



The Drake News

14TH NOVEMBER 2025

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits



We Will Remember Them



As part of our learning about Remembrance, the children have been creating their own poppy artwork inspired by the style of Georgia O'Keeffe. Each child has chosen to dedicate their poppy to a soldier from Thetford who lost their life in service. This has been a thoughtful and meaningful project, helping the children to reflect on the importance of remembrance in a creative way.



We came together for a moving Remembrance Service to honour the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces and civilians during times of war. It was a powerful moment of reflection and unity.

As part of the service, we sang songs that we have been practising in our singing assemblies.

It was truly wonderful to gather as a school community, standing together in remembrance and appreciation.



Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are Turing with 98.7%

Willow Phoenix Returns for Our Lantern Parade!



We're delighted to welcome Willow Phoenix back to Drake Primary this month to help us prepare for our annual Lantern Parade and Carol Singing event in Fredericks Wood on December 18th. All pupils will have the chance to work with Willow Phoenix to create beautiful pieces for our woodland light installation.

We're also running two after-school family workshops so everyone can join in the fun!

These will take place on: Tuesday 25th November and Wednesday 26th November from 3.20 - 4.00 pm.

A booking link will be shared via Parent Hub. Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE



Celebrating Anti-Bullying Week



This week, we launched Anti-Bullying Week with a splash of colour on Odd Socks Day! Thank you to all the staff and pupils who joined in. It was wonderful to see so many creative combinations showing that being different makes us special.

Throughout the week, the children explored how we can all use our power for good by choosing kindness, standing up for others, and celebrating what makes each of us unique.

Reception Maths Café



We would like to invite all Reception parents and carers to join us for our Maths Café on Tuesday 18th November at 2.30 pm. This is a great opportunity to find out more about how maths is taught in the Early Years and to pick up some ideas for supporting your child's learning at home. You'll also have the chance to join the children in class to take part in a fun maths activity together.



We look forward to seeing you there!

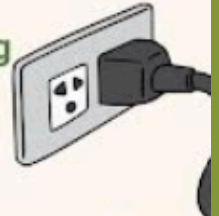


It's Switch Off Fortnight!

'Switch off fortnight' runs from 10th - 23rd November. It's all about making small choices to save a little bit of energy!

We don't have to stop using electricity or turn off the heating but we could be smarter about how we use energy and not waste it.

Here are some tips to save electricity at home:



Close windows and doors in cold weather.

Check lights and electrical items are turned off when not in use (at the plug- don't leave them in standby mode).

Observe the room temperature – see what temperature each room is at.

Put lids on pans when they're bubbling on the hob, as they'll boil quicker.

Switchtastic fact 1

Leaving a computer switched on overnight for a year makes enough CO₂ to fill two old-fashioned phone boxes.



Switchtastic fact 2

Switching a light off for a few seconds saves more energy than it takes for the light to start up again.



Switchtastic fact 3

Keeping draughts out – by insulating round windows and doors – saves as much CO₂ as driving a car 380 miles a year.



Term Dates Reminder



Last Day of term – December 19th
1pm finish

Inset Day (pupil holiday) – January 5th

Inset Day (pupil holiday) – January 6th

Return to school – January 7th

Healthy Snacks



A polite reminder that we are a school which promotes and encourages healthy eating. Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 children receive free fruit every day as part of the national scheme. We kindly ask that Key Stage 2 children bring a healthy snack for break time, such as fruit, vegetables, or a nutritious snack bar. Thank you for supporting our commitment to healthy lifestyles.

A Trip Through Time! Year 1 Explore the Ancient House Museum



I enjoyed making the toys - Bonnie

I enjoyed looking at the ancient toys - Dolly



I enjoyed doing the riddles - Roman

I enjoyed the viking games - Timur

On Friday 7th November, Year 1 enjoyed our trip to the Ancient House Museum. The children were provided with the opportunity to take part in 8 workshops across the day ranging from making their own ancient phonotrope to playing a wide variety of viking and street games. The children were an asset to our school. We are very proud of how fantastically they represented Drake.

Children in Need!



It was wonderful to see the school filled with yellow and spots for Children in Need! The children looked fantastic and took part in a special assembly to learn more about the charity and why we come together to support it each year.



Thank you to all our families for your generosity and kindness, your contributions really do make a difference. If you haven't yet donated, you can still do so using the QR code below.

