



The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Radio Drake



"Noah, Ryan, Domas and Alfie break down some of the week's biggest football fixtures!"

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/the-score-with-noah-ryan-domas-and-alfie>



Every Day Matters



It is a statutory requirement for children to attend school every day.

This week's winners are...

Hadid with 99.3%

Trip to Parliament!

This week year 5 visited the Houses of Parliament. This helped them to better understand our theme of beyond and how we fit into the UK by visiting the place in which the rules for our nation are made.



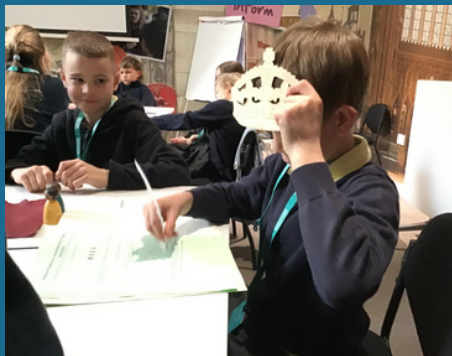
I enjoyed seeing everything, especially the king's throne in the house of lords and where Queen Victoria sat.

It was cool because not a lot of people go to the house of commons or lords.

I liked the different colours everywhere and how they meant something - green is for the house of commons, red for the lords and gold for the king.



It was super fun as we got to have a tour of a famous London building.



Boromi Bags

It gives us quality time as a family

My child is always excited about having a Boromi bag



I enjoy receiving a Boromi bag because of the joy it brings my child! They are excited to come home with it and share it with their sibling

It was really fun to play for all the family

In Reception, the children have been taking home Boromi Bags. The bags work like a play library giving new opportunities to 'Invent', 'Imagine', 'Investigate' and 'Share'. Our families have shared that the bags provide new and fresh play opportunities which supports talking and quality play interactions.



We would love to hear from all families that have used a Boromi bag. Follow the link on Parent Hub to complete a questionnaire.

To borrow a bag please talk to a member of staff in Reception.

Nature corridor



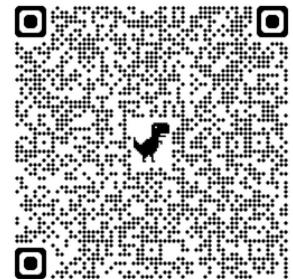
People from Spirax, an engineering company, came into school on Wednesday to plant trees along the edge of the field. We aim to create a 'nature corridor' connecting our wetland area with Frederick's Wood. A nature corridor is a natural habitat in which animals and insects can travel and take shelter. The tree corridor will increase the biodiversity of our school site and over time, the trees will remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and release oxygen.

Next week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week! We will be having a special assembly along with activities in class. Below is an exciting looking timetable of talks that you can sign up to as adults to learn more about neurodiversity if you are interested in any given topics. All the events are virtual, free of charge and open to all.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2025 Events

Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21
09:00 - 10:30 Celebrating Different Minds: An Introduction to Neurodiversity	09:30 - 10:30 Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Products & Customer Services	08:30 - 10:00 Neurodiversity and Nutrition - Food For Thought	09:00 - 10:30 Is Neurodiversity a Community? Exploring Identity, Inclusion, and Intersectionality	09:00 - 10:30 Late Diagnosed Neurodiversity in Women
11:30 - 13:00 Breaking Barriers: The Power of Language in Neurodiversity	11:30 - 13:00 Neurodivergence & LGBTQIA: A Conversation on Identity, Intersectionality & Empowerment	10:30 - 12:00 Shaping Neurodiversity through Innovation & Technology	11:00 - 12:30 Building the Neuroinclusive Classroom of Tomorrow...Today!	11:30 - 13:00 Parents & Carers - Supporting Children Through Times of Transition
13:30 - 15:00 Neurodivergence Seldom Travels Alone: The Unexplored World of Co-Occurring Conditions	13:30 - 15:00 Empowering Neurodiversity in the Workplace	13:00 - 14:00 Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Designing Neuroinclusive Working Environments	13:30 - 15:00 Workplace Burnout: How to Reclaim Your Energy as a Neurodivergent Woman at Work	13:30 - 15:00 Is the Business World leading society on Neuroinclusion?
15:30 - 17:00 Neurodiversity: Where can HR Professionals make a difference?	15:30 - 17:00 Neurodiversity & Mental Health - Acquired Neurodivergence	14:30 - 16:00 Person-Centered Management for Neuroinclusion	15:30 - 17:00 Navigating Neurodiversity & the Criminal Justice System	15:30 - 17:00 Celebrating Different Minds: Future Directions and Continuing Conversations
19:00 - 20:30 Perspective of Young People on Neurodiversity	19:00 - 20:30 Navigating Neurodiversity: Parental Perspectives, Professional Insights, and Policy Changes in 2025	16:30 - 18:00 What makes spaces and places neuroinclusive in education?	19:00 - 20:30 Neurodiversity around the World	

Scan the QR code to find out more



**COMIC
RELIEF**

On Friday 21st March, we will be celebrating Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. For this, we are asking all children to wear something red, this could even be a red accessory!

