



The Drake News

13TH JUNE 2025

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits



So proud of our incredible children spelling out a human 'welcome' in solidarity for people seeking sanctuary. This was such a fun and powerful way to begin their day of learning. The children participated in live lessons delivered in collaboration with VNET, and Amnesty International.

Thank you for your support in marking this important day and all your kind donations!

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Andersen Class!

River of Hope



Just in case you missed seeing our sail at The Forum in Norwich, below is a link to see the exhibition virtually and find out more about the project. There is a video that show the sails in action on The Norfolk Broads too. Check it out!

<https://thamesfestivaltrust.org/education-programme/river-of-hope/river-of-hope-norfolk/>

South Angle Farm

This week, Reception had a fantastic time visiting South Angle Farm! The excitement started the moment we got on the coach – for many of the children, just being on a coach again was an adventure in itself, with plenty of singing and laughter along the way!

At the farm, we met a wonderful variety of animals. The children wowed us (and the farm staff!) with their brilliant knowledge about herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores. We were so proud of their confidence and curiosity – especially when it came to meeting some of the more unusual animals. There were snakes gently wrapping around arms, bunnies hopping onto laps, and children bravely feeding goats and alpacas.



I thought I was scared of snakes, but they're so soft and kind – Rue



My favourite part was holding a guinea pig. It was very fluffy – Mia



It was the best trip ever because I didn't even know all those animals existed – Leonardo



The goats were excited to see us because they were hungry. They are very greedy – Maryam

I liked holding the snake. It felt cold and squishy – Sofija

The farm staff repeatedly praised how kind and respectful our children were towards the animals, really showing our school values in action.

A brilliant day full of learning, laughter, and unforgettable memories!



Look out for pollinators!



It was World Bee Day recently and Reception have been learning about bees and their important role as pollinators in nature. Pollinating insects play a vital role in our environment, ensuring that many of our crops and wild plants are able to set seed and produce fruit. Pollinators include: bees and flies humming in the air, butterflies and moths gracefully fluttering by and beetles soaring and landing on leaves. The abundance of insects in our outdoor spaces are an indicator of the health of our habitats. If you are interested, spend 10 minutes looking for pollinators in your garden or an outdoor area, fill in the pollinator count sheet and return to your teacher. We will upload the data into the National Pollinator Count!



Please find the pollinator count sheet at the end of the newsletter!

Dance Club



Dance club kicked off in style this week. The children are learning routines to perform at the summer festival. The dancers made an excellent start. Come along and see them at the summer festival on 17th July along with our Drake's Got Talent's finalist.



This week's podcast -

Harry is back with another challenging quiz! Archie joins the quizmaster this week and brings a football question with him!

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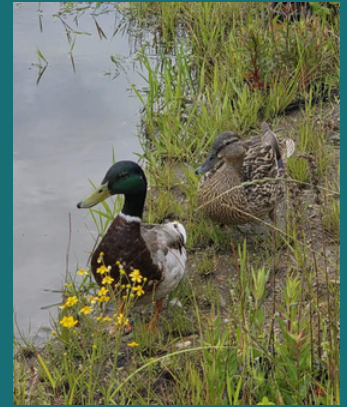
Chris Packham CBE



Our leaders at Drake were very honoured to talk to the incredible Chris Packham this week about neurodiversity and climate change. Watch this space for a project Chris has encouraged us to take part in.

We are more determined than ever to ensure every child at Drake is empowered to be an agent of change for a sustainable world.

Our Thriving Wetland!



Our wetland is in full bloom and attracting lots of wonderful wildlife!

Not only is it a beautiful area, but our wetland is supporting to reduce the effects of climate change in several important ways. Wetlands act like natural sponges, soaking up and storing rainwater. Wetlands also store carbon dioxide in their plants and soil, which helps reduce the amount of harmful gases in the atmosphere that cause global warming. Wetlands are also home to many different animals and plants, which helps keep nature in balance. Plus, they clean dirty water by filtering out pollution.

All of these things make wetlands really important in the fight against climate change.

