



The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

National Success!



Four pupils were chosen from the SRB to compete in a National Bowling Competition on Thursday. 700 children competed nationwide across 17 different venues. Of the 14 teams taking part in Norwich, our team narrowly missed a bronze medal place. All four pupils demonstrated courage and perseverance and were kind and encouraging to one another.

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Hadid again with 99.7%

Reception Ancient House Trip

Reception had an amazing adventure at the Ancient House Museum in Thetford, a building over 500 years old! The children explored four fantastic traditional stories. The story of 'Robin Hood' was told by one of his very own merry men! The children even got to dress up as Robin himself, wearing a cloak and hood.



The Three Little Pigs had everyone giggling as they compared different materials for building houses. After some serious thinking, they agreed - bricks are best! Violet shared, "I loved this story because it was so funny!"



Bakeneko, a Japanese tale about a cat that transforms into a teapot, sparked curiosity and wonder from the children. They particularly loved learning about Japanese clothes.

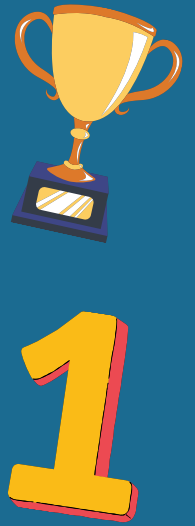


I've always wanted to learn to do this! - Rue

Dressing up as Robin Hood in his real clothes was my favourite part - Leonardo

Sleeping Beauty was told by one of her maids, and the children even tried weaving - a tricky but exciting skill! The staff at the museum were incredibly impressed with the children's respect and politeness. It was a magical morning, and we can't wait for our next trip!

Top of the Pops!



Our wonderful choir represented Drake at the Norfolk County Music Festival this week. They performed two songs and scored top marks on both! For both pieces they achieved 'outstanding' awarded for an exceptional performance both artistically and technically.

Well done all of you. We are extremely proud!

The Big Walk and Wheel 2025

We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge! Children are invited to walk, wheel, cycle or scoot to school between 24th March to 4th April. The Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to form positive habits to help create a more sustainable future. More people travelling actively for short, everyday journeys - such as to and from school - means less traffic on the roads, easing congestion and reducing pollution. Walking, wheeling, cycling or scooting to school also improves health and wellbeing.



Year 5 Rugby



Our Year 5 team put in a fantastic effort at the recent tag rugby tournament! The morning was spent developing their rugby skills, and by the afternoon, they were ready to put them into action in the competition. Despite facing teams that included Year 6 players, our squad showed great determination and improvement throughout the day. Having had little experience with tag rugby before, they grew in confidence with each game and finished on a high, winning their final match 8 tries to nil. Overall, we placed 5th out of 6 schools, but the teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship displayed were truly commendable. Well done to everyone who took part!

Year 3 Assembly



On Tuesday, Year 3 welcomed families to their class assembly. They performed actions to their model text called 'Unicorns' and shared facts about their theme 'Movement,' all about rivers. Children have been learning about how we can look after our local rivers – the river Thet and Little Ouse. They finished by showing their art collages of the river bridge. Thank you to the siblings and families who came along to celebrate our learning.

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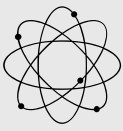
Radio Drake

We are sharing our podcasts a little differently. All our podcasts are in a file so you can go back and relisten at any time. Please click on the following link for access to all our podcasts -

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"Harry, Archie and Spencer reflect back on their exciting day of science, art and writing (SAW) led by the wonderful John Innes Centre team."

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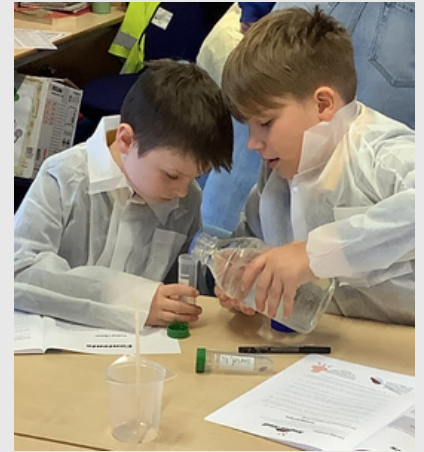
Year 5 SAW Workshops



On Thursday and Friday, Year 5 welcomed some visitors from the John Innes Centre, as part of British Science Week. Year 5 took part in Science, Art, Writing (SAW) workshops, about antibiotic discovery. The practical sessions included growing useful bacteria from soil, looking at bacteria under microscopes and seperating colours from skittles using chromatography.



I liked the planting soil thing and all the art.



Looking at the soil and the magnifying stuff was fun.

The people were so nice!



I really liked all the art because it was fun to make stuff we haven't before.



The children also met the scientist's leafcutter ants! The science was followed by a creative session led by a professional writer and artist- Year 5 wrote science themed poems and created oil pastel leaves based on the science they learnt in the morning. Our thanks go to Jenni Rant from the SAW Trust for organising the day and Barrie Wilkinson's lab (John Innes Centre) for funding the workshops.

Well done to Milena, the winner of the science week competition, with her story called 'The flying leaf man,' all about a leaf travelling through the seasons.



We need your help!

Year 5 are currently taking part in the Norwich and Norfolk Festival's River of Hope project. They will be producing a piece of work to display in the Forum, that communicates a message about an endangered native species.

For the last few weeks Curie and Tereshkova classes have been learning about the challenges eels are facing in our local rivers and thinking about ways to communicate a message of hope. They have also been exploring different ways to create images of eels.

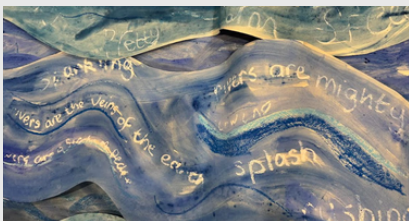
Next week they will be creating an eel from plastic waste. To help with this, we are asking everyone to send in some small bits of hard plastic that might have been thrown away.



- For example:
- * bottle lids
 - * small broken toys (not sharp)
 - * cotton reels
 - * buttons
 - * beads
 - * old board game pieces
 - * pen lids
 - * mini yoghurt pots
 - * clothes peg
- Also,
- * old inner tubes.



Please ensure any donations are :
hard plastic, clean, safe for children to handle and smaller than 4cm across.



Thank you for support!