

Drake Primary School Newsletter

21st June 2024



Some chicks have moved out of Reception and are now living with Miss Driver

Dear Families,

What a busy week! Our summer concerts have started with Year 2 and 6 showcasing their learning this week. Year 6 have also performed their play 'Lights, Camera, Action!' to groups of pupils and invited visitors from our Drake community who have played a special part in their Drake journey and then also with two performances for parents. They did an exceptional job and have worked extremely hard to learn their lines, make props and create costumes. Despite the nerves that everyone was feeling, the children performed excellently, sang beautifully and even brought a few people to tears - sorry about that! This is one of the final big projects for the Year 6 cohort before they leave Drake and we could not be prouder of them for their level of dedication and commitment to this project. Well done Year 6, you should be incredibly proud!

Some of the Y6 children went to a cricket event at a Thetford cricket club. The event was brilliantly run by some Thetford Academy students and the children had the opportunity to learn a range of new skills needed in cricket. The children played a range of adapted cricket games against 5 other schools from the town and Drake A team won all of their matches. The children were so independent and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the British Museum as part of their theme, 'Legacy' which is linked to ancient Greece. The children studied artefacts from Athens before taking part in a democratic vote ancient Greek style. The children had the opportunity to visit the Parthenon sculptures. Additionally, the children explored the exhibitions about life and death in ancient Egypt which built on their learning in the autumn term.

Every Day Matters

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

The class with highest attendance this week is

Kamkwamba
99%



Congratulations!

Whole school attendance is
95.72%

Secret Student

Named secret students this week are:

Reception: Ahria, Olivia W, Vincent, Cassius. Levi, Josie, Levi, Freddie, Amelia M, Oliver L

Year 1: Teddy, Scarlett, James, Indie, Archie, George, Freya, Enzo, Mabel

Year 2: Matas, Emelie B, Emilie B, Harley, Vanessa, Jude, Joana, Charlie E

Year 3: Sophie, Laura, George F, Eloise, Everlyn, Amelie, Della, Isabella

Year 4: Andrew, Theo, Phillip, Amelia, Katrina, Florence, Ryan, Polly, Lee

Year 5: Isla, Matthew, Darragh, Lily, Amelia, Ellie, Jakub

Year 6: Nathan, Alfie C, Cooper, Lucas, Victoria, Lena

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

Parent Assemblies and Cafes

Year 3 had a parent cafe all about Identity. We started thinking about our identities in arts week. We listened to a story about different families, what makes us unique and what makes up our identity. We thought about what was important to our family, what we enjoy doing and created a family identity map. The cafe ended with a song from the Greatest Showman- the children and families joined in with singing- thank you for your enthusiasm! Thank you for coming along and joining in with the identity activities and singing.



In their assembly on Tuesday, the Year 5's introduced the main gods and goddesses of ancient Greece. They included how Zeus, the king of the gods, avoided being eaten by his father and how the goddess Athene was created when Ares split open Zeus' head with an axe! The assembly also included a performance of the Greek myth Hercules and the 12 labors.

Prefect Update

Wow, what a busy week this week has been.!

For Y6, we have had 2 dress rehearsals, a cricket event, a summer concert and performances to parents today (Friday 21st). The dress rehearsal to everyone went so well and lots of people were crying. It was lovely to invite a range of people from all over the school to come and watch, who have been part of our journey along the way.

The cricket event was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who went and Drake won nearly all mini competitions we entered.

The summer concert was a success; a samba, ukulele, clarinet, flute, violin and trumpet pieces were played to everyone who came to watch.

Y2 also had their summer concert on Wednesday. Last week, Y3 had some eels delivered to their classrooms.

Some of us have only got 15 days left at Drake now due to transition days, France trip and more. It is going so so so quickly!

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 214 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: Turing

School Update: Norfolk Reading Project

At Drake, we know how important reading is for every child. Research shows the correlation between regular reading, reading ability, success at school and success later in life. Children read regularly in school during reading lessons, independent reading, reading with an adult and library time. Please support us by promoting additional reading at home.



The Norfolk Reading Project

MANY CHILDREN LEAVE SCHOOL UNABLE TO READ

YOU CAN HELP PUT THAT RIGHT

GET INVOLVED!

