



The Drake News

31ST MAY 2026

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Poet Visit for Arts Week: Welcoming Lewis Buxton



As part of our Arts Week celebrations, we are delighted to be welcoming poet Lewis Buxton to Drake this week. Lewis is an award-winning writer and performer whose work focuses on creativity, confidence and helping children find their voice through poetry.

He will be leading a whole-school assembly before running workshops to explore language in fun and imaginative ways.

We are very excited to have Lewis join us and can't wait to see the wonderful writing the children produce.

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Merian with 96.7%

World Bee Day!



Reception have loved celebrating World Bee Day!

Bees are so important because they help pollinate flowers, plants and many of the foods we eat, helping our environment to thrive. The children enjoyed learning all about bees through a range of exciting activities, including making honey biscuits, crafting their own bees and labelling all parts of a bee in our writing areas.

Everyone looked fantastic dressed as bees too – it was a wonderful day full of fun and learning!



New Intake 2006 Open Evening

We are delighted to invite all families with children joining Reception in September to our Reception Intake Evening.

Thursday 4th June, 5:00pm–6:30pm

It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet the Reception teachers and support staff, explore the classrooms and learning spaces, ask any questions you may have, and find out more about what to expect during your child's Reception year at Drake Primary School.

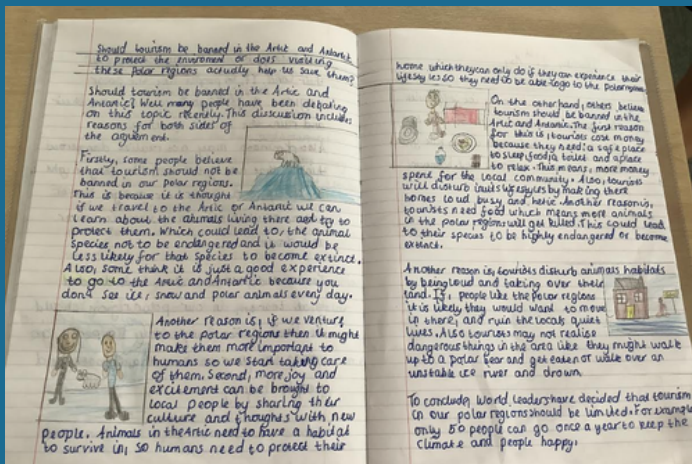
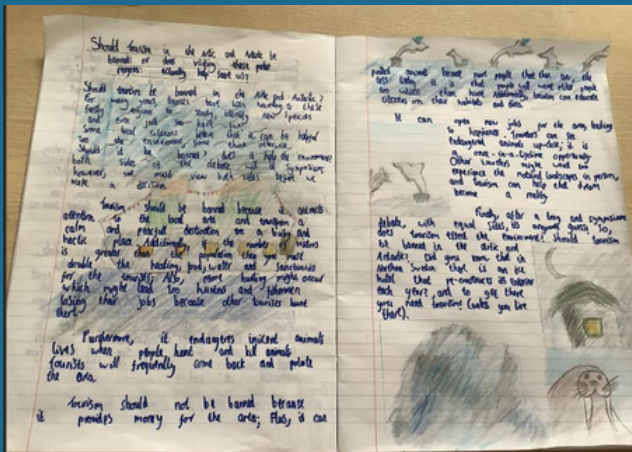


This half-term, Year 6 have been balancing the rights and wrongs of tourism in the Arctic. Their written pieces were then recorded onto our station by Alfie and Jack. Noah T did a brilliant job injecting energy and clarity into his recording here

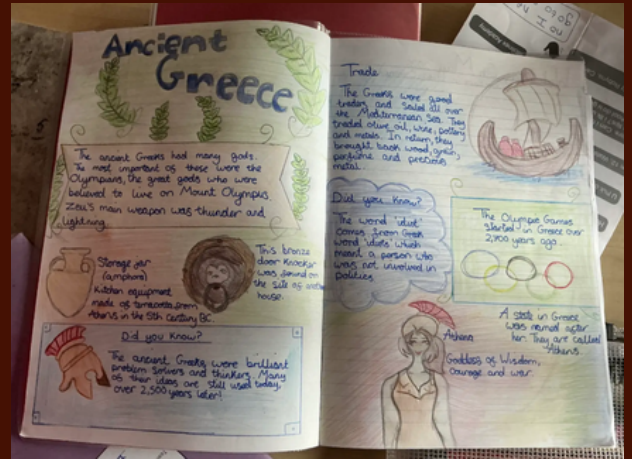
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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qfF-2LX5Fzmo3Q7BwtwuNwZQWgHyo1hG/view?usp=sharing>

