

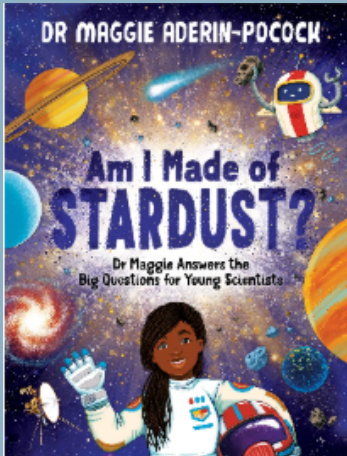


The Drake News

10TH OCTOBER 2025

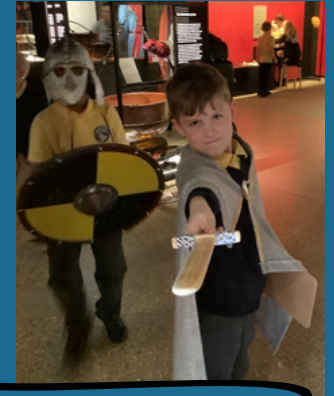
Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Black History Month



This week, we began our series of assemblies to celebrate Black History Month. The children learned about Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, an inspiring space scientist who has dedicated her career to exploring the wonders of the universe and encouraging young people to follow their dreams in science and technology. Her story reminded us that with curiosity, hard work, and determination, we can all reach for the stars!

Year 4 Unearth the Secrets of Sutton Hoo!



I enjoyed the treasure hunt to find the artifacts - Rose

I loved the activities and learning about Anglo Saxons and how they were buried - Darta

I enjoyed the experience about the people that came before. We had fun and I'm curious about what we learn next - Noah

We got to learn about Romans and Anglo Saxons - Olivia



I liked learning about how people buried things with them. They thought they would take them to the next life - James

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are Kahlo with 100%



On Friday, Year 4 had an exciting and educational visit to Sutton Hoo. Children explored the fascinating Anglo-Saxon burial site. The pupils enjoyed seeing real artefacts, including the famous replica of the Sutton Hoo helmet, and took part in hands-on activities that brought history to life. They learned about the incredible discovery of the ship burial and what it reveals about early English kings and culture. It was a fantastic day that sparked lots of curiosity and questions. Children demonstrated our School values and made their teachers proud. Well done, Year 4.

Poetry Competition Winners Announced!



A huge well done to everyone who entered our National Poetry Day Competition. We were truly amazed by the number of creative, thoughtful, and imaginative poems submitted!

Choosing the winners was an incredibly difficult decision as the standard was so high across all year groups. Congratulations to our two winners, who each received a book prize, and to our two talented runners-up.

You can enjoy reading their wonderful poems further on in the newsletter – well done, poets!



Visit from Terry Jermy, MP for South West Norfolk



This week, we were pleased to welcome Terry Jermy, MP for South West Norfolk, to Drake Primary School. During his visit, he discussed the current challenges that local schools face around SEND funding and provision. Terry is keen to hear directly from families about their experiences with the SEND system, and he invites you to share your views by completing the survey linked via the QR code on the flyer. Your feedback will help inform future discussions and highlight the needs of our community.

Save the Date

Tuesday 21st October – SAT's Evening

Wednesday 22nd October – School Photos

Thursday 23rd October – Reception New Intake Evening

Friday 24th October – Halloween Disco

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October – Half Term

Week beginning 3rd November – Parents Evenings

Tuesday 9th December – Panto trip

10th 11th & 12th December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 18th December –
Christmas Fayre and Carol Concert

Monday 22nd December – Tuesday 6th January
Christmas Holidays

Winning Poems!

About Me

I've got brown hair that shines in the light,
And freckles like stars that glow at night.

I love to read with curious eyes,
In books I find the best surprise.

With paper and glue, with colours so bright,
I craft and create from morning to night.

I'm kind and polite, with a heart that's true,
I try to spread love in all I do.

I love to swim, I feel so free,
Like a dolphin splashing in the sea.

Brownies are tasty, they make me smile,
And dancing to Taylor is fun all the while.

I'm only eight, but my story's begun,
A journey of laughter, of love and of fun.

I shine my light, and the world can see,
There's magic and joy inside of me.

Emelie Y4

Trainers, Oh Trainers

So stubborn,
but neat.

They help me build habits
with my little feet.
Stubborn when new,
they soon loosen up.
They are neat because
then they help me to speed up.

Trainers, oh trainers.