The Comic Relief charity aligns closely with our values here at Drake, showing love and kindness to each other and sharing hope. We kindly ask for a voluntary donation to help support this cause and to help us in our mission to be advocates and agents for change.

Class teachers will be sharing a social story to support all children and families.



HA-HA!



Netball

Year 3 and Year 4 went to the netball event at Thetford Academy and represented Drake Primary School. Children played against 5 other Thetford schools. Our Drake children were very respectful and friendly towards other teams. We are very proud of our children for how well they played as a team, supported and encouraged each other especially as some children played netball for the first time. Year 3 team came 2nd and our Year 4 team came 6th.

Well done, Drake!

Climate Adapted Pathways for Education Project

Halcyon science and sustainability leads have been working on a project called 'Climate Adapted Pathways for Education.' On Friday, they took part in training at the Natural History Museum. They took part in workshops to develop understanding of ecology and biodiversity, create a coherent climate change curriculum and the importance of linking this to the context of our school in Thetford.

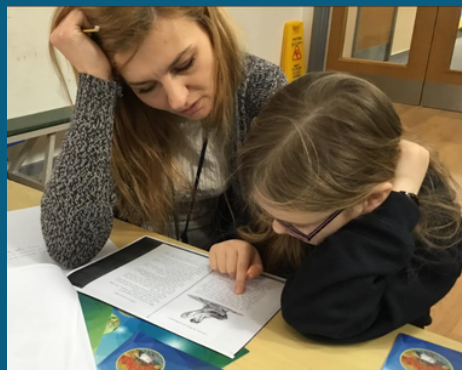


We are working to embed climate change into our curriculum so children are equipped with the knowledge and tools to understand climate change, take climate action and protect our environment.

Year 3 Reading Café

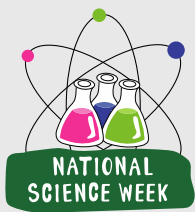
On Wednesday, Year 3 welcomed families for a reading cafe. We focused on the different types of comprehension questions. We read a chapter of the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (our class text), and answered some retrieval and vocabulary questions. After, we looked at a Year 3 reading assessment, focused on comprehension.

Thank you to everyone who came along. Please keep reading at home, sharing stories with your child and asking comprehension questions.



I am enjoying the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - Matas

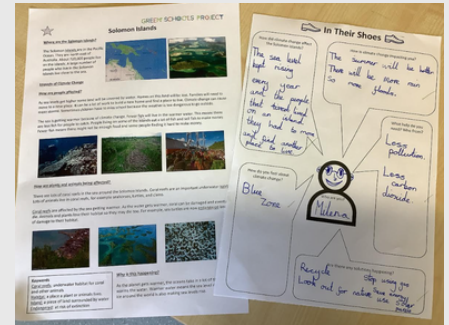
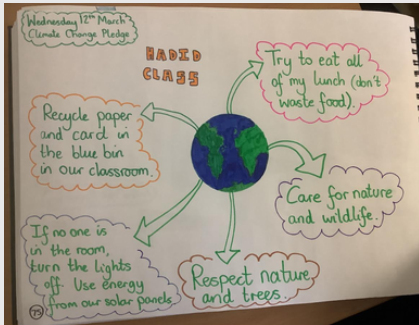
I liked the challenge of answering the different types of questions - Milena



National Science Week



This week it was British Science Week and the theme was 'Adapt and Change.' Children learnt what climate change is and explored what we think and how we feel about climate change.



Every class wrote a climate change pledge- a little action we can make, to reduce the impacts of climate change.



So far the School of Sanctuary has enjoyed thinking about how we can make our school a welcoming place.

We have carried out questionnaires in our classes to find out how welcoming Drake is. Many of our classes said our school was very welcoming.



We are now thinking how we can promote how welcoming Drake is. Our council does need more members. If you would like to support us in promoting how welcoming our school is please do let your class teacher know.



Our New Website!



We are excited to announce that from Monday we are launching our new website! We are hoping the new site is more streamline and easier to navigate, but please bear with us while we continue to add content.

Our Year group pages will have their timetables up on Monday along with their curriculum information. If there is something you can't find, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

You can still access our website from the same web address -
www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk



World Autism Acceptance Month



Thetford Spectrum Colour Walk



When?

Thursday 24th April starting at 3:30pm.
The route will take about an hour to walk and you can join or depart at any time.



Where?

Thetford.
The route will be confirmed and shared on a map prior to the event.



Who?

Drake Primary School, Thetford Schools and any members of our local community who would like to advocate for autistic voices!



What?

Mirroring the National Autistic Society's Spectrum Colour walk in London, but in Thetford!
Please join us with inclusion pledge posters on a walk through Thetford. Together we can make every step count to create a society that works for autistic people.



Voluntary donations towards a swing for our playground would be very welcome!