



The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Radio Drake



"This week, Sully, Jack and Ryan sit down with fellow Year 6 students to reflect on their week of SATs."

Follow the link to listen -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19ljgbyRHbUzEcbZ_DutR_yy_fpSzl41l/view?usp=sharing

A huge congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils – they have shown incredible resilience, maturity and determination throughout the week, and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

King with 100%

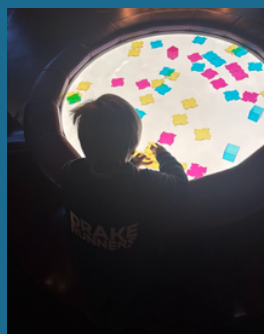
Exploring Science in Action.



This week, our Year 5 pupils had an inspiring and hands-on day of learning at the Science Museum in London. The visit was designed to deepen their understanding of key areas of the science curriculum, particularly forces, materials, light, space and scientific enquiry. Much of the day was spent in the Wonderlab, where pupils explored a wide range of interactive exhibits. They investigated reflections and colour, experimented with forces and motion, observed changes in materials, and explored structures and space through practical, high-engagement activities.



A highlight of the day was the live science show, where pupils watched demonstrations explaining how rockets work, what early space travel looked like, and what would happen to the human body in space without a spacesuit. This linked directly to their learning about Earth and Space, giving them a memorable insight into the challenges and wonders of space exploration.



SAT's Breakfast!



A huge thank you to our wonderful kitchen team. Our year 6 enjoyed a fabulous cooked breakfast this week prepared by our kitchen staff. They provided a full spread which our children thoroughly enjoyed. What a great way to start to the day!

From Caterpillars to Butterflies in Year 2



Year 2 have been learning about life cycles in Science. A few weeks ago we got some baby caterpillars, we have since been watching them grow and form into a chrysalis. Since then, we have seen 5 of the 9 caterpillars emerge and change into butterflies! In a few days when the rest have arrived we will be letting them free outside.



Alekhya's Artwork Shines at Hampstead Heath Exhibition



We are incredibly proud of Alekhya, whose artwork Superman's House was selected for display at the Hampstead Heath Children's Art Exhibition in London. Created with poster paints on canvas, her piece was showcased alongside work from schools across the region.



This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of how our pupils can share their creativity within the wider community. Well done, Alekhya!

Curiosity in Action at Science Club



Science Club has been full of exciting experiments and curiosity! The children began by making predictions about which objects would float or sink, developing their scientific reasoning skills. They used their creativity and problem-solving abilities to design parachutes that could protect an egg when dropped from a height. This week, they explored whether food could be grown on other planets by testing if cress seeds could germinate in freezing conditions. It has been wonderful to see so much curiosity and enthusiasm for science!

2026 DRAKE'S GOT TALENT

Heats - 1st - 3rd June
Semi finals - 4th June
Grand Final - 5th June
Winner performs at our Summer Festival
Sign up in your classroom

The collage features various illustrations: a painter with a palette, a karate practitioner in a white gi, a soccer player with a ball, a basketball player with a ball, a juggler, a ballerina in a blue tutu, a cheerleader with pom-poms, a musician with a guitar and keyboard, and a comedian with a microphone. The Drake Primary School logo, featuring a duck, is also present.

Get Ready for Drake's Got Talent



The Pupil Arts Council are excited to announce that this year's Drake's Got Talent will take place after half term. This is always a highlight of the school year, with pupils from across the school showcasing their amazing and varied talents.

Over the years, we have seen everything from keepy-uppy champions to ventriloquists, and singers to magicians! All pupils are welcome to enter – simply sign up with your class teacher.

We can't wait to see what hidden talents are revealed this year!



Summer Concerts

FEATURING

Thursday 18th June 1.30 & 6pm Year 6 play

Thursday 25th June 2.45pm Year 1

Monday 29th June 2.40pm Year 2

Tuesday 30th June 2.45pm Reception

Thursday 2nd July 2.30 pm Year 3

Hansel and Gretel Performance

Thursday 9th July 2.15pm Year 4 & Year 5

+Y6 string ensemble group

June & July 2026



Food

Summer Festival

Games

Music

Thursday 16th July

Performances

20 May | **World Bee Day**

Bee together

for people and the planet

A partnership that sustains us all

Did you know:

1. Though bees have jointed legs, they do not possess anything like a kneecap, and therefore do not have knees.
2. Honey has antiseptic properties and was historically used as a dressing for wounds and a first aid treatment for burns and cuts.
3. The natural fruit sugars in honey – fructose and glucose – are quickly digested by the body. This is why sportsmen and athletes use honey to give them a natural energy boost.
4. The practice of beekeeping dates back at least 4,500 years.
5. Bees must gather nectar from two million flowers to make one pound of honey
6. One bee has to fly about 90,000 miles – three times around the globe – to make one pound of honey.
7. The average bee will make only 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.
8. A honey bee visits 50 to 100 flowers during a collection trip.
9. A honey bee can fly for up to six miles, and as fast as 15 miles per hour.
10. Bees communicate by dancing.

