The Drake News

17TH OCTOBER 2026

Where a World of Opportunity Awaits



This week, we are delighted to present the Class Award to Year 6 for being wonderfully imaginative and inquisitive during their learning at Norwich Castle and the Museum of Norwich. Throughout the trip, the children showed real curiosity about the industries of Norwich and impressed staff with their thoughtful reflections on the city's history. They also represented Drake Primary beautifully, displaying our school values and following our rules brilliantly from start to finish. Well done, Year 6! A fantastic achievement!

Every Day Matters

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

This week's winners are Maathai with 99.7%

Year 6 Explore Norwich's Industrial Past





Year 6 enjoyed an exciting trip to Norwich to bring their learning about the Industrial Revolution to life. At Norwich Castle, the children had the opportunity to handle historical artefacts and explore documents linked to Colman's Mustard.





In the afternoon, they discovered more about Norwich's industries at the museum before taking a short walk around the city to see the remains of the factories that once played an important role in its history. The children were enthusiastic and inquisitive throughout the day, asking thoughtful questions and developing their understanding of how industry shaped Norwich.







Marvellous Maths in Reception







In Maths this week, we have been exploring subitising and looking at all the different ways numbers can be represented. The children challenged themselves across lots of areas of the classroom, creating the same number in different ways while remembering that, although it may look different, the amount stays the same! Playdough was a firm favourite, along with using our large numbers outside and hunting for different objects to match each number. It was lovely to see the children thinking so creatively about number!

Year 6 Transition Talk

This week, Year 6 had a visit from Ms Porter (Vice Principle from Thetford Academy) to discuss the Y6 transition into high school and allow the children to ask questions about moving up to the academy. Ms Porter shared a wealth of knowledge and the children asked a vast, detailed questions that allowed a high range of answers to be shared.

"What if I get lost? Will I be with any friends? What lessons will I do? What does the school day look like? Can I bike to school?"



Book Cover Competition Winners



Thank you to everyone who entered our book cover competition. The standard of entries was incredibly high, making it a very tough decision for our judges, Mr Beeson and Mrs Faraway.

A huge congratulations to our competition winners. Their illustrations were fantastic and earned them a voucher to spend at the Book Fayre. Well done to everyone who took part.

Volunteer Readers Needed!



We're looking for a few brilliant volunteers to help our children develop their love of reading. Just an hour or two a week listening to children read makes a huge difference. No experience needed, full support provided.

If you can spare a little time and want to make a big impact, please contact the school office to join our reading team.



Girls' Football Success



This week, our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 girls proudly represented Drake in two school tournaments. We are incredibly proud of how brilliantly they worked together as a team and how fantastically they represented the school throughout both events. Our Year 3/4 team even made it through to the county finals, which is an outstanding achievement. A massive well done to all the girls — you were superb.



A big thank you to Mrs Bambride and Miss S for all the ir hard work in training and preparing the girls.



Halloween Fun at Afterschool Club

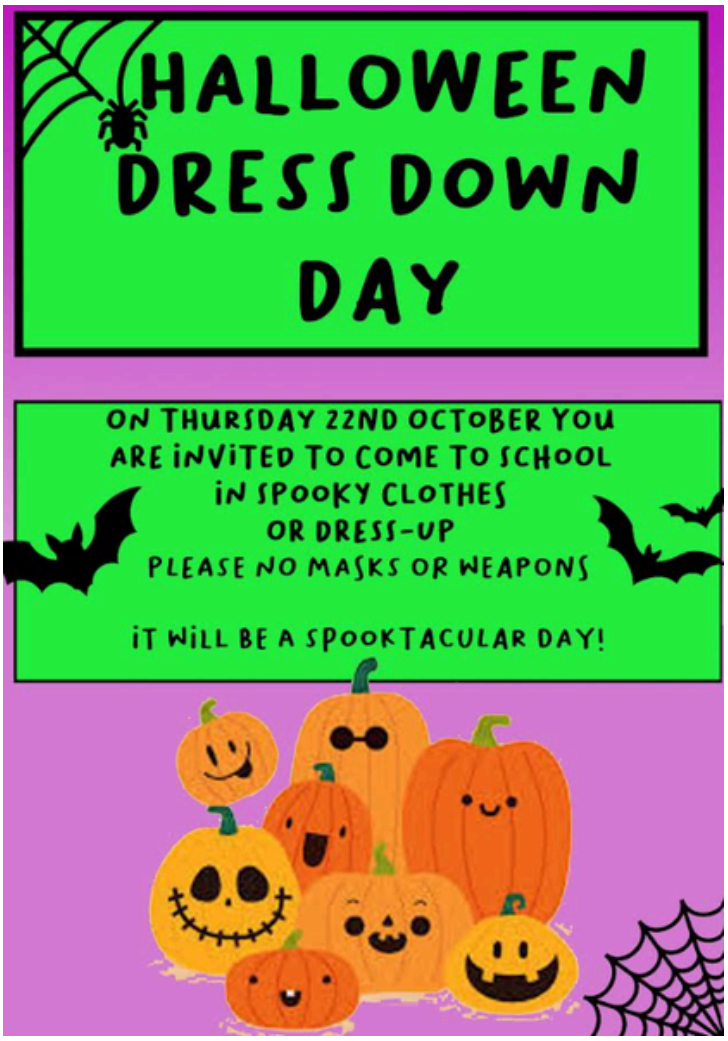


This week, our Afterschool Club have been getting into the Halloween spirit with some seasonal fun. The children enjoyed making chocolate apples and created spooky decorations using autumn leaves. It was a lovely way to celebrate the season and get creative together.











