



# The Drake News

17TH OCTOBER 2025

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

## Year 5 & 6 Girls Triumph at Football Competition!



This week, our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team put on a fantastic performance at their competition. The girls showed incredible teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, winning all of their matches! A special well done to Amanda, who was named Star Player after scoring an impressive 16 goals. We are so proud of the whole team!

## Football, Fun, and Friendship for Year 3 & 4!



I liked how we played against other schools and other teams, we got to go out and see other people - Rikan



I really liked playing football games with other Thetford schools - Szymon

We played so many football games and we scored so many goals - Oliver

I really enjoyed the warm up games and playing the matches - Kamaari

The warm up was really fun - Cayce

It was really big fun - James



## Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are Kamkwamba with 99.26%



Year 3 and Year 4 students had an amazing day out at the football event at Admirals Academy. Children had great opportunities to participate in different activities and to play football matches with other Thetford schools. They all were great ambassadors, represented Drake school and demonstrated our school values.

## Maths Made Delicious in Year 1!

I liked making the fruit kebabs, it was so fun. I made a good AB pattern on my kebab - Freya



Look at my pattern, I think my next piece of fruit is going to be an orange - Rex



As part of our maths topic on patterns the Year 1 children enjoyed making fruit kebabs. During the session, the children were able to share their knowledge of patterns with the adults, explained the order of their fruit and some could even identify their pattern as an AB or ABC pattern.

## SNAC Council Delivers Your Generosity



Thank you so much for all your generous donations for our Harvest Festival. This week, our SNAC Council had the privilege of personally delivering the collected food to the Thetford Food Bank, where staff were incredibly grateful for your kindness and support. Your contributions will make a real difference to families in our community.

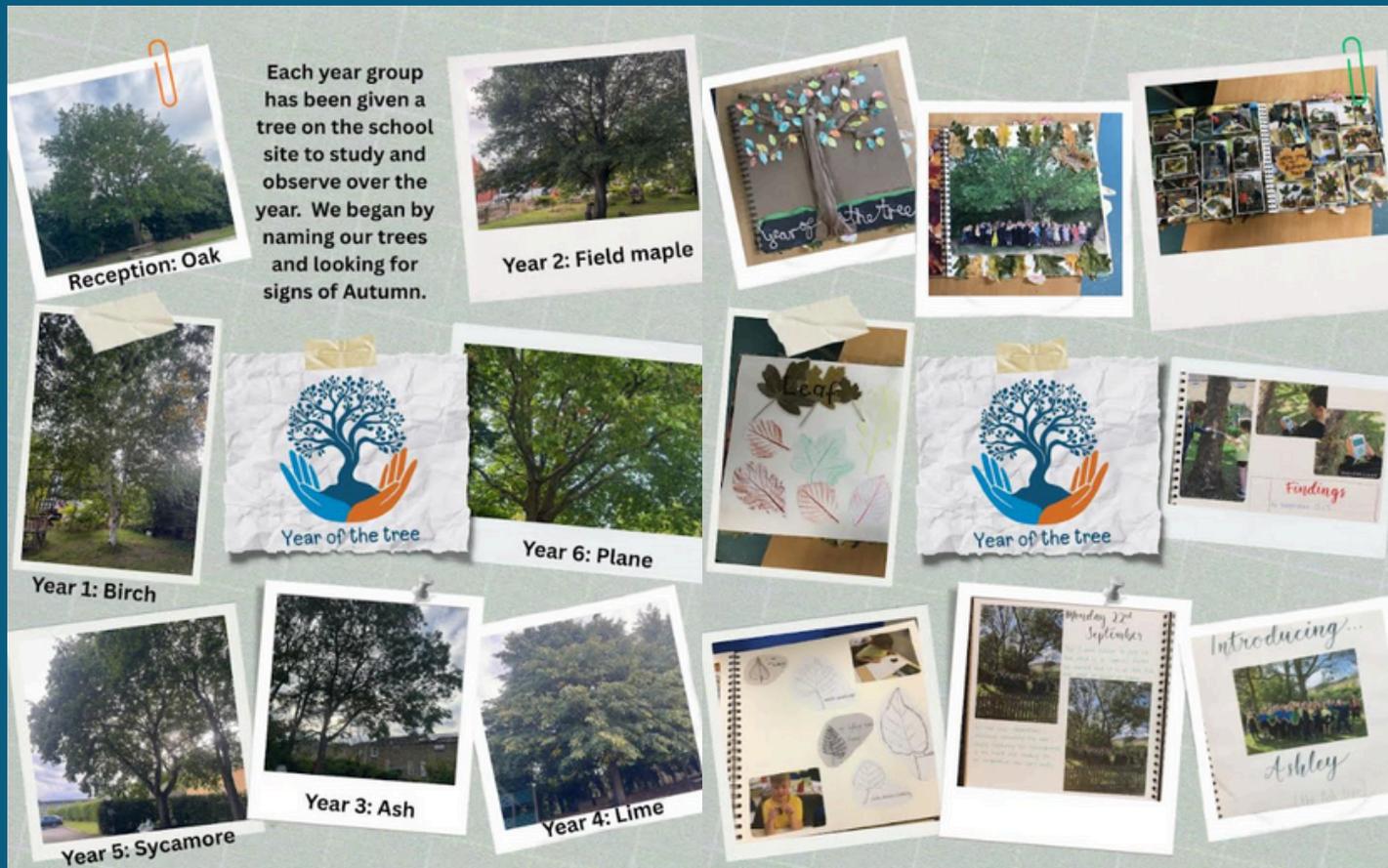


## Introducing Malala Class: Inspired by Courage and Education



This month, we were proud to unveil the new sign for Malala Class, named in honour of Malala Yousafzai. Malala's courage, determination, and unwavering belief in the power of education make her an inspiring role model for our children. Her words, "One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world," perfectly capture what we believe at Drake Primary – that education empowers every child to make a difference.

