



# The Drake News

15TH NOVEMBER 2024

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

## Winners!



A huge well done to our Year 5 & 6 and our arts council for creating Greta our winning scarecrow at Thetford High Lodge!

We have won a £100 prize which will be spent by our Eco Council. They will be deciding how best to spend the money and what will help reduce our carbon footprint.

Well done everyone and thank you Thetford High Lodge!

If you haven't visited Greta, you still have time as she will stay at Thetford a little longer.

## Children in Need!

Thank you for all your support with Children In Need. The children looked wonderful in their spots and yellow and we raised an incredible £556.98. Well done to all our Drake and Little Pirates families!



## Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Earhart with 98.39%

## Sustainability



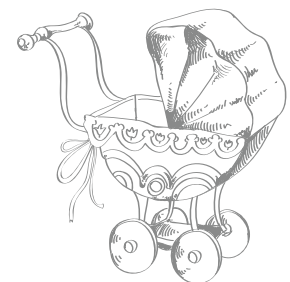
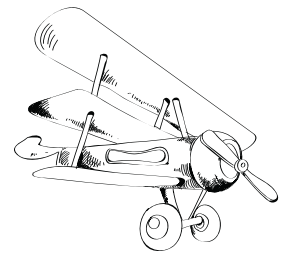
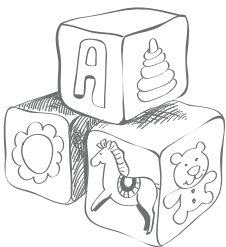
Our commitment to sustainability runs through all we do at Drake, please read our attached poster to find out about our climate change project we are involved in. If you are able to support us to reduce our carbon footprint through your business, work or contacts please do get in touch.

## Our winning swim team!



A huge well done to our swim team that competed in a gala this week. Not only did they show amazing endurance and resilience, but they supported each other as team and were gracious winners. You made us proud both in and out of the pool!

## Year 1 Trip!



On Friday 8th November, Year 1 attended a trip to the Ancient House Museum to learn about toys from the past. The children had an opportunity to explore toys from the past and discovered that most toys were wooden, compared to now where many are plastic. They were also able to make some toys that from the past. The children loved learning how to play games from the past, ensuring that that they listened carefully to the rules given by the Ancient House.

The children represented Drake fantastically and it was a valuable opportunity to kick start our History learning about toys from the past.

## Drake Radio



This week's podcast:

"In her new podcast series 'Behind Doors', Isla interviews children about what they have been learning in class. This week, Everlyn is her guest."

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/behind-doors-isa-and-everlyn>

## Parents Evenings



Thank you so much for the wonderful engagement in Parent's Evenings this week. If you were unable to attend, please contact your class teacher to arrange an after school appointment.

Thank you!

## Anti-bullying Week



This year's theme was 'Choose Respect' and every class has been exploring what this means. We have found out more about what bullying is and what to do if you feel you or someone else is being bullied.

Classes have taken part in team building activities and explored positive friendships and how to show respect for other people.

A big thank you to our Diversity Council who ran a wonderful assembly on Friday to give the whole school some important messages about bullying.

## Remembrance



To mark Remembrance we held a special assembly with a visit from a WW1 soldier. We learned more about why we mark Remembrance and about the stories of the soldiers that lost their lives. On Armistice we came together as a whole school outside Sophia's garden where we observed the two minute silence and sang our remembrance songs. It was a special moment for us to reflect as community.



# Climate Change Project



Our vision is that our school and curriculum empower pupils to be advocates and agents of change for a more **sustainable** world.

To help achieve this, we are undertaking a project called **'Climate Adapted Pathways in Education.'**

This project will focus on four areas:

## Decarbonisation

We will take actions to reduce carbon emissions and become more energy efficient.

## Biodiversity

We will map the biodiversity across Drake Primary and work to increase biodiversity.

## Adaption and resilience

We will understand and prepare for the effects of climate change on Thetford and Drake Primary school.

## Curriculum

We will embed climate change into our curriculum.

## Our Curriculum

As we embed climate change education into our curriculum, we will:

- Explore what sustainability means.
- Explore how climate change is effecting our environment.
- Ask questions about climate change.
- Discuss our emotional reactions to climate change.
- Develop positive and effective strategies to cope with eco anxiety.

Children will be better equipped to make sense of climate change and be better informed to make decisions that will build hope for the future.





# CHRISTMAS AT DRAKE

*Save the Date!*

Fri 29th Nov	Lantern Parade
Wed 4th Dec	Year 3 Class Assembly 2.30 pm
Thurs 5th Dec	Year 4 Class Assembly 9 am
	Year 5 & 6 Class Assembly 2.30 pm
Fri 6th Dec	Christmas Fair & SRB Bowling
Tues 10th Dec	Year 3 & 4 Xmas Lunch
	Year 1 Class Assembly 2.45 pm
Wed 11th Dec	Year 5 & 6 Xmas Lunch
	Year R Class Assembly 2.45 pm
	Year 3 Visit to St Cuthberts
Thurs 12th Dec	Federation Panto Trip
Fri 13th Dec	Year R & KS1 Xmas Lunch
	Year 2 Nativity 2 pm
Mon 16th Dec	Christmas Service at St. Cuthberts
Thurs 19th Dec	Christmas Concert 4.15 pm
	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 20th Dec	Last Day of Term 1pm Close





Tis the season to be jolly

# THETFORD'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY ALL ACROSS THE TOWN!**

**5.30pm** Santa Arriving - Riverside

**6.30pm** Lights Switch On - Market Place

**Lets step into Christmas!  
Continental Market,  
Entertainment, Performers  
and much, much more!  
Look out for futher details**

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**Friday 29th  
November**

**Market Place  
Kings Street  
Riverside  
The Guildhall**

**Children's Christmas Disco**

**SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER  
5-7:30PM THE CARNEGIE**

Join us for some dancing, games & festive cheer with special guests!

Tickets £4 per child and free for accompanying adults.

Please note children must be accompanied by an adult.  
No food or drink to be brought into the venue drinks and snacks will be available to purchase.

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**NARNIA  
AFTERNOON TEA**

**30th November 2024  
2pm - £19 per person**

Come and be immersed in our Narnia themed Afternoon Tea.  
The Guildhall, Thetford.

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**Santa's Grotto**

**SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024  
BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**THE GUILDHALL, THETFORD  
FROM 10AM**

THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL SANTA'S GROTTTO, TAKING PLACE IN THE GUILDHALL!  
COME AND MEET SANTA'S ELVES AND WRITE YOUR LETTERS TO SANTA, BEFORE GOING AHEAD TO MEET THE BIG MAN HIMSELF!  
SUITABLE FOR ALL YOUNG CHILDREN.

**BOOKING OPENING SOON**

**Child Ticket: £4.00  
(Age 1 and up)**

**Infant Ticket: £2.00  
(Under 1 year of age)**

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