remembrance Day gives us an opportunity to stop, reflect and remember the countless men and women who have made extraordinary sacrifices in the service of others, both in conflicts past and present.

I think it is important we help our children understand why we remember. While the events of the two World Wars may feel removed from their everyday lives, the values that sit at the heart of Remembrance are as important today as they have ever been. Courage, kindness, compassion, selflessness and a commitment to looking after one another are values that we try to nurture every day at Drayton Green. Without those who think of others, we would not have the freedoms and the diverse country we all benefit from in 2026.

In many ways, these values are reflected in the everyday life of our school. We see them when children look after one another in the playground, show kindness to a friend, stand up for someone who needs support or put the needs of others before their own. These small, everyday acts of consideration and friendship are important. They help to create the kind of community in which everyone feels safe, valued and respected. In many ways, Diwali teaches us the same message: the festival symbolises the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

Remembrance is not simply about looking back at the past; it is also about thinking carefully about the kind of future we want to create. At Drayton Green, we want our children to grow up understanding the importance of peace, respecting differences and recognising that each of us has a responsibility to make a positive difference to the lives of others.

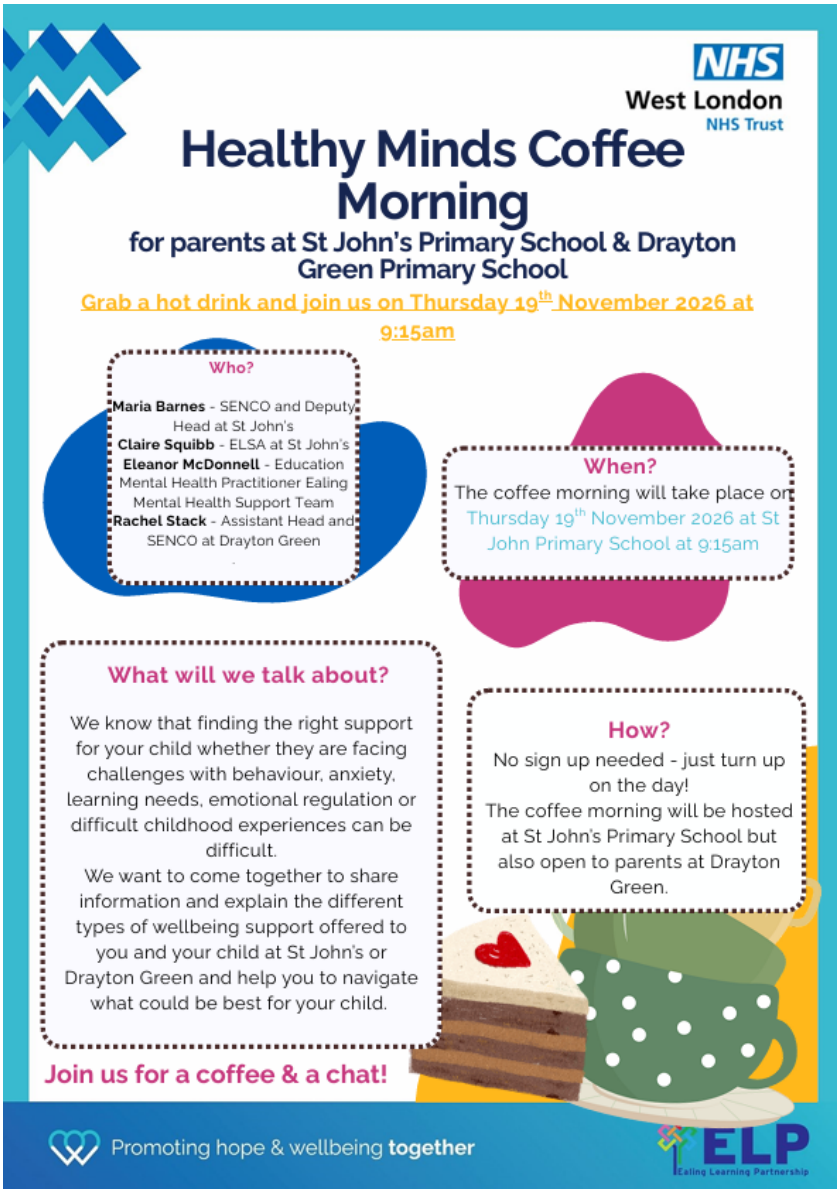
All the best for a relaxing weekend,

Mr Hammond



Events coming up next week







The school photographer will be coming in to school on **Tuesday 17th November** to take the children's individual photos.

Please make sure that your child is wearing their full uniform on Tuesday with a clean jumper and t-shirt.





We will be wearing odd socks on Friday 20th November for Anti-bullying week.



English classes for adults



We work closely with lots of agencies and groups that offer support to our children and families. The International Presbytrian Church (located next door to the school on Drayton Green) are running free Englsih classes for adults.

If you would like to attend the classes to improve your English or know of any relatives who would like to attend, please contact the church directly.



Community Fair at Drayton Manor

The Family Community Fair at Drayton Manor school is Tuesday 1 December from 5-7.30pm on their school site, it is for parents of children who attend Drayton Manor as well as families who are thinking of applying to Drayton Manor for High School in future years. There will be lots of activities to do and and local support groups running stalls, including:

- 23 community organisations attending to run information stalls (everything from Ealing services, NHS, Contact, Southall Black Sisters, QPR Football, Rolladome, HAF, etc!)
- a raffle with a range of prizes for families to win
- children's activities (lego, crafts, etc)
- a student art competition families can vote in
- interactive student-led stations and activities
- Guest speakers sessions
- complimentary refreshments
- student music performances

It's completely free to attend but families do need to confirm attendance by getting a ticket here:

https://www.ticketsource.com/drayton-manor-high-school/family-community-fair/2026-12-01/17:00/t-njvzpxv

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.

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<tr><th colspan="3">EYFS – Nursery and Reception</th></tr>
