



# The Drake News

26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

## Poetry Competition

On Thursday 2nd October we will be celebrating National Poetry Day. To mark the occasion, we are excited to launch our very own school poetry competition!

In assembly, the children enjoyed listening to a poem by Michael Rosen and then had a go at writing their own.

If you would like to re-listen to the poem, or find some inspiration together at home, please scan the QR code below.

Closing date - 9<sup>th</sup> October



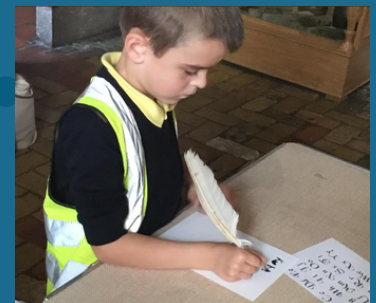
## Ancient House and Castle Hill



I loved going up castle hill to see the tippy top - Sophia

We walked around the castle - Ronnie

I enjoyed making the cookies - Ella



Year 2 had a brilliant trip to Ancient House on Monday. We visited Castle Hill to learn about Motte and Bailey castles, wrote with quills, made some delicious cookies and found out about medieval medicine.

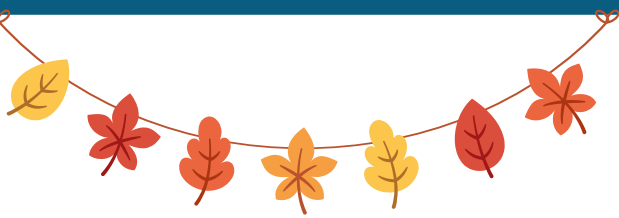


## Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are Attenborough with 99.26%



## Harvest Festival – Supporting Thetford Foodbank



A huge thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations for our Harvest collection – we are so grateful for your generosity.

We would also like to apologise for any confusion caused in last week's newsletter, where the date for our Harvest collection was printed incorrectly.

Please note the correct date:  
All donations need to be in school by  
Thursday 2nd October

The Foodbank has shared a list of items that are especially needed at the moment (see below). All donations will be gratefully received and will make a real difference to people in our community.

Please remember, we only have next week left to collect items, so every contribution counts.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and support.

### Shopping list

Tinned meat

Tinned fish

Sponge Puddings

Coffee

Milk (UHT)

Fruit juice (long life)

It's Scarecrow time of year again!



This year, as part of our Year of the Tree, we wanted to use the hazel and willow growing on our school site to create our Scarecrow. So this week, we started harvesting some hazel poles to create our frame, and some willow rods to weave the body. We also started weaving some bits to decorate the scarecrow. Can you guess what it's going to be yet?



## Year 3 Reading Café

My favourite bit was sitting with my friend and drawing the Iron Man – Archibald

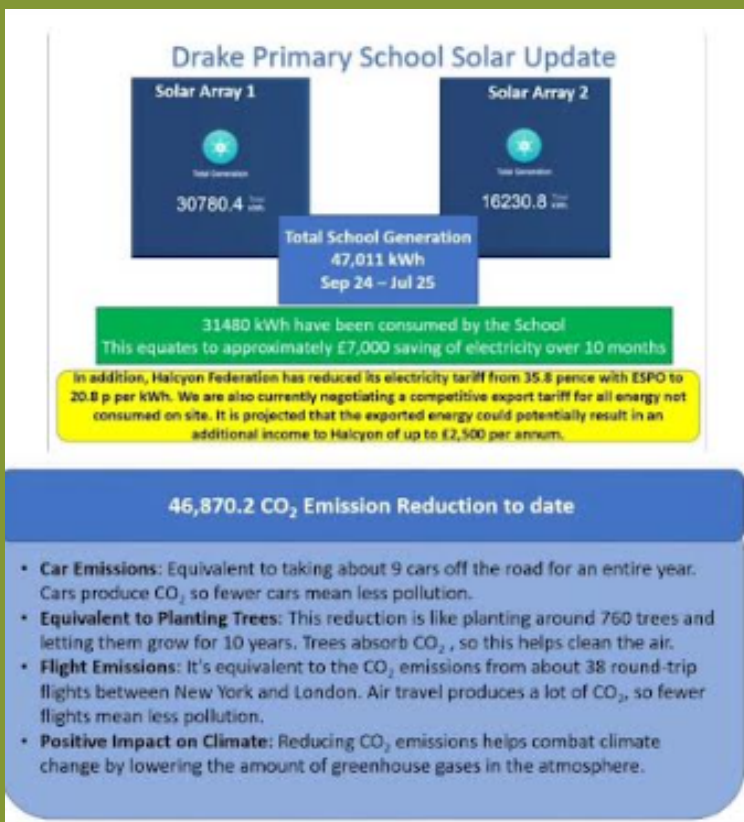


My favourite bit of the parent café was when we had to draw the Iron Man, and the biscuits! – Winnie



On Wednesday, Year 3 welcomed families to a reading café. We explored how important reading comprehension is and how reading can open up exciting opportunities for learning and education. We introduced our new class text, The Iron Man, and created some stunning illustrations with water soluble graphite pencils. Thank you to all the families who attended and for all your support with reading at home- keep enjoying stories together!

