



November 2025 Newsletter

Dringhouses out of School Club



Outdoor Play

We try to keep our sessions as free flow as possible, children will be playing outside and inside as they choose. We do ask them to wear coats / waterproofs as appropriate so please do ensure they have suitable outdoor clothing with them—thank you.

Christmas and New Year

Not so far off now! Thank you to all that completed our recent survey, it has helped us plan our time efficiently. The key dates are:-

22 December 25 We are open for decorations, Christmas quizzes & games.

23 December 25 We are open because, It's Party Time!

24/12 to 02/01 We are **closed**

05 January 26 We will be open, our theme will be recycling and reusing

06 January 26 School Term starts



We plan to run a collection for a local food bank. If you would like to nominate one please drop us a line—thank you.

Important Dates:

19/12 School closes for Christmas.

22/12 We are open

23/12 We are open

24/12 to 02/01 inclusive
We are closed

Non-attendance

If you know your child isn't going to attend a pre-booked session you must inform us, as well as the school if they're missing a school day.

September 2026 starters

Even though we no longer have waiting lists, we do need to plan for the next school year...if you have a sibling starting at Dringhouses Primary School in 2026 please do send us an email with details.

Lost Property

We regularly have items left, tops, coats and water bottles etc that have no names. We try and reunite them with their owner, but it's not always possible. If you are missing something please ask a member of the team, we'll try and help.

Late Collections

If you think you are going to be collecting after 6pm please do let us know, when safe to do so. We will arrange for at least two staff to be with your child. It is important you let us know so we can ensure we have a suitable number of staff remaining to keep your child safe. Please note that we do have a late collection fee of £10 for each 15 minutes.



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Safeguarding Focus : Online

As children may get new devices soon it's vital they, and you, know how to keep themselves safe online.

The NSPCC have a quiz at [Online safety quiz | NSPCC](#) that is well worth doing as a family. They also have a range of Christmas cards, decorations and advent calendars that will support the vital work they do. Their website has wealth of information to help parents support children at different ages with their use of technology, including a tool to help answer the question—is my child ready for their first mobile phone?

NSPCC



[Internet Matters](#) have step-by-step instructions on how to enable privacy / security settings on X, Tik Tok, Snapchat and many others apps. On top of that they have a Digital Family Agreement that is designed to help your family agree on ground rules for use of devices in and out of the home. If you need personalised advice, they are there to help you. If you want to know more about apps before you download them, they have specific information for you on what the app does, whether there are in-game purchases and other facts you need to make a family wide decision.

[The UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has a Parents guide to technology, everything from laptops to Smart Speakers. Should you have any concerns about content you or your family have seen online the [National Crime Agency](#) CEOPS unit has a reporting tool online, accessing Child Protection Advisors. They also have a range of information about keeping yourself or a child you know safer from online child sexual abuse, including new guidance on financially motivated sexual exploitation.



Children should also be assured that Childline is there for them 24/7 on 0800 1111, via their [1-2-1 chats](#) with more guidance and support on their website.