

Drake Primary School Newsletter



24th May 2024



**Reception teaching
Mrs Mulford about their
visiting tortoise**

Dear Families,

This week has been assessment week for the majority of the school. The children from Year 1—5 have been completing their NFER assessment and science has also been assessed across school. The children have very much earned their half term break! On Wednesday, we celebrated National Numeracy day with a day of maths and numbers including budgeting, code breaking and maths puzzles and challenges.

Reception have added to their animal experience this week with a visiting tortoise. Potato Chips has been a fantastic focal point for our children. They have enjoyed their opportunities to experience looking after animals over the past weeks, and have been spending time chatting to them and even reading to them. Others in school have also visited.

Arday class have visited the Ancient House Museum twice over the past few weeks to contribute to the '100 Objects Project'. The '100 Objects Project' will be a new display in the Ancient House Museum that will celebrate the Museum's 100th anniversary. It is a community project and a number of different groups have worked with the Museