



# The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

## World Record Holder!

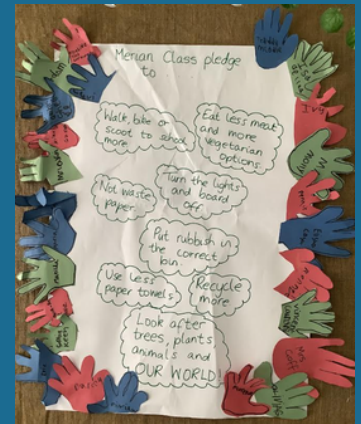
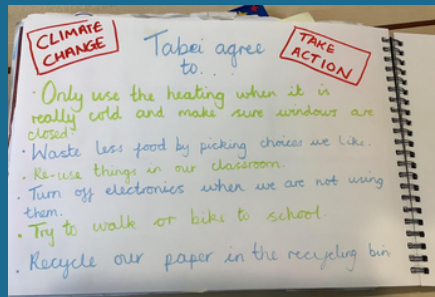


Our huge congratulations to Charlie who now holds a Guinness World Record He is the fastest child in the world to be able to stack a pyramid of 10 toilet rolls!  
We are super proud of you.

## Earth Day 2025



On Tuesday 22nd April, it was Earth Day and the theme was 'Our Power, Our Planet.' Each class has made a climate pledge – a little action they can take to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce the impact of climate change. We learnt about carbon dioxide – the gas that is making our planet too hot. We also learnt about hope and inventiveness. Working together we can care for our planet and inspire change.



## Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Hadid with 99.1%

## Imaginative



Playing with possibilities

Making connections

Using intuition

## Creative Habit

Our new creative habit this half term will encourage us to be more imaginative with our thinking. We will be trying things out, improving, making links and explaining our thinking.

## ITV News

A huge thank you for all your support with our recent news piece featured on ITV Anglia News. ITV explored the theme of inclusion in schools and whether this is possible in the current climate with a national funding crisis. As a school we feel this is hugely important to highlight. A huge well done to our wonderful children and parents that spoke so confidently.



If you missed us, you can still catch up by following the link -

<https://www.itv.com/watch/news/inside-the-mainstream-school-in-thetford-helping-pupils-with-send-to-thrive/lhtwcfp>



This week's podcast -

"Charley recently broke a Guinness World Record! In this week's podcast, he tells Sully all about the process."

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**We're proud to have received the**

**Autism Specialist Award**

**from the National Autistic Society!**

# Respect!

This term our value is 'Respect'. We have been thinking about what it means to be respectful. In class. We discussed how to respect people's feelings, beliefs, wishes and rights. Understanding that we are all different is also a way to show respect. We can show respect in how we act and behave and what we say and don't say.

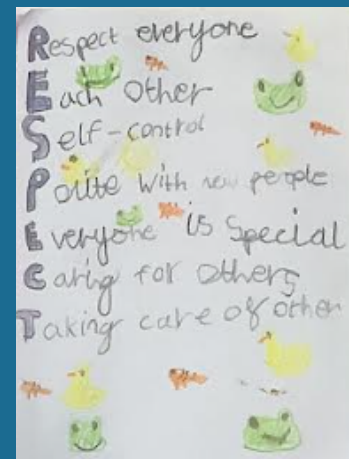
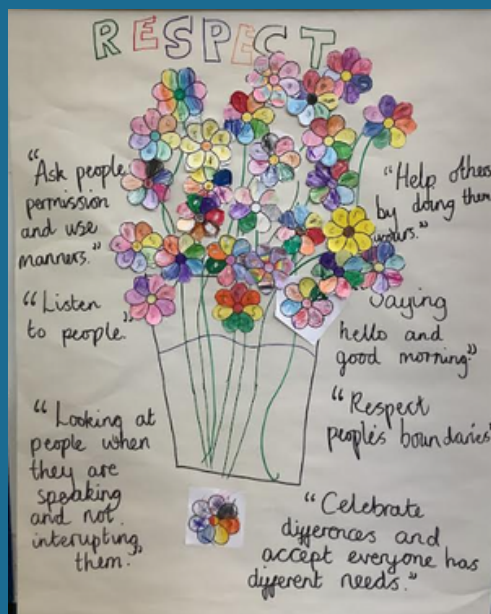


Respect is when you think about others, like holding the door open for someone -

Samuel J

Respect is when you use your please and thank yous -

Lucas



Respect to your team is when if something goes wrong, you stay in the green zone and say "it's okay, we can try again" -

Helena

# Art competition

## The Colours of Thetford

Thetford Power Shift is holding an exciting art competition for young people across Thetford. You are invited to create an image that fits the theme 'Colours of Thetford'. The artwork could document the colours of nature, celebrate the diversity of our town, feature interesting colourful things we see in Thetford, show a view of Thetford that no one else knows ....

**Closing date: 21st May**

Creativity / Collaboration / Enrichment  
[www.thetfordlcep.uk](http://www.thetfordlcep.uk)

Create an image with the theme of 'The Colours of Thetford'.

Use any medium. Maximum size: A3

The winning artwork will be displayed in Thetford Power Shift's exhibition at the Royal Norfolk Show this Summer, as well as in a pop up art gallery in Thetford's town centre.

#### Who can take part?

This competition is open to all young people in Thetford. There are 3 categories: under 7s, 7-11 year olds, 12- 18 year olds.

#### How do I enter?

School pupils - bring your entry to school.  
On the back of your art work, clearly write: your name, your age, your school.

Other young people - bring your entry to Ancient House Museum  
On the back of your art work, clearly write: your name, your age, your contact details

**Closing date:** 21st May, 2025

**Any questions?** Contact: [info@halcyon.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:info@halcyon.norfolk.sch.uk)



### Art Cafés



As part of Thetford Power Shift's 'Colours of Thetford', we will be carrying out an art project inspired by the photographer Angelica Dass and her Humanae work.

Every child in the school will complete a self-portrait during our Arts week in June. These will then be combined with portraits from other schools to create a pop up gallery at the Royal Norfolk Show, then in Thetford Town Centre.

The first part of the project involves you as parents and carers. We invite you to join your child at an art café to find out more about the project and create the first process of their portrait.

Reception - Tuesday 13th May 2.15 pm  
Year 1 - Wednesday 14th May 2.15 pm  
Year 2 - Thursday 8th May 2.15 pm  
Year 3 - Tuesday 29th April 9.00 am  
Year 4 - Tuesday 6th May 9.00 am  
Year 5 - Thursday 1st May 9.00 am  
Year 6 - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9.00 am

We look forward to seeing you!