## Sustainability



This week we are celebrating not only our electricity savings but the impact on reducing our carbon footprint at Drake.

## Come and Drum!



This week we welcomed Steve Bewes to our music team. He is an experienced music teacher who specialises in percussion. He launched his new lunchtime Come and Drum sessions for KS1 which was a huge hit!



## Natural History Museum Visitors



I have used all the Autumn colours in my journey stick - Evelyn



We drew a colourful tickle tree - Molly

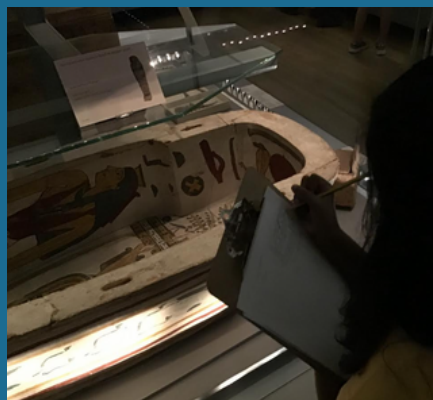
On Friday, some visitors from the Natural History Museum and National Education Nature Park visited Hadid class to run a nature workshop, and meet with the sustainability leads. We started the afternoon with a nature walk around the school grounds, where we took part in a nature scavenger hunt. Along the way, we made journey sticks using natural materials. Back in the classroom, we used our creativity to design our own unique trees - there were some fantastic imaginative ideas!

On Thursday, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge as part of their theme of Life and Death. Working with a museum educator, the children had the opportunity to explore fascinating objects from ancient Egyptian tombs, including learning about the impressive sarcophagus of Rameses III. They were captivated by the artefacts from life thousands of years ago. The class also had time to wander through some of the museum's art galleries, where they admired a wide range of artwork from around the world.

## Fitzwilliam Museum



The thing that interested me the most was the paintings - Amelia



I enjoyed seeing the different sarcophaguses - Freya



# Maths through Games

## Drake Primary School KS1 (Yr 1 -2)



Do you or your children learn through hands-on activities?

Would you like to support your child's Maths at home, in visual and engaging ways?

NCC Family Learning is delighted to be coming to Drake Primary School over October to run FREE 4-week workshops giving you the opportunity to take part in games and activities with your children, whilst also learning maths terms and strategies used in school. Aimed at parents of Yr.1&2.

You don't have to come every week, but better for you if you can.

Thursday afternoons - 2 hours per workshop - 1:15pm to 3:15pm

Oct 2nd - Place Value and Top Trumps

Oct 9th - Addition and Subtraction through Sports

Oct 16th - Playground Games

Oct 23rd - Design your own

\*\* Children to join you for last 30 minutes to work together \*\*

# Protecting Kids Online Drake Primary School



**FREE**  
museum voucher  
and prize draw  
raffle entry  
when you attend  
2+ sessions

Are you concerned about your child's online habits?

Would you like to know more about possible dangers on the internet?

NCC Family Learning are delighted to invite you to Drake Primary School over October for a FREE 4-week workshop on understanding and protecting young people online.

You don't have to be able to attend all 4 weeks, but more beneficial if you can.  
Parents/carers only.

Thursday mornings: 1 hour per workshop: 9am to 10am

Oct 2nd - Identifying risks to children's safety

Oct 9th - Building Digital resilience

Oct 16th - Safeguarding with parental controls and monitoring tools

Oct 23rd - Preparing and adapting for future risks

# DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Where a World of  
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Is your child starting school in September 2026? Drake Primary School would like to invite you to our open event and classroom tours.

**Open Evening**  
**Thursday 23rd October**  
**5.00pm - 6.30pm**

## **Tours**

**Tuesday 4th November 9.30 am**  
**Tuesday 11th November 1.30 pm**

Take a look at classrooms, meet the staff, find out about our curriculum and the wider opportunities we offer our children.

**NO NEED TO BOOK**

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