



The Drake News

6TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

Our Value is... Hope



This half term we will be exploring the value of 'Hope'. We will be learning what hope means to us all and discussing our hopes and wishes for the year ahead. We will be looking at the power of hope and how inspirational people have achieved against the odds through being hopeful.

Meet the Prefects!



Head boy - Darragh
Head girl - Ellie

Our prefects -

George, Noah, Indie, Isla,
Jack K, Amelija, Isabella &
Victoria

Welcome Back!

So wonderful to welcome you all back this week to Drake Primary. We hope you all had a fantastic summer and are feeling ready for the new academic year.

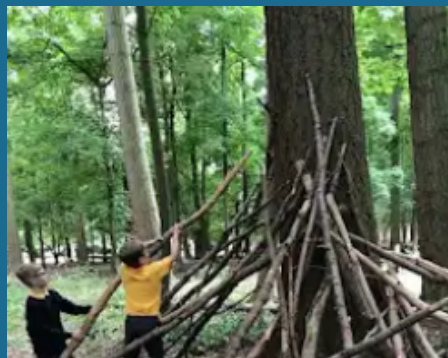
There couldn't have been a better start to our year than our federation trip to High Lodge Thetford. This year we were joined by Wicklewood Primary, which enabled our children to learn alongside new friends as well as their existing ones.

We are extremely proud of our Drake children, they became fully immersed in our forest learning as well as displaying the values and behaviours they show everyday in school.

We learned more about the forest environment through trails and hunts, we challenged ourselves on new equipment, we worked together to learn new skills such as weaving and archery. We also made new friends and enjoyed building relationships with our new class teachers and adults.



Thetford Forest





We love reading!



We know lots of you took part in the summer reading challenge. Please bring in your certificates to share in celebration assembly.

Drake Radio



Drake Radio allows our children to represent themselves and their learning to the Thetford community and beyond.

You can listen live here -
<https://drake-school.broadcast.radio/>

Our featured podcast this week is a range of interviews recorded on our first day of term in Thetford Forest -
<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/media/high-lodge-2024>

All podcasts are available on the video centre page on our website -
<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/>

Cafe's and Assemblies

We are thoroughly looking forward to inviting you in for our class assemblies, performances and cafes this year. Our cafe's this half term will be have a focus on reading.

The reading cafe's will be an opportunity to find out more about how we teaching reading in school and how to support your child at home. It's also a chance to spend time with your child in school strengthening those home school links

Please could we remind you that our SRB pupils use the hall in the morning. Please wait in another area of the playground until 8.55am.

Dates for Diary



Tuesday 15th October - INSET Day

Wednesday 23rd October - Individual School Photos

w/b 28th October - Half term

Keep an eye on your child's class page for updates -
<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-groups/>

Compass

We are changing our management information system from Pupil Asset to Compass, please bear with us during the transition period!

There will be a new app to download to access the parent side of Compass and we will let you know when it is live and how to sign up.

For now, children can order meals in the classroom and payments for meals/trips/clubs/instrument lessons can be made directly into the school bank account (details below), just put your child's name as a reference.

Bank - Barclays

Account Name - NCC Drake Primary School and Nursery

Sort Code - 20 - 62 - 61

Account No - 50677027

Parents as Partners

Effective communication and collaboration with families at Halcyon



Our key communication channels to share regular information with parents are:

- Parent hub messages and letters
- Weekly whole school newsletters
- Half termly class newsletters



We also use a range of online platforms to keep you up to date with information, these include:

- Our school and federation websites
- Tapestry and other online learning platforms
- Our new Halcyon Instagram platform



We love inviting families into school to share more regarding our school offer. This is so that you can not only learn about, but share your voice on a range of topics. This will include, but is not limited to: family cafe's, parent workshops, performances, assemblies and events.



In addition to whole school/cohort collaboration, we have regular opportunities to discuss your child specifically. We do this through parent meetings, sharing key documentation, check-in conversations on the door/gate, emails, phone calls and communication books.



The voices of our families are vital to us, and there will undoubtedly be a range of more specific points throughout the school year where collaborate further with you. This could include: changes to school policy, parent questionnaires, community projects and accreditation journeys.

Would you like to join our parent volunteer group to work further with our school community? Email you school's office to find out more!

Supporting you with your child's behaviour: A Norfolk Steps Approach

Supporting you with your child's behaviour.

What's the best way I
can handle this?

Why are they behaving
like that and what can
I do?

What is my child trying
to tell me?



**Parenting doesn't come with a manual
and can be the hardest job in the world:**
Come along to 2 informal sessions where we explore
tried and tested ideas that may help. Have a chat with
other parents to share ideas.

 Norfolk

Positive Behaviour Strategies for Parents using Norfolk Steps

**2 x 1.5 hour workshops for parents sharing strategies to manage
behaviour at home.**

**Tuesday 17th
September 2024
and Tuesday 24th
September 2024
From 9:00 -10:30**