Year 6 have also polished and published their written discussions on polar tourism. These pieces show just how thoughtfully the children have weighed up the environmental, ethical and economic impact of visiting the Arctic, producing clear, balanced arguments that reflect their growing maturity as writers.

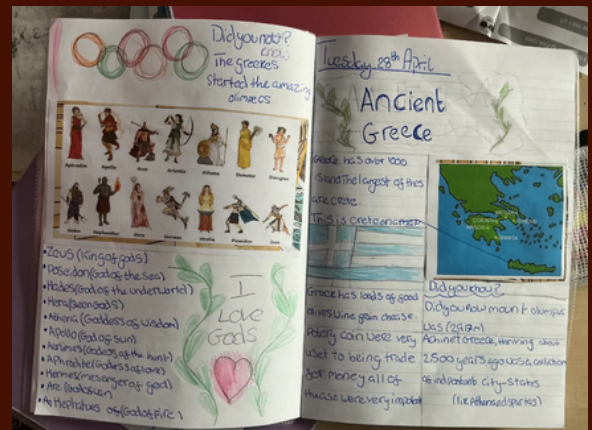


Exploring Ancient Greece: Year 5 Showcase Their Historical Writing



In History this half term, Year 5 have been exploring the question 'Who were the Ancient Greeks?'. The children have been learning about Greek life, culture and achievements, and how this ancient civilisation has influenced the world we live in today.

As part of this work, pupils have created beautiful double-page spreads to showcase their knowledge. These include key facts, labelled diagrams, timelines and carefully structured written explanations. This learning also links directly to one of our school's key priorities: improving the quality of writing across the foundation subjects. Through this project, the children have been developing their ability to organise information clearly, use subject-specific vocabulary confidently and present their ideas with pride.



Year 6 Dates



Year 6 Play at 1:30pm and 6:00pm
Thursday 18 June

Year 6 France Trip
Sunday 29 June – Friday 3 July

String Ensemble Group Performance at
2:15pm
Thursday 9 July

Leavers' Assembly at 1:45pm
Tuesday 14 July

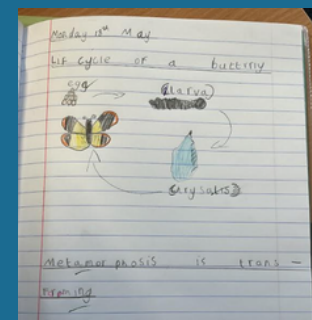
Year 6 Prom from 6:00–8:00pm
Tuesday 14 July

Rescheduled ...
SPORTS DAY
Key Stage 2 - Morning
EYFS & Key Stage 1 - Afternoon
FRI JUNE 19TH
Details to follow this week

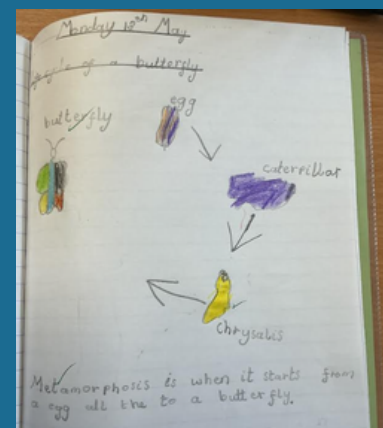
2026 DRAKE'S GOT TALENT

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

Year 2 Shine in Their Butterfly Metamorphosis Work



Year 2 have been continuing their work on metamorphosis this week by summarising the life cycle of a butterfly. Having watched our own caterpillars turn into chrysalises and then releasing them as butterflies, the children were able to confidently describe the different stages of transformation. Have a look at some of their fantastic work!





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