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<td><u>Maths</u>
In maths, this week, Nursery children have been learning about patterns. Reception children have been learning about finding ways to make 3.</td>
<td><u>English</u>
In English, Nursery children read the book “The Train Ride” and have been learning to discriminate beginning letter sounds (/b/, /s/, /m/ and /t/). Reception children read the book “Big Blue Train” and have been learning to write with the sentence starter “It is a…”</td>
<td><u>Understanding of the World:</u>
We are continuing to explore our topic about transport. This week, we focused on transport from the past.</td>
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<tr><th colspan="3">Year 1</th></tr>
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<td><u>Maths</u>
This week in Maths, we used our knowledge of addition and subtraction to explore fact families within 10. We then used simple stories and the language of ‘first, then, now’ to understand and solve practical subtraction problems.</td>
<td><u>English</u>
This week in English, we applied our understanding of statement sentences and adjectives to write descriptive sentences inspired by different parts of our class text, Peace at Last by Jill Murphy. We also explored direct speech and practised incorporating it into our writing.</td>
<td><u>Other Subjects:</u>
<u>History:</u>
In History, we began our new topic, Discovering History. We explored what the past means, what a historian does and what we can learn about the past through our families.
<u>Science:</u>
In Science, we explored living things and how animals can be sorted into different groups based on their features. We used scientific vocabulary to identify and sort animals into two groups: mammals and amphibians.</td>
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<td><u>Maths</u>
In maths, this week, we have been learning about 10 more and 10 less than a number using the help of our hundred squares.</td>
<td><u>English</u>
In English, this week, we have been learning to use full stops and capital letters appropriately in our writing and we also used expanded noun phrases to describe the pictures in the second part of the true story of the 3 little pigs.</td>
<td><u>Other Subjects:</u>
<u>History</u>
This week, we have been learning about the Romans. We looked at what they wore and explored key vocabulary such as Empire, Emperor, Technology and invade.</td>
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<td><u>Maths</u>
This week in maths, we have been focusing on using the formal written methods for addition and subtraction. We have also been developing our understanding of exchanging.</td>
<td><u>English</u>
This week in English, we have been writing setting descriptions. We focused on using similes, descriptive adjectives and expanded noun phrases to make our writing more interesting and help the reader imagine the setting.</td>
<td><u>Other Subjects:</u>
<u>History</u>
This week in history, we learnt that Ancient Egyptian society and how it was structured. We explored how the Pharaoh was at the top of the hierarchy. We discussed the different jobs people had and how their position in the hierarchy affected their daily lives.</td>
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<tr><td colspan="3">This week, we marked Remembrance Day by observing a two-minute silence to remember those who have served and sacrificed in wars. We also made our own poppies to wear as a symbol of remembrance and to commemorate the day.</td></tr>
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Year 4