## The Year of the Tree Update



We are recording all of our observations in our year group floor books. Please do come and have a look at the progress we are making with our tree longitudinal study.

## HALLOWEEN DRESS DOWN DAY

ON FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER YOU ARE INVITED TO COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR SPOOKY CLOTHES OR DRESSING UP.

PLEASE NO MASKS OR WEAPONS

IT WILL BE A SPOOKTACULAR DAY!



## Year 1 Reading Café Fun!



On Thursday, Year 1 children and their families enjoyed a Reading Café all about phonics. Pupils showed off their knowledge of Set 1 and 2 sounds during Phonics Bingo. Congratulations to Tomas from Merian Class, our Bingo winner! The fun continued as children designed their own non-sense aliens and used their phonics skills to create unique names. Thank you to all the families who joined us. We hope you enjoyed the café as much as we did!



# The Duckling Times

## Save the Date

**Tuesday 21st October (Morning)  
Individual Photographs**



The school photographer will be on site to take individual photos. If your child does not usually attend on this day but you would like a photo, please bring them in during the morning and we will arrange it.

**Monday 3rd November  
Halloween Dress Up**



Although Halloween falls during half term, children are welcome to dress up and join in the fun when term resumes.

**Wednesday 10th December  
Christmas Lunch**



We will enjoy our annual Christmas lunch. If your child usually brings a packed lunch but would like to join in, please let us know. The cost is £2.70, added to your booking account. Children not having Christmas lunch should bring their usual packed lunch.

**Thursday 11th December  
Christmas Jumper Day**



A festive day at Little Ducklings! All children and staff are invited to wear their favourite Christmas or silly jumper to celebrate the season.



What a lovely half term it has been!

We have all been exploring the season of Autumn, learning about hibernation and crunching through the leaves outside, which has of course, provided plenty of opportunities for sweeping!

The Hatchlings have been having lots of fun with the Sensory Suitcase and exploring the twinkling lights.

The Squeakers and Adventurers have been discovering all about spiders in the lead up to Halloween, as have the Miniducks, who have also loved reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*.



It's been a half term full of curiosity and autumnal adventures!

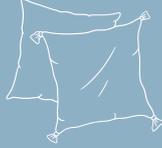


## Donations Welcome

If parents/carers have any of the following items, that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful.



Spare tyres  
Cushions  
A4 paper



## Play & Stay!



Come and join our Play & Stay Sessions at Little Ducklings.

We're inviting parents/carers to come along and enjoy some special playtime with your children. It's a wonderful chance to explore activities together, meet other families and see what the children have been learning.

The dates for these are as follows:

Hatchlings & Squeakers – Tuesday 16th December  
2pm – 3pm

Adventurers & Mini Ducks – Dates TBC

## New Year Holiday Club

# 2026

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th January 2026

Little Ducklings will be open for Holiday Club from 7:30am – 5:30pm. This is for nursery aged children up to those in Year 2. Please call or email ahead to confirm availability.

## DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

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 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**5.00pm - 6.30pm**

**Tours**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 am**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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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# CHRISTMAS AT DRAKE

*Save the Date!*

Thur 27th Nov	Year 5 Christmas Assembly 9am Year 6 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm Lights Switch-On in Thetford town centre
Fri 28th Nov	
Wed 3rd Dec	Year 1 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Thur 4th Dec	Year 4 Christmas Assembly 9am Year 3 Christmas Assembly 2.30pm
Tue 9th Dec	Whole school trip to watch Cinderella @Norwich Theatre Royal
Wed 10th Dec	Year 5&6 Christmas Lunch Rocksteady Concert 9.30am Year 2 Nativity 2pm
Thur 11th Dec	Year 3&4 Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day Reception Christmas Assembly 2.45pm
Fri 12th Dec	Rec, Year 1&2 Christmas Lunch
Mon 15th Dec	Christmas Service @St Cuthbert's Church
Thur 18th Dec	Christmas Fayre Carol Singing & Lantern parade
Fri 19th Dec	Last day - close at 1pm

# HALLOWEEN DISCO



**FRIDAY 24TH OCT**

**KS1 4.30PM-5.45PM**

**KS2 6.15PM-7.30PM**

**TICKETS £3**

**AVAILABLE MAIN OFFICE**

**From after school weds 15th**

**Dress up (no masks or weapons)**

# HALLOWEEN DISCO



## FAQS

**DRESS CODE: FANCY DRESS IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED OR PARTY CLOTHES**

- \*Please arrive at the side of the main hall for drop off and collection.**
- \*Refreshment will be provided, water bottles preferred please and we can refill.**
- \*There will be enough adults available, including staff from Reception, Year 2, Year 3, and Mallards PTA members.**
- \*Adults are First aid and Diabetic trained.**

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