



# The Drake News

18TH OCTOBER 2024

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

## National Recycling Week



A small reminder about recycling in the Breckland area.

Things you can recycle include:

**Paper** - Newspapers, Junk mail, magazines, Cardboard, envelopes, directories, Cartons, and cardboard egg boxes.

**Plastic** - Bottles including lids, Pots (such as yogurt pots), tubs, trays, sprays and punnets.

**Glass** - Bottles and Jars including lids.

**Metal** - steel cans, aluminium cans, clean foil and foil trays and aerosols.

## Every Day Matters



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

This week's winners are...

Earhart  
for 98.92%

## Our Greta Thunberg Scarecrow

'With a body stuffed full of single use plastic and school waste materials, our Greta Thunberg scarecrow stands on a globe choked in plastic. But rising above it, the views of our young people can be seen!'

Well done Art Council and Year 6. Greta was a wonderful choice, representing our commitment to sustainability and belief in the power of voice.

Greta is displayed at High Lodge as part of their scarecrow trail.





## Remembrance!

As part of our work on Remembrance this year, we will be making a poppy installation in our wellbeing garden. Our poppies will be made from plastic bottles and each one will be dedicated to a soldier from Thetford who has died in a war.

To support this, we are asking families to collect plastic bottles such as the ones that water, or fizzy drinks come in. A range of sizes is fine - from 500ml to 2l.



It would be really helpful if you could cut the bottoms and/or tops off the bottles and shape them into poppies before sending them in, but if you can't don't worry, we are happy to accept any bottles.

This video shows how you can cut and shape the poppies:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVcsBo-VT5A>

## Drake Radio



Our featured podcast this week -

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/trains-with-charley-episode-1>

In his inaugural 'Train Show' podcast, Charley explores the iconic Class 66 rail freight train as well as some of his other favourite locomotives.

Radio Drake's live show is broadcast every weekday from 12:30 - 13:15

## Staff Training



During INSET day, best-selling author Shirley Clarke visited Drake to deliver training on formative assessment.

Formative Assessment is the proven, single most important thing we can do in schools to raise attainment and develop high student self-efficacy.

Our teachers are now part of an exciting research project presenting their findings to headteachers across Norfolk.

# DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Is your child starting school in  
September 2025?  
Drake Primary School would like to  
invite you to our open event.

**Wednesday 6th November**

**3.30pm - 5.30pm**

Take a look at classrooms, meet the  
staff, find out about our curriculum and  
the wider opportunities we offer our  
children.

**NO NEED TO BOOK**

[office@drake.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@drake.norfolk.sch.uk)

To find out more call 01842 762055



We would like your thoughts about our vision, mission and aims.

Please follow the link below -

[forms.gle/EVsMmf529tBRomph7](https://forms.gle/EVsMmf529tBRomph7)

We are holding a Blue Sky meeting for parents to gather your voice on our new Vision, Mission and Aims. This will be at 2.30pm on Wednesday 6th November.

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# Spooky dress day

IN PARTERSHIP  
WITH CO-OP



**WEAR SOMETHING SPOOKY**

**FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER**

**IN STORE -**

25th October to 31st October -  
in-branch competition

31st October - Bake sale and  
winner announced

**NO MASKS OR PROPS  
NON-UNIFORM WELCOME**





# Become a Parent Champion

Would you like to volunteer to help other parents and carers in your community?

Becoming a Parent Champion means you can meet new people, learn new skills, gain confidence, and give something back to the local community.

## Training Available!

Thursdays 14 and 21 November 2024, 10.30am - 1.30pm  
Swaffham Assembly Rooms, 1 Market Place, PE37 7AB

Both training dates must be attended. Lunch and refreshments provided. Travel costs reimbursed.



## Interested?

To register your interest email:

[parentchampions@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:parentchampions@norfolk.gov.uk)

or visit our website:

[norfolk.gov.uk/parentchampionvolunteers](http://norfolk.gov.uk/parentchampionvolunteers)



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