



The Drake News

19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Portals to the Past



I liked looking at the war artifacts and enjoyed role playing with my friends - Andrew

I held a 20 pound note from world war 2. It's sealed in glass so it doesn't get any damage - Faustina



I really liked learning about the people in WW2 - Amelia



I am really excited. I really love all the hats from the war - Artis

Year 6 experienced a wonderful World War Two workshop this week at school. Dan from Portals to the Past came to help immerse the children in object handling, in-depth retelling of the history of WW2 and how it started, spies and criminals, re-enactments of the Battle of Dunkirk and an array of memorabilia.

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are Attenborough with 99.26%

Meet the Prefects!



We're delighted to introduce our newly appointed Year 6 prefects. As they step into their roles, we're excited to watch them grow in confidence and leadership. We're sure they'll make a positive impact across the school community in the year ahead.

Harvest Festival



As part of our Harvest celebrations this year, we will be supporting Thetford Foodbank, who do amazing work helping local families in need.

We are asking children and their families to bring in donations of non-perishable food items to school.

The Foodbank has shared a list of items that are especially needed at the moment. Please see below for details.

All donations will be gratefully received and will make a real difference to people in our community.

Please send items into school via your child's class by October 24th. We will then deliver everything to Thetford Foodbank after our Harvest assembly.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support. Together, we can help ensure no one in our community goes hungry this Harvest.

Shopping list

Tinned meat

Tinned fish

Sponge Puddings

Coffee

Milk (UHT)

Fruit juice (long life)



Does your child love making up stories? The 500 Words Writing Competition is their chance to let their imagination shine!

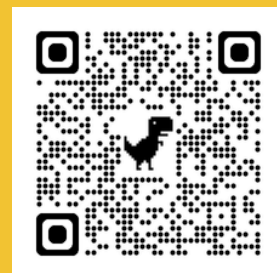
All they need to do is write a story they would love to read – in 500 words or less. It doesn't matter if the spelling, punctuation or grammar isn't perfect, because the judges are looking for brilliant ideas and creativity.

The very best 50 stories will be chosen for the grand final, where a superstar celebrity might read the story out loud!

Entries close at 9pm on Friday 7 November, so get writing and let your imagination run wild!

For more information follow the link or scan the QR code –

<https://link.teachprimary.com/view/64db509e68735a2c190d5875opodz.6gf/7e25e769>



Year 6 Reading Café



We were delighted with the success of our Year 6 Parent Reading Café. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to spend the morning together, engaging in activities that celebrated the joy of reading. Teachers shared valuable strategies to support children's reading at home, highlighting how these skills not only enhance learning in school but also contribute to future life and career success. It was a pleasure to see families collaborating, discussing their favourite books, and sharing much-loved characters. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to our next event soon.

Sustainability



We now have a climate change section in our school library. These books have been donated to us through a local TEFT grant we received in summer term. These books will help teach and inspire children about climate change, its effects and what actions we can take to mitigate these.



Reading Cafés!



Reception - 30th September 2.30pm

Year 1 - 16th October 2.30pm

Year 2 - 14th October 9am

Year 3 - 24th September 9am

Year 4 - 30th September 9am

Year 5 - 23rd October 9am

Year 6 - 18th September 9am

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to join us for our upcoming Reading Cafés. These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for you to enjoy reading alongside your child and discover practical ways to support reading at home.

DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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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