



The Drake News

10TH JUNE 2026

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits



We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to our Summer Fayre next Thursday afternoon. We will begin with a whole-school singing performance, followed by a special moment to say goodbye to our Year 6 children.

There will be plenty to enjoy throughout the afternoon, including fun games, stalls, and delicious food. As part of our preparations, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes on Monday and bring a raffle contribution.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

New classes, new adventures!

This week saw plenty of excitement around school as we began preparing for the new academic year!

While most of our Year 6 children were busy getting a taste of secondary school life on transition days at Thetford Academy, the rest of the school spent Tuesday and Wednesday settling into their new classes for September.

Children had the chance to meet their new teachers and TAs, get to know their new classmates, and start building those all-important relationships ahead of the new year. Teachers shared their love of reading with exciting story sessions, games were played, and children were encouraged to share their hopes and aspirations for the year ahead. Not to be outdone, our new King class even got creative and designed their very own mini golf courses!

It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and excitement buzzing around the classrooms. Both children and staff are now looking forward to a well-earned, relaxing summer break before an exciting September ahead!



Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Malala and Kahlo with 96.6%



Year 6 conquer France



Quelle aventure! Our Year 6 pupils have returned from an unforgettable residential trip to France, buzzing with stories and packed with new experiences and adventure. The trip began with a fascinating visit to a French school, where our pupils got a real taste of life as a French student — sitting in on lessons, practising their language skills with local children, and discovering just how different (and similar!) a school day can be on the other side of the Channel. It was a brilliant opportunity to build confidence, independence, and a genuine appreciation for another culture.



From there, the group explored the beautiful town of Lisieux, wandering its historic streets before visiting the awe-inspiring Basilica of Saint Thérèse — one of the largest and most magnificent pilgrimage sites in the world. Pupils were left speechless by its towering domes, intricate mosaics, and peaceful atmosphere, and many said it was a real highlight of the trip. No residential would be complete without a little excitement, and Festyland theme park certainly delivered! With roller coasters, water rides, and plenty of screams and laughter, pupils let off steam and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Throughout the trip, our Year 6 pupils showed incredible maturity, resilience, and enthusiasm, trying new foods, speaking a new language, and stepping outside their comfort zones at every turn. A huge well done to every single one of them; you were fantastic ambassadors for Drake Primary School, and we couldn't be prouder!

A Musical Encore, Coming Soon!

This week, our talented Year 4 and Year 5 pupils, supported by their musicians, filmed their summer performance.

The children have worked incredibly hard on their musicality over the past few weeks, and it really showed — the result is a fantastic production that we can't wait to share with you!

While we were all disappointed that the recent heat meant parents and carers were unable to watch in person, we didn't want all that hard work to go unseen.

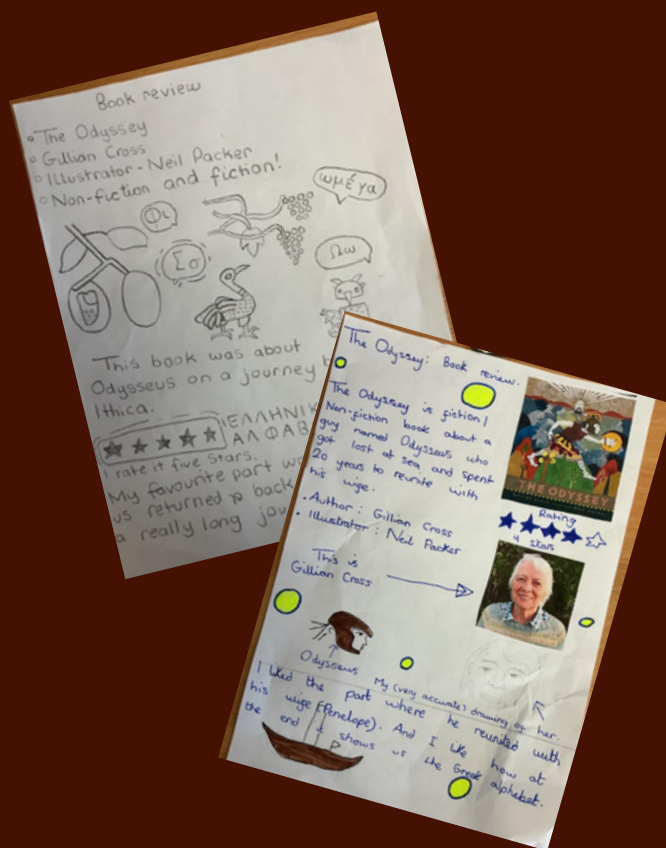
Keep an eye out for the video, which will be shared with you next week — we know you'll be as proud of our young musicians as we are!