THE NORFOLK READING PROJECT EXPLAINED IN 6 SIMPLE STEPS:

- 1. WHAT IS IT?**
We are a charity whose aim is to help all children learn to read by providing voluntary practical support in communities where it is needed most.
- 2. WHY IS IT NECESSARY?**
Good literacy skills underpin all learning and success in later life but nationally many children leave school unable to read and write properly.
- 3. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS**
Here in Norfolk educational attainment is well below the national average. Together we can help change this.
- 4. HOW WILL WE HELP?**
We will provide trained and DBS checked Reading Support Volunteers, who will regularly listen to children read on a one to one basis in schools. Novice readers need opportunities to practice.
- 5. WHERE AND WHEN?**
During term time in a school near you!
- 6. HOW YOU CAN HELP**
We need Reading Support Volunteers and also those with other skills to help organise and raise funds to support the charity.

HELP US TO HELP CHILDREN LEARN TO READ

- Volunteer
- Share our details
- Organise your own fundraising event
- Donate



The Norfolk Reading Project

For further information please contact us via our website www.thenorfolkreadingproject.co.uk or Email: info@thenorfolkreadingproject.co.uk

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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 podcast: [Interview with Lily Woodham](#)

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

MALLARDS

Mallards are currently working on the Year 6 Prom night and the Summer Fayre.

Year 6 Prom: Thursday 27th June
Summer Fayre: Thursday 18th July

If you have anything that you can donate or would like to contribute, please contact us via our email address

mallards91rv@nsix.org.uk

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

25th June: Sports Day
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



Drake Primary School proudly presents

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



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DRAKE'S

**SPORTS DAY
25TH JUNE**

KS2 -

9:20am -

12:00pm

KS1 & EYFS

12:30pm-

2:55pm

**PLEASE COME AND
CHEER ON YOUR
CHILDREN**

If you have any questions,
please speak to the office.

Thetford Coffee Drop In



Join us at Thetford Library for friendly chat and advice regarding life with a vision impairment.

Sessions are Monthly - 2pm - 3:30pm

Upcoming Sessions:

- Wednesday 24th April 2pm - 3:30pm
- Wednesday 22nd May 2pm - 3:30pm
- Wednesday 26th June 2pm - 3:30pm



For more information call 07743 921439 or email chris.linstead@visionnorfolk.org.uk

Thetford Town Council



Sunday 30 June

10 AM - 3 PM
(sellers from 9 am)

MARKET PLACE

GARAGE SALE

All welcome, come along and sell the things you don't need anymore!

Pitches £4 on the day



book a space venues@thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk
or ring 01842 754247

JOIN US FOR OUR

BIG GREEN FAIR

SUNDAY
16TH JUNE

11am - 3pm
Thetford
Market Place

Come along to learn about protecting our environment and how you can get involved to make a difference!

Scan the QR code below to find out more at our Facebook page, or visit our Eventbrite page at: bit.ly/ThetfordBigGreenFair



Organised as part of the Climate Coalition's

**THE GREAT
BIG GREEN
WEEK**

Organised by Thetford Environmental Group, in partnership with Thetford Town Council



BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS

Stalls from local voluntary organisations!
Charities and businesses too!
Activities and crafts!
Live performances!
Food!

Tangles with the Angles

Have you ever wondered how King Edmund really died, or how Alfred the Great managed to burn the cakes? How the people of Sutton Hoo got a huge ship up a hill, or what magical stories were told around the fire at West Stow?

This summer, join two intrepid adventurers as they jump back to the past in search of answers to all your Anglo-Saxon questions!

Accompanied by hands-on Anglo-Saxon craft workshops, this play is a funny and anarchic introduction to Anglo-Saxon history for 7-11 years olds and their families.

Play running time: approx. 50 mins
Workshops include pottery, belt and jewellery making, runes and poo excavation!

The Longshed, Woodbridge,
IP12 1FP
Saturday 16 June, 11am and 2pm



West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village,
IP28 6HG (part of DragonFest)
Saturday 22 June, 11am - 4pm*

The Carnegie, Thetford,
IP2 2DS
Sunday 23 June, 2pm



Ely Museum, CB7 4LS
Saturday 29 June, 2pm and
3.30pm

See each venue's box office for ticket prices
*only showing 15 min snippets of performance during DragonFest

spinningwheeltheatre.com