FEEL HAPPIER, CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND START THE DAY FEELING READY TO LEARN



October is International Walk to School Month, and we're encouraging all Drake families to join thousands of children across the country in celebrating the wellbeing benefits of walking and wheeling to school. Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, has shared a wealth of information about how even a short walk at the start or end of the school day can make a big difference.

Walking or wheeling to school helps children build healthy habits, boosts wellbeing and supports a positive start to the day. It offers a chance to spend quality time with family, meet friends along the way and feel connected to the local community. Many children find that arriving at school after some fresh air helps them feel refreshed, focused and ready to learn.

To help families get involved, we've included the Autumn Street Safari activity poster at the end of this newsletter. Children can use it on their journey to school to spot seasonal sights, complete fun challenges and make their walk even more enjoyable.
Feel happier, connect with others and start the day feeling ready to learn.

You can find out more about International Walk to School Month on the Living Streets website:

https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/international-walk-to-school-month/

Have Your Say – Win a £100 Voucher!

We're launching an exciting new Active Travel project at Drake and we need your help. Tell us about your journey to and from school by completing the quick survey below, and you'll be entered into a prize draw to win one of three £100 Love-to-Shop vouchers.

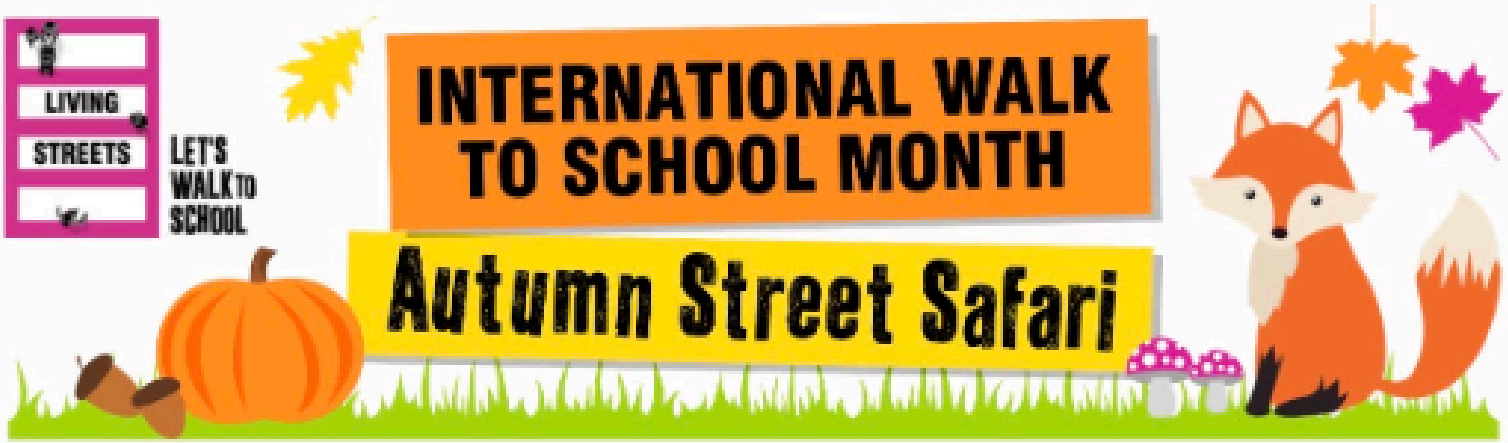
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LIVING STREETS

LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Autumn Street Safari



There are lots of interesting things to see and do as you walk, wheel or scoot to school. How many of these activities can you tick off on your Autumn Street Safari?

Find a pretty feather ☐	Spot a bird and draw it ☐	Make art using fallen leaves ☐	Hug a big tree ☐
Look under a rock - who lives there? ☐	Find a red leaf ☐	Make up a scary story ☐	Juggle with pinecones ☐
Jump over a puddle ☐	Pretend to be a squirrel asleep for the winter ☐	Learn why leaves change colour ☐	Spot a zebra crossing ☐
Say hello to a neighbour ☐	Dance around a mushroom ☐	Close your eyes and listen - what do you hear? ☐	Stamp on a pile of leaves ☐

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Little Ducklings Childcare

Christmas Holiday Club

0 - 7 years

21st & 22nd December 2026



- Fun Activities
- Christmas Crafts
- Festive Stories and Games

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