Malala Class Share Their Journey Through The Odyssey

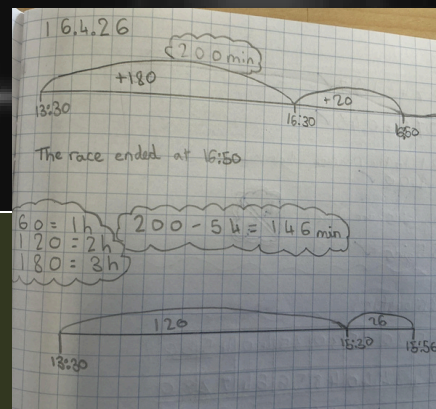
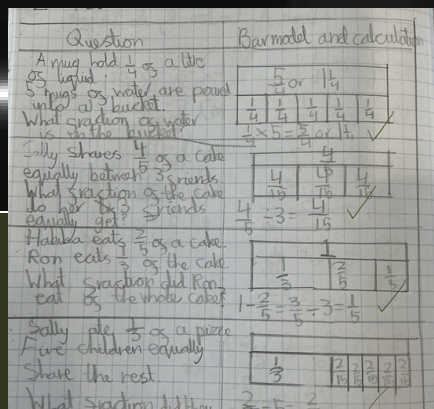
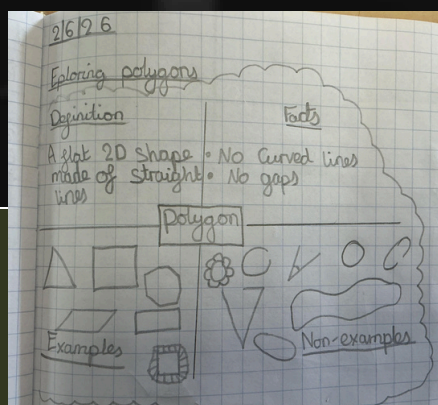


In Malala this week, we have finished reading our class text, *The Odyssey* by Gillian Cross. The children have really enjoyed exploring the characters, challenges and adventures within the story, and have spent time reflecting on the text by creating their own book reviews to share their thoughts. This has been a brilliant opportunity to develop both their writing skills and their love of reading, which continues to be a key priority across the school.



Next week, the class will be creating a selection of book reviews to hand to the new Year 5 children. They are excited to recommend the best books they have read this year and to inspire others to read widely and for pleasure.

Spotlight on Maths



At Drake Primary School, our goal is to nurture confident, resilient mathematicians who see how numbers shape the world around them. To achieve this, we follow the academically ambitious ARK Mathematics Mastery curriculum: building a deep foundation in numerical fluency, spatial reasoning, and mental calculations. Maths is delivered using a Concrete–Pictorial–Abstract (CPA) approach. By using hands-on objects and visual drawings alongside abstract numbers, we ensure mathematical success is accessible to everyone.

We place a strong emphasis on mathematical oracy and reasoning—pupils are consistently encouraged to explain, justify, and prove their thinking. Cross-curricular math opportunities are also woven across the wider curriculum so that children can experience the practical joy of numbers in everyday contexts.

How Parents Can Help at Home

You can support your child's maths with quick, engaging daily habits:

- Find maths in everyday activities: Count items together, look at prices in shops, or practice telling the time.
- Explore shapes: Use building blocks or cardboard boxes to talk about structures, sizes, and spatial layouts.
- Weave maths into meal times: Involve your child in measuring ingredients for recipes or counting out the correct pieces of cutlery when setting the table.



SUMMER NON-UNIFORM DAY

MONDAY 13TH JULY

KS1

**Reception, Yr1&2:
Sweet Donations**

Individually wrapped
things if possible
please
e.g lollies, packets
of Haribo. No chocolate please as this
will melt in the heat



KS2

Years 3-6

Bottle Donations

e.g Drinks, bubble bath etc

Please give to your class teacher monday morning
Donations to be used for Summer Fayre, Thank You