

# Drake Primary School Newsletter

5th July 2024



**Year 6 visiting  
Basilica of St Teresa  
In France**

Dear Families,



This week, we were visited by Spirax Sarco who came to Drake to present us with a £20,000 cheque for us to complete our pond project. We are so pleased to be accepted for this grant and can't wait for the work to begin mid August 2024.

On Wednesday, Year 3 performed the songs from the opera, Hansel and Gretel. The children showed great teamwork as a choir and the singing sounded great and atmospheric in Frederick's Woods! The children performed excellently, adding to the singing with actions and using facial expressions to tell the story. Thank you to all the families who came to watch their performance- we are all very proud of them.



Year 2 were visited by the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Bee Association to learn about bees linking to Science and their Design and Technology cooking project. After learning about bees themselves and how honey is made, the children tasted honey and then used honey to make some delicious biscuits.



## Every Day Matters

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

The class with highest attendance this week is

**Attenborough  
99%**



**Congratulations!**

**Whole school attendance is  
93.66%**

## Secret Student

Named secret students this week are:

Reception: Evie, Adeline, Macie, Erin, Halle, Josie, Maddison

Year 1: Emily, Piper, Matilde, Albert, Winnie, Amanda, Naomi, Blake, Paulinho, Xavier

Year 2: Zahra, Rose, Matas, Samuel Fr, Olly, Joana, Christian, George, Cai

Year 3: Karina, Logan, Bella, Aedan, Julian, Amelia Z, Bella, Benas, Francesca, Danny

Year 4: Archie, Miley, Reuben, Paige, Katrina, David Ab, Thomas, Noah T, Romie

Year 5: Darragh, Alicia, Brendan, Victoria, Jack K, Lizzy, Damien, Albie-Alan

Year 6: Aliyah, Viktor, Alfie C, Lily B

These pupils have demonstrated our school values and learning behaviours, well done.

## Assemblies and Cafes

This week was the Year 2 assembly for parents. The children showcased their Talk4Writing persuasive text and some of the work they have been doing in class including their Design and Technology constructions. Some children shared what they have enjoyed learning in Year 2 and what they are looking forward to in Year 3 before finishing with a song. Well done everybody.

Year 4 had their final cafe of the year with focus on reading. We celebrated the amazing achievements of the year group and then did some activities based on the class text of *The Wild Robot*. These included drawing what they thought the robot looked like and challenging them with some questions based on a couple of extracts.



Over the past weeks, many parents have been welcomed in for the Summer concerts. With singing and music, the children have embraced the opportunities to share their learning. Thank you to the staff and musicians in residence who have made these possible.

We thank all families for their support and attendance at all of our assemblies and cafes over the year, we hope you have enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of your child's learning.

### Prefect Update: France

Some of us in Year 6 have been in France this week and we had a great time! We have spent a day in a French school and we introduced sports day as this is not something French children do each year like we do. We also had the opportunity to practice our French speaking skills with a treasure hunt around the school.

Day 3 was spent the day at the theme park where we all had a thrill seeking day!

Day 4 has been spent at an outdoor and adventure park where we took part in a wide range of activities, some of us were really nervous but we did it!

It was a long journey home on Friday, but the whole trip was great!

### Reading

It is important that children read every day. On a Monday, reading diaries are checked and teachers award gold stars for children who have read more than 7 times.

This week 217 children read more than 7 times and achieved their gold star.

This week's award is to:

**Turing**

### Daily run

To support Mental and physical health and well-being, children run every day. KS2 have a weekly distance competition.

This week's award is to:

**KS1: Merian**

**KS2: Kamkwamba**

## School Update: Transition Week and Teachers 2024-25

Next week is transition week where the children spend their week with their teacher for next year. Children should first be taken to their usual classroom but will be collected from their 24-25 class.

Current Class	New Class	Teacher
Andersen	Rashford	Miss Bush
Attenborough	Merian	Mrs Goff
Merian	Tabei	Miss Moore
Rashford	Earhart	Mrs Render
Earhart	Hadid	Miss Ware
Tabei	Kamkwamba	Mrs Bisset
Hadid	Maathai	Mr Eatenton
Kamkwamba	Turing	Mrs Kirton
Maathai	Tereshkova	Miss Greenwood
Turing	Curie	Mr Starling
Tereshkova	Kahlo	Mr Adair
Curie	King	Mrs Farraway

### Feature Podcast

Our children contribute to school life and the children's learning through our Drake Radio. You can listen live [here](#).

Have a listen to a feature video: [Let me shine](#)

All podcasts are available on the [video centre section of the school website](#).

### Dates for your Diary

All scheduled events for classes/year groups are included in year group newsletters and added to the [year group pages](#).

We aim to provide as much notice as possible for school events, but there are sometimes opportunities that arrive at short notice. As new whole school events are created, we will list them here and then add them to the [school website calendar](#) for future reference.

### Summer Term dates

w/c 8th July: Transition Week  
18th July: Summer fayre  
19th July: End of term — finish 1pm

### Autumn Term dates

2/3 September - INSET day, school closed for children  
4th September: Return to school - whole school trip to High Lodge

### MALLARDS

Mallards have been busy preparing for the Summer Fayre on 18th July.

Raffle tickets are now available to buy.

[mallards91rv@nsix.org.uk](mailto:mallards91rv@nsix.org.uk)





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# SUMMER CONCERTS 2024

Reception - Friday 5th July at 2:45

Year 1 - Tuesday 2nd July at 2:45

Year 2 - Wednesday 19th June at 2:45

Year 3 - Wednesday 3rd July at 2:30

Year 4 - Thursday 11th July at 2:45

Year 5 - Thursday 4th July at 2:45

Year 6 - Thursday 20th June at 2:30

Rocksteady pupils - Wednesday 17th July at 10:00

Choir - Wednesday 10th July at 3:45

Whole school choir- Thursday 18th July at 12:00

