



# The Drake News

4TH APRIL 2026

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

## Radio Drake



Laura, Lyla and Amelia hosted an Easter-themed live show this week – they did a brilliant job announcing songs, chatting about their plans for the holidays and reading out listener messages.

Follow the link to listen –

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PYT8EkoilKGN1tEbtKZrUqLtuuJNRGqG/view?usp=sharing>

To listen again to our previous podcasts –

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AwofLZEvJifj4aL\\_hQMa2E5MI9ScsEgT](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AwofLZEvJifj4aL_hQMa2E5MI9ScsEgT)



## Year 4's Big Bawdsey Adventure



## Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Attenborough with 98.3%

What an unforgettable week for Year 4! Their residential trip to Bawdsey was filled with excitement, challenge, and plenty of firsts. From fencing to climbing, the children threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm and courage.

For many, staying away from home for two nights was just as big an adventure as the activities themselves. It was a joy to see them grow in independence, look after one another, and build strong friendships along the way. They were a credit to Drake in every respect, and we couldn't be prouder.

## Seasonal Cooking Success in Year 3



Following our learning about eating seasonally, all the Year 3 children really enjoyed making a sweet or savoury puff pastry tart, using seasonal fruits and vegetables. Children practised their cutting skills as well as spreading, sprinkling and grating! They demonstrated care and perseverance when using the knives. A big well done to all of Year 3 - we hope you enjoyed eating your tarts at home!

## Panathlon Success for KS2



On Friday 20th March, a group of KS2 children were invited to take part in the Panathlon event at Thetford Academy — a fantastic multi-skills competition involving several local schools. The morning was filled with fun, teamwork and plenty of new challenges as the children enthusiastically tried a wide range of activities.

By the end of the event, Drake had secured an impressive 3rd place, proudly returning to school with bronze medals. While achieving a podium position was exciting, it was the children's conduct, sportsmanship and resilience that truly stood out. They represented our school brilliantly, and we are incredibly proud of them.



## Building, Balancing and Brilliant Ideas in Year 4



Last week, our Year 4 pupils who stayed in school had lots of fun taking part in a range of activities, including an exciting building challenge. Working in teams, the children were asked to create the tallest tower they could using only spaghetti and marshmallows. They thought carefully about their designs, explored which shapes would make their structures strong, and worked together to build their ideas. It was fantastic to see their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills shining through!



## Celebrating a Term of Learning in Year 2



Our wonderful Year 2 pupils proudly shared their learning from across the term this week, showcasing both their topic work and their growing musical skills. It was a joy to see how confidently they spoke, performed, and celebrated their achievements. A big thank you to all families for coming along to support them and for your continued encouragement throughout the year.

## Term Dates Reminder



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 1pm finish

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April - INSET Day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Last day of half term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - May Half term Week

## Year 2 Take on the Great Chair-for-a-Bear Challenge

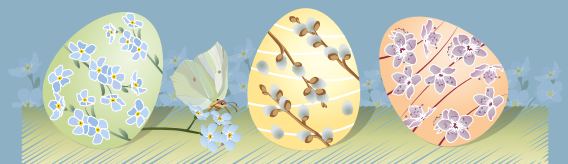
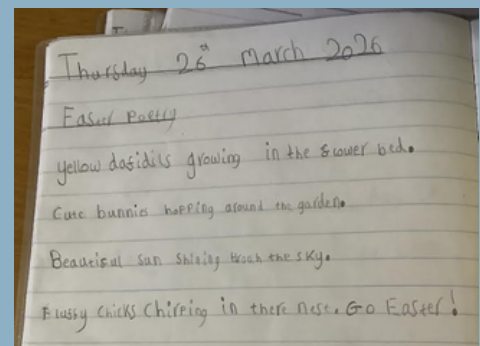
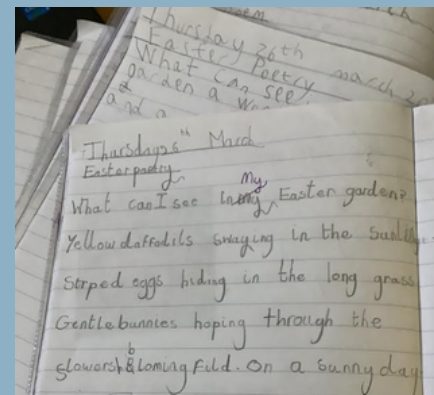
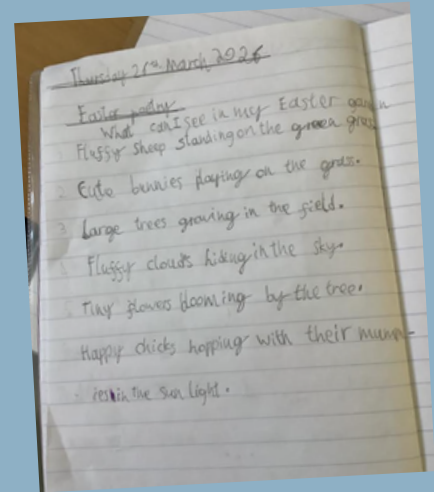


Year 2 have been learning about what makes something strong and stable. They tested out different shapes to see which would be the best for a chair. Using collaboration and determination, they worked together to build a chair for a bear! Here are some of the chairs they made and some pictures of them being tested on real teddy bears.



## Tabei's Easter Poetry

Tabei have been busy crafting some wonderful Easter poems today, and their hard work truly shows. The children took great care with their presentation and handwriting, producing pieces they can be very proud of. We hope you enjoy seeing a selection of their beautifully written poems.



# English through Story Sacks Drake Primary School - Reception



Would you like to encourage your child's reading and imagination? Do they enjoy hands-on learning and story time? NCC Family Learning are delighted to be coming to Drake Primary School over April/May to support Reception families with a FREE 4-week workshop around making your own 'story sack': a bag full of interactive and multi-sensory characters, props, and much more, linked into a book of choice. This enhances family story-time and makes children more active in the story-telling process. You don't have to attend all 4 weeks, but much better if you can.

Tuesday afternoons - 2 hours per workshop - 1:15 pm to 3:15pm

April 21st - Design your sack

April 28th - Create your characters

May 5th - Exploring Settings

May 12th - Non-fiction and narration

\* Children join for the last half-an-hour to work with you \*