Maths
In maths, this week, we have been learning to know how to make numbers 10 times smaller by multiplying by 10. To know how to make numbers 100 times smaller by multiplying by 100. As well was our 3 times table.

English
In English, this week, we have been learning to plan our retelling of the story The tunnel.

Other Subjects:

Swimming
This week, we have been learning to swim.

Year 5

Maths
In maths, this week, we began our fractions unit. We have been learning about recognising and finding equivalent fractions.

English
In English, this week, we have been identifying and learning about the features of a diary entry. We had a particular focus on showing character emotions through actions and relative clauses. The students each planned a diary entry from the point of a view of a character.

Other Subjects:
History
This week, we have started our new unit on the British Empire. We have been familiarising ourselves with monarchs and their contributions to the British Empire. We have also learnt about global trade during this time period.
Science
This week, we started our new unit on materials. We have been focusing on identifying the materials and properties of different objects, as well as identifying the suitability of materials.

Year 6

English
In English, this week, we have been looking at the events in Cloud Busting and planning ideas for our own narrative retelling of this bittersweet story of friendship. The children explored metaphors to use in their writing next week.

Other Subjects:
History
This week, we have begun our work on suffrage and how it impacted the women of Britian in the 1800s.
PSHE
This week, we looked at the importance of sleep and the scientific reasons why good sleep habits are important to us.

This week, the year 6 children had a go at some SATs papers to help them to understand the process of test week. The children were incredible all week and tried their best on every test paper. We will be using these papers to plan in revision and support children in Booster Sessions to ensure that the children are feelling confident for the next practice week in Spring.

SRP

In SRP this week children have been writing sentences using adjectives to describe fireworks. They made their own rockets out of shapes and recycled materials. The children enjoyed creating glittery firework paintings and have been working on handwriting and number formation using a variety of sensory materials. We have still been reading our book Whatever Next and children have enjoyed acting out the story with props. Some of our Year 4 chlidren have been going swimming in the afternoons too.

Drayton Green Reception Tours

Drayton Green Primary School

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

Term Dates – 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026	**Inset Day - No school for children**
Thursday 3rd September 2026	First day of school year for children
Friday 23rd October 2026	Last day of half term

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

Monday 2nd November 2026	Children return to school
Thursday 3rd December 2026	**Inset day - No school for children**
Friday 4th December 2026	**Inset day - No school for children**
Friday 18th December 2026	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	**Inset day - No school for children**
Tuesday 5th January 2027	First day of term for children
Friday 12th February 2027	Last day of half term

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

Monday 22nd February 2027	Children return to school
Thursday 25th March 2027	Last day of term (2:00pm finish)

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

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April 2027	First day of term for children
Monday 3rd May 2027	**May Bank Holiday - No school for children**
Friday 28th May 2027	Last day of half term

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

Monday 7th June 2027	Children return to school
Thursday 15th July 2027	Last day of school year for children (2:00pm finish)
Friday 16th July 2027	**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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