Our wetland area offers our children at Drake rich, hands-on learning opportunities across many areas of the National Curriculum.

A poster for Summer Concerts 2025. The background is dark blue with colorful illustrations of musical instruments, a globe, and people dancing. At the top is the Drake Primary School logo. The text is as follows:

Summer Concerts
FEATURING
Year 2 Wednesday 18th June 9 am
Year 5 Thursday 19th June 9 am
Y6 Thursday 19th June 2.45 pm
Reception Wednesday 2nd July 2:45 pm
Year 1 Thursday 3rd July 2:45 pm
Year 4 Thursday 3rd July 9 am
Year 3 Hansel and Gretel Performance
Wednesday 2nd July 1.30 pm
June & July 2025











Pollinator Count Insect Recording Sheet



For every insect that **LANDS** on the chosen flowers, record a tally next to the correct insect category below. Don't count them if they just fly past.

Example:   5

Start the timer.

Type of insect	Count (Record your tallies below)	Total number (Add up your tallies and put the numbers below)
Bumblebees 		
Honeybees 		
Solitary bees 		
Wasps 		
Hoverflies 		
Other flies 		
Butterflies and moths 		
Beetles 		
Small insects (less than 3mm long) 		
Other insects/ We don't know what it was 		

Once the time is up, add up how many of each type of insect you saw and write this in the right-hand column. Then enter these numbers into Question 7 on your mobile device.

Pollinator Count Insect Guide

All **BEES** and **WASPS** have:

- Long antennae (feelers)
- small eyes

Bumblebees



Bumblebees are round and fluffy. They have slow and bumbling flight.

Honeybees



Honeybees are thinner and a lot less hairy than Bumblebees. They have a flat and wide back leg on which they carry pollen sacks.

Solitary bees



Solitary bees are hairy, but not fluffy like bumblebees. They fly fast, in straight lines.



Here are **10 groups of insects** for you to look out for.

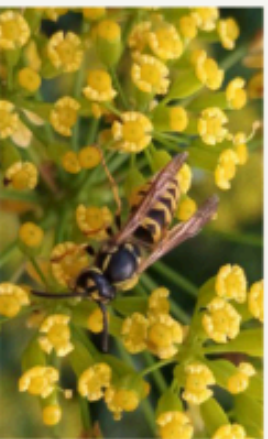
Wasps

WASPS also have:

- A narrow waist
- WASPS** do not have:
- hairy bodies
- pollen sacks on their legs



There are many different types of wasps, here are some examples.



WATCH OUT some black and yellow striped insects are actually **Flies!** So don't use colour and pattern as a way of identifying wasps and bees.

Pollinator Count Insect Guide

All **FLIES** have:

- short antennae (feelers)
- large eyes

Hoverflies



Hoverflies fly fast and then stop to hover in one place for a moment. They are never green or blue, and never bristly, but can be striped yellow and black like a wasp or bee.

Beetles



Beetles can be very colourful and shiny, although many are black and brown. They all have a line running down the middle of their back.

Small insects



Anything this small, or smaller!!

This group is for anything teeny tiny moving around on flowers. They could be beetles, bugs or flies, but they are so small, it's hard to tell.

TOP TIP: If its black and yellow striped check the size of the eyes and antennae.

Other flies



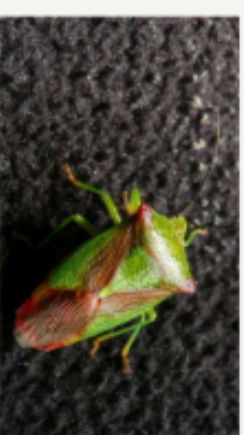
If you have a fly that has bristles, it's not a hoverfly, so count it in the 'Other flies' category. They can be any colour.

Butterflies and moths



Most butterflies and moths have wings that you can't see through, they have lots of different patterns and many are very colourful.

Other insects/ We don't know what it is!



Anything that doesn't fit in the above groups will be another type of insect. This here is a Shieldbug.