



The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome Back!

From all the staff at Drake, we wish you a very warm welcome back. We are excited about what 2025 has in store for our school and community.

This week we launched our new maths curriculum after staff training on INSET day. This term, our teachers complete their research based project on formative assessment presenting their findings to education leaders in Norfolk next month. We are already seeing a huge impact on children's outcomes due to this project.

We look forward to inviting you to our maths cafés this half term and for parents evenings. We have many exciting trips planned to enhance the children's in class learning with our two new minibuses arriving soon.

Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Earhart with 100%

Aspiration

Our first day back at school was our values and RE day. Our value for this half term is 'Aspiration'. We explored what being aspirational meant and thought about our own aspirations. Each class thought about the inspiration person their class is named after and what their aspirations were.



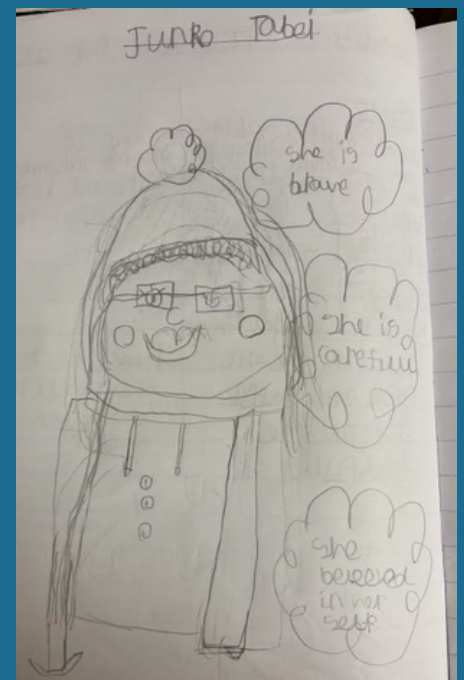
Aspiration is when you dream big, and you put lots of effort in to make it to your goal - Lucas.

My aspiration is to get better at gymnastics and to read 100 books by the end of the year - Natasha.

My aspiration is to be a midwife and to meet Taylor Swift - Emelie.

My aspiration is to help my mum and sister look after my dog, Coco. Also, to be a gymnast and an explorer - Emilie.

Over this half term we will be learning more about our aspirational school vision and what it means for our children, staff and families.



Royal Opera House Visit



This week Year 3 had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Royal Opera House to watch a performance of Hansel and Gretel. Not only did they watch an opera, but they travelled through London seeing the sights including Big Ben and The London Eye on a double decker bus.



I loved seeing the sights in London, the London Eye and Tower Bridge were amazing – George.

I liked all the special effects with the smoke and the flashes – Milena.



I liked the stage and set- there were chocolates and cakes and a magical forest – Lucas.

I like the magic that happened – the broom sticks were dancing and the creatures were moving – it was magic – Martynas.

Not only is watching an opera at the Royal Opera House in London a once in a life time opportunity, this experience will support the create and sing project Year 3 will be participating in this summer term.



New Logo and Website!

We are very excited to launch our new logo. Last year our children designed a range of ducks which we took our inspiration from when developing our logo. The drake duck represents not only our name but our commitment to environmental sustainability.

Our new website will be live at the end of the month and we hope that it will be easier for families to navigate and find key information, news and updates.

Radio Drake



This week, Tony interviewed our brilliant Rocksteady instructor, Rob.

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/tony-interviews-rob-from-radio-council>



Year 6 Yoga and Mindfulness!



On the run up to taking their SATs exams, Year 6 will be taking part in weekly yoga and mindfulness sessions. These are designed to help our children to learn strategies to support them to relax and deal with stress during periods of intense study and exam preparation.






Dear parents/carers,

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 7 February 2025**.

Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that’s always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

 On average, a child contacts Childline every **45 seconds**

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, ‘can-do’ attitude towards it.

- We are taking on Buddy’s Key Challenge in our classes. Working to solve exciting maths puzzles in our classes, against the clock with Buddy, the *Speak out. Stay safe* mascot.
- We are having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, and we’d love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

Safe fundraising

- Donations will be via GiftT. A QR code will be shared closer to the event. Please donate and share with friends so we can support the NSPCC.

It all adds up

We’re really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Mr Hewitt

You can find out more about the NSPCC’s work at nspcc.org.uk

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety