



The Drake News

7TH NOVEMBER 2025

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Children in Need!



On Friday 14th November, we're supporting BBC Children in Need with a bright and cheerful non-uniform day! Pupils are invited to wear yellow and/or spots and bring a £1 donation to help raise money for children and families across the UK.

Families can also donate easily by scanning the QR code below.

Let's fill Drake Primary with colour, kindness, and smiles as we work together to make a difference!



Firework Fun in Reception!



This wavy one looks like a 's' on the side!
Madelaide

This zigzag can look like a 'w'!
Nela



This week in Reception, the children had a fantastic time combining mark making with fireworks! As part of their learning about Bonfire Night and why we celebrate it, they explored the story of Guy Fawkes and the colourful fireworks that light up the sky each November. Using a variety of bright colours and creative materials, the children produced stunning firework-inspired artwork. They were especially excited to notice that some of their marks looked just like letters. An exciting step in their early writing journey!

Anti-Bullying Week



Next week, we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week with a special assembly and a series of in-class activities that explore kindness, respect, and the importance of standing up for others. We'll be launching the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday, a fun way for pupils (and staff!) to celebrate individuality and difference. We invite all children to come to school wearing their brightest, most mismatched socks to show that it's our differences that make us special.

Drake Primary Wins Thetford Garden Centre Scarecrow Competition!



We're delighted to share some fantastic news. Drake Primary's scarecrow, "Willow the Witch," has been crowned the winner of Thetford Garden Centre's Scarecrow Competition!

Our pupils and staff worked together to design and create Willow, blending creativity, teamwork, and a touch of Halloween magic.

The judges were particularly impressed by the detail, imagination, and sustainability behind our entry.

As winners, we're thrilled to receive a £50 voucher from Thetford Garden Centre which we will use to continue to improve our outdoor environments.

A huge well done to everyone who helped bring Willow to life, and thank you to our school community for supporting this wonderful project!

Drake Primary Wins Tesco Stronger Starts Grant!



We're thrilled to announce that Drake Primary has been awarded £1,500 through the Tesco Stronger Starts community grant programme!

Our project came first place in the local Tesco store vote, thanks to the amazing support of our families and community members who voted for us with their blue tokens between July and September.

We are incredibly grateful for your support. Every token really did make a difference!

The £1,500 grant will be used to provide new equipment and resources to further improve playtimes, helping us create more active, engaging, and inclusive outdoor spaces for all our pupils.

Thank you once again to everyone who took part and to Tesco Stronger Starts for supporting our school community.

Year of the Tree



This week, everyone has been carefully observing the Autumn changes to their tree and creating beautiful leaf paintings. We looked closely at the incredible range of Autumn colours, from golden yellows to lime greens and deep earthy browns. Using only the primary colours, we experimented with mixing our own colour palette and painted our own leaf.

Cut Your Carbon Month

Throughout November, Eco Council are challenging everyone to complete six small carbon cutting activities at home with friends and family. These actions will reduce your everyday carbon emissions and benefit our planet.



Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month.



Have a 'device-free' day.



Make 3 journeys active across the month.



Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week.



Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.



Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month.

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