Eilidh Y3

The Girl & the Spider

There once was a girl called Lyla
Who saw a big creepy spider.
He crawled down the web
And tickled her head
And lots of giggles came out from inside her!

Lyla Y3

The Quivering Tree

The stars whispered secrets,
as the night fell deeper into darkness.
Flowers danced,
as the wind howled in anger.
The moon played hide and seek
among the clouds.
The tree waved the animals good night,
as it stands alone quivering.

Seren Y6



THETFORD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

NOVEMBER 28
4:30PM TO 8:30PM

HOW IS SANTA ARRIVING???

www.thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk/christmas



THE TRUTH ABOUT PLASTIC WASTE

IT WOULD TAKE **67 SHIPS A YEAR** TO CLEAN UP **LESS THAN 1%** OF THE GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH

91% OF THE WORLD'S PLASTIC WASTE IS **NOT RECYCLED**

EACH YEAR, MORE THAN **100,000** MARINE ANIMALS ARE KILLED BY OCEAN PLASTIC WASTE **ENTANGLEMENT OR INGESTION**

GLOBAL PLASTIC POLLUTION IS FORECAST TO **DOUBLE** BY **2040**

EVERY DAY, THE EQUIVALENT OF OVER **2,000** GARBAGE TRUCKS OF PLASTIC IS DUMPED INTO OUR OCEANS, RIVERS, AND LAKES

PLASTIC PRODUCTION HAS **MORE THAN DOUBLED** IN THE LAST **TWO DECADES**

MORE PLASTIC WASTE IS **MISMANAGED AND LITTERED** THAN IS **COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING**

HALF OF ALL PLASTIC IS USED JUST ONCE

ROUGHLY **85%** OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PACKAGING ENDS UP IN **LANDFILLS OR AS UNREGULATED WASTE**

ALMOST **2/3** OF PLASTIC WASTE COMES FROM APPLICATIONS WITH LIFESPANS OF **LESS THAN 5 YEARS:**

- PACKAGING 40%
- CONSUMER PRODUCTS 12%
- TEXTILES 11%

The Truth About Plastic Waste



As part of Drake Primary's commitment to sustainability, this week we are sharing an informative poster titled "The Truth About Plastic Waste."

The poster highlights the impact that plastic pollution has on our environment and encourages us all to think more carefully about the choices we make every day.

By learning about where our plastic goes and how we can reduce, reuse, and recycle, we can all play a part in protecting our planet for the future. We hope this helps spark important conversations at home and inspires our pupils to become thoughtful, responsible global citizens.

SOUTH WEST NORFOLK *SEND SURVEY*



Terry Jermy MP
Member of Parliament
for South West Norfolk

Are you a SEND Parent
Carer in South West
Norfolk?

Please scan the QR Code
below to take part in my
SEND Parent Carer
Survey.



Contact Me 



Terry Jermy MP
terry.jermy.mp@parliament.uk

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES

Your voices shape the
work I do in Parliament
and throughout the
constituency.

Please take part in the
survey to have your
say on the SEND
system.

AVIATION ROADSHOW

FREE



INTRODUCING

SKYSPARK

TASTER DAYS FOR TEENAGERS

Ever wondered what its like to work in aviation? To fly or maintain a plane, wear a survival suit, or be an airport ground marshaller? Well, these FREE workshops are made for you!! Aimed at 13-18 year olds, these sessions, delivered in conjunction with Saxon Air, are happening at a Norfolk location near YOU. Scan the QR code for dates and locations, and to apply for a space.

ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

- ✔ Flight Simulators
- ✔ Aircraft Maintenance
- ✔ Donning a survival suit
- ✔ Aircraft Marshalling

...and more



Scan to find out more and apply

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AVIATION ROADSHOW

Dates/Locations (all sessions 10am to 2pm)

- ✓ *Tuesday 28th October, Old Buckenham Airfield NR17 1PU*
- ✓ *Thursday 30th October, Warren Services in Thetford IP24 1HX*
- ✓ *Saturday 8th November, RAF Radar Museum, Neatishead NR12 8YB*
- ✓ *Saturday 15th November, Saxon Air, Norwich International Airport NR6 6JT*

A minibus will be provided from ACE in Gorleston to the sessions at Norwich Airport and the RAF Radar Museum for those without transport. If you do not have transport, please call Claire on **01493 262299** to discuss your options.

ACE Gorleston Address: 16-18 Alpha Road, Gorleston NR31 0LQ

All staff are DBS checked and fully trained. The funding for this project is provided by the Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm via Norfolk Community Foundation.

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