Market Drayton Infant and Nursery School's Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

The last few weeks have been a joyful and busy time in school. I recently had the pleasure of accompanying our School Council to the RAF Parade in Market Drayton. I was incredibly proud of the children, whose excellent behaviour and positive attitude were a credit to both themselves and our school. It was particularly heartening to hear members of the local community comment on how polite, respectful and delightful our children were throughout the event.





We are also delighted to see the return of Enrichment Fridays! These opportunities allow children to take part in a wide range of engaging activities linked to our enrichment themes, helping them to develop new skills, interests and experiences beyond the classroom. The excitement and enthusiasm from the children has been wonderful to see.

As we continue through the term, I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents about communicating with class teachers. Your child's class teacher knows them best and is always happy to help with any questions or concerns you may have. If you are unable to speak to a teacher at the classroom door in the morning or after school, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a convenient time for a meeting.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Working together helps us provide the very best experience for every child.

Mrs Emma Morris
Headteacher

Brilliant learning in Year 1!

Year 1 have been busy learning in lots of exciting ways this week! In maths, the children took their learning outside to explore part-part-whole models, using practical resources to investigate how a whole number can be split into different parts. They worked brilliantly together to find different possibilities and explain their thinking.

In computing, the children have been developing their digital skills by creating their very own drag-and-drop activities. They enjoyed designing their work and learning how objects can be moved and organised on the screen. What fantastic learning, Year 1!



Raising money for Lilah

We wanted to say a huge thankyou for supporting 'Lilah day' We £199 which will be donated to the family to support them through this difficult time. Thankyou!

This page of the Newsletter has been written by our children during their enrichment activities!

Enrichment Fridays at Market Drayton Infant School

Today Roving Reporters have been out taking photos of the exciting activities that children are doing for our Enrichment Fridays.

Finley saw, "Children making tower with marsh mellows and spaghetti". Lily reported that, "We saw people making pizza in the Hall and Triangle Class." Noah explained, "In Miss Chapmans class, they said hello to me using just their hands.". Caitlin said, "My favourite thing was the cooking and the marsh mellows". Roxie said, "I liked when Moon class were outside finding letters that made a sentence". Maisie said, "I liked when the children were making house with the marsh mellows and spaghetti". Isla reported, "I loved taking pictures of the children doing different things".

Our favourite things about Enrichment Friday:
Finley "When they were making pizza"
Carter "I liked when the children were drawing and cooking pizzas".
Rosie "My favourite was building with marsh mellows because I love them".
Mrs Neil loved that Roving reporters were showing really cheeky grins as they were sneaking around taking photos of what is happening!



Wonderful learning in Reception!

In Literacy this week, we have been continuing with the Gingerbread Man. We have labelled pictures of the characters and practiced our crocodile grip in handwriting. For our Maths this week, we have been exploring the number 4. Counting out objects, representing 4 in different ways, doubling and halving to 4.

In our understanding the world lesson, we have been investigating spaces and drawn a map of the classroom. For our expressive art and design lesson, we drew a picture of the Gingerbread man characters using Purple Mash on the iPads. For our personal, social and emotional development we have been looking at friendships and how to ask for support if we are upset.

In Grubbie Gruffalos, we went on a leaf hunt. We used a checklist and collected a variety of leaves. For Mondays PE we continued with our dance and in Thursdays PE we took part in bike ability.



Looking after our community in Year 2

All children in school access Picture News which allows children to explore current world topics in a child friendly way. A few weeks ago, children learnt about homelessness in their Picture News session.



After learning about homelessness and food insecurity Seamus asked what we could do to help. He and his parents asked his teachers if we could do a collection for the local food bank. Moon class came together and got all this food together.
We are incredibly proud of all the children f thinking of ways they can help others and thankyou to Seamus' parents and his teachers for organising such a wonderful donation!

NSPCC Kindness Challenge

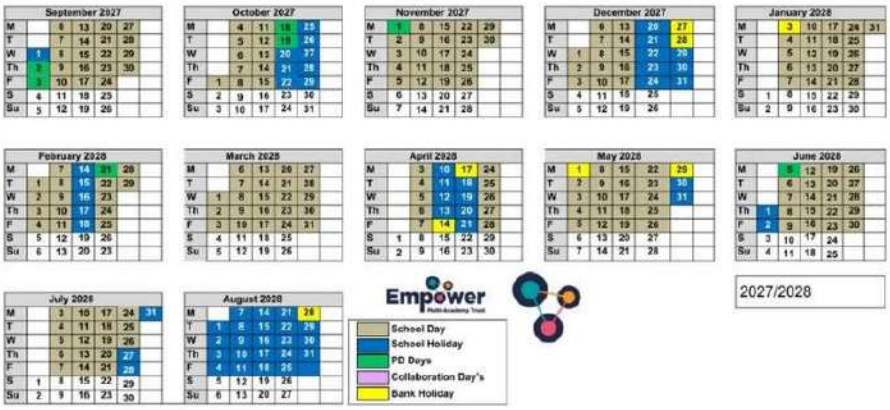
This week children have been exploring the Childline and NSPCC Kindness challenge. We have been creating kindness throughout our school thinking about the ways that we can show it to others, but also ourselves. This has helped us come together as a school community to make our environment a little kinder and raise awareness of the super work the NSPCC and Childline do for young people and children. Our children have thought of ways to spread joy, happiness and kindness across school and make each other smile this October.





2027 – 2028 Term Dates

These are available on our website



Information for Families:

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September - Staff training day (PD Days)
Monday 13th October and Tuesday 19th October - PD Days
Wednesday 20th October - start of the 2 week half term
Monday 1st November - Staff Conference (PD Day)
Monday 21st February - Staff training (PD Day)
Monday 5th June - Staff training (PD Day)



Calendar of Events

Tuesday 13th October	Year 1 Geography walk
Wednesday 14th October	Year 2 Harvest Festival
Thursday 15th October 9:30	9:30am. New 2027 Reception parents' tour
Thursday 15th October	Year 2 Geography walk
Friday 16th October	Wellbeing day – children come into school in non-uniform leisure wear (not dressing up)
19th October – 30th October Half Term	
Monday 2nd November	Photograph day
Tuesday 3rd November	Reading afternoon tea 2:00pm Year 2 parents/ carers
Wednesday 4th November	Parents evening
Friday 6th November	Wonder dome Year 1
Monday 9th November	Reading afternoon tea 2:00pm Reception parents/ carers
Thursday 12th November	New 2027 Reception open evening 3:30 – 5:30
Friday 13th November	Children In Need – children to wear anything yellow or spotty!
Wednesday 18th November	Reading afternoon tea 2:00pm Year 1 parents/ carers
Thursday 19th November	1:45 New 2027 Reception Parents tour
Friday 27th November	2pm Nursery stay and play for new parents
Wednesday 2nd December	Root Foods Year 1 trip
Thursday 3rd December	2pm SEND Cuppa
Wednesday 9th December	Nursery Christmas sing along – 10:30
Thursday 10th December	Year 1 Christmas play morning performance 9:30am. Afternoon performance 2:15pm
Monday 14th December	Reception Christmas play 2:15pm
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 17th December	Reception Christmas play 9:30am
Friday 18th December	Wellbeing day – children come into school in non-uniform leisure wear (not dressing up)