



The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, and a very Happy New Year to you all.

We hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful break with your loved ones. As we begin the new term, we would like to thank you for your continued support, it makes such a positive difference to our school community.

We are excited for all that the year ahead will bring and look forward to working together to ensure every child continues to learn, grow, and experience new adventures.

Wishing you all a wonderful start to 2026.

Our County Cross Country Finalists!



We couldn't be prouder of our Drake runners. They qualified to compete in the Norfolk Cross Country Finals during the Christmas holidays, representing our school with outstanding spirit. Despite the freezing temperatures and the early Sunday start, they showed remarkable resilience and determination as they lined up against hundreds of other young athletes.

Every one of them placed highly, with many achieving impressive personal bests. Their commitment, grit, and positive attitude shone through from start to finish. We are incredibly excited to see what the future holds for these talented runners.



Every Day Matters



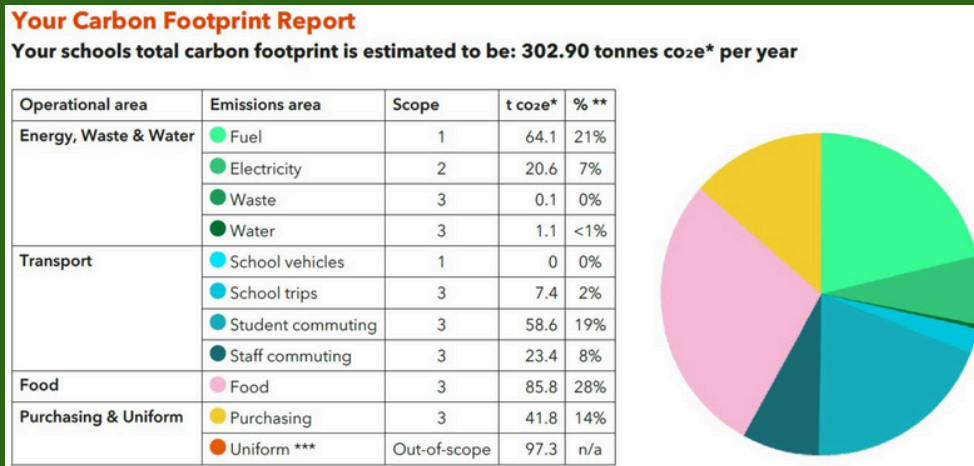
It is a statutory requirement for children to attend school every day.

This week's winners are...
Tabei and Turing with 100%



Drake's Carbon Footprint

We have been working with Let's Go Zero to calculate our carbon footprint. A carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere because of human activities. These gases are measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e). We looked at our energy and water use, waste, transport, food, and purchasing. We estimate that our school produced 302.90 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) over the last academic year.



This year, we have already seen a significant reduction in energy-related emissions. For example, we have saved 8.5 tonnes CO₂e by using electricity from our solar panels. We have also saved 1.2 tonnes CO₂e by burning less gas. These results show real progress in reducing our environmental impact.



Thank you to everyone who has played a part and helped with data collection.

About Thetford

Drake Primary School is proud to be featured in About Thetford for our Halcyon Forest project, where every child planted and named their own tree. This inspiring initiative celebrates environmental awareness, community spirit, and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations.



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