



# The Drake News

28TH OCTOBER 2025

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

## Parents Evenings



Our next round of Parent Evenings will take place on Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th, and Thursday 6th November, from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Appointments will be held in the main hall.

Bookings are open on Arbor under 'Guardian Consultations'. For children attending the SRB, please book an appointment with the mainstream class teacher – the SRB teacher will join the meeting where possible.

Reception children are having termly focus meetings, so parents do not need to book a slot for this round.

## Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are Kamkwamba with 99.26%



This week, the children have been learning about how families in our community and around the world celebrate Diwali – the Festival of Light.



In Reception, pupils have loved creating colourful rangoli patterns, crafting their own shiny Diya lamps and lanterns, and exploring the beautiful clothes and sparkling decorations that make this celebration so special. Our classrooms have been filled with colour, joy, and light as we learned together about this important cultural festival.

## Poppies for Sale – Supporting the Royal British Legion



Poppies and a range of accessories are available from the school office. After half term, they will also be on sale at the school gate.

All donations go towards supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, helping those who have served and their families.

## Autumn Art and Craft: Hedgehogs, Leaves, and Pumpkins!



This half term, our focus has been on the theme of autumn. Over the past few weeks, we have been creating autumn wreaths, which has involved developing our fine motor skills by making hedgehogs with carefully crafted spikes. We then decorated our wreaths with seasonal items such as pumpkins, leaves, and pinecones.



## Open Evening



Thank you to all the parents who attended our New Intake Open Evening, it was wonderful to see so many of you! If you weren't able to make it, we'd love to welcome you on one of our tours in November.

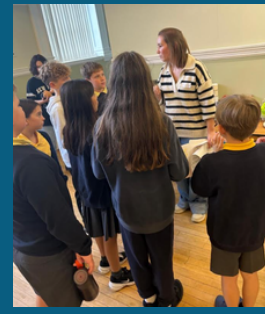


## Sewing Club's Fantastic Creations!



This half term, our Sewing Club have been busy designing and hand-stitching their very own monster creations. Each one is unique and full of personality! The children are so proud of their hard work – and we think their finished monsters look absolutely fabulous!

## Thetford Hack



This week, our prefects and radio councillors attended a Youth Action Meeting at the Guildhall. During the event, they had the opportunity to work with staff from the #iwill movement and to meet other children and young people from across Thetford. Together, they discussed what they would like to see more of for the children and teenagers in our town.

Our pupils suggested some fantastic ideas, including an outdoor cinema event, a mini golf tournament, chess clubs, a hangout space, and outdoor sports activities. They then presented their suggestions to everyone at the meeting.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for speaking so thoughtfully and courageously on behalf of their peers. The team behind the event will now explore how some of these activities could be brought to life by December, so do watch this space for updates!



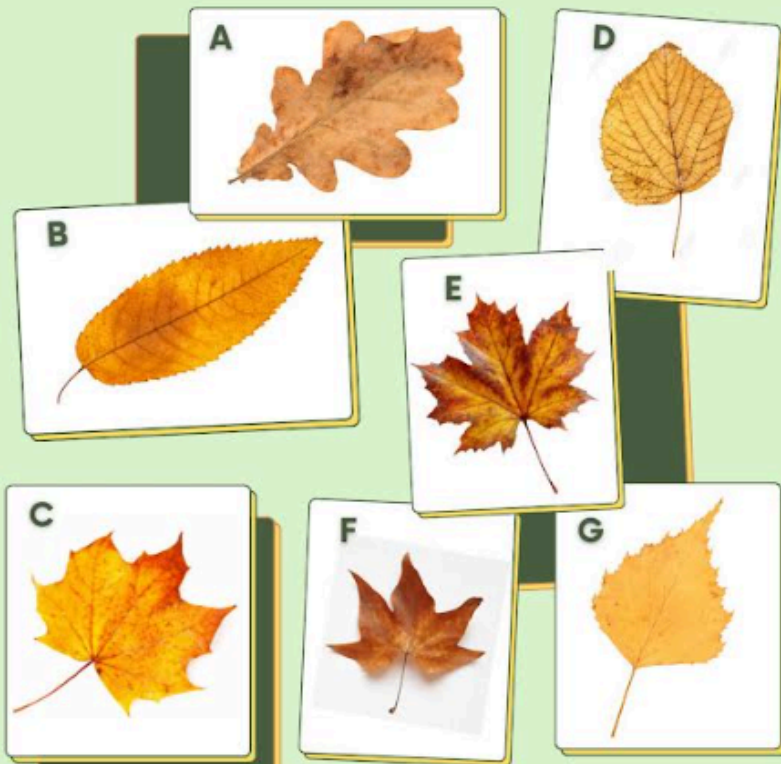
## AUTUMN LEAVES QUIZ!

Each year group has been given a tree on the school site to study and observe over the year.

Can you match the Autumn leaves to their tree?



Year of the tree



Oak      Sycamore      Field maple      Ash  
Lime      Plane      Birch

ANSWERS: A=Oak / B=Ash / C=Sycamore  
D=Lime / E=Field maple / F=Plane / G = Birch

## Year 5 Reading Café



Thank you to all parents that attended the Year 5 reading café. This is what our parents said -

I enjoyed sharing what she is doing at school, the book seems to have her excited.

Lovely to see the children engaged with books.



I enjoyed making the time capsules as I was able to feel them with drawings of lovely memories - Vanesa


I liked that we could join friends and their parents to discuss the book and then craft with them - Radu



# CHRISTMAS AT DRAKE

*Save the Date!*

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





# DRAKE CLUBS

For more details, visit or call our school office!



## ART

- \* Express yourself and unleash your skills in the Art and Craft Club!

## CODING

- \* Design games, solve challenges, and explore the world of computer programming.

## COLOURING

- \* Relax and unwind with calm, creative colouring.

## SEWING

- \* Stitch, design, and create! Learn simple sewing skills.

## UKULELE

- \* Learn chords, tunes, and rhythm in this cheerful introduction to music-making.



## DRUMMING

- \* Learn to play dynamic beats together as part of a drumming group.



## KARATE

- \* Develop focus, discipline, and strength as you master new moves

## BADMINTON

- \* Improve your coordination and agility while enjoying friendly competition.

## COME AND SING

- \* Feel-good singing sessions packed with favourite songs for everyone.



## RUGBY

- \* Build teamwork, fitness, and confidence while learning exciting rugby skills.

## COOKERY

- \* Learn to follow recipes, measure ingredients, and make tasty treats to share.

# Cooking for Fussy Eaters



Do you have children who are quite particular about what they'll eat?  
Would you like to learn tips about getting more fruit and veg into diets, while  
improving cooking and knife skills, and meeting new people?

NCC Family Learning are delighted to be coming to Drake Primary School over  
November and December to run our Cooking for Fussy Eaters: a FREE  
school-exclusive cookery workshop for parents, complete with FREE ingredients.

**\*\* Due to risks, this will be adults only and capped at 8 parents \*\***

**Tuesday mornings - 2 hours per workshop - 9am to 11am**

**Week 1 - November 11th**

**Week 2 - November 18th**

**Week 3 - November 25th**

**Week 4 - December 2nd**

**\*\* Please let the school office staff know if you'd like to sign up, as  
well as letting us know of any allergies or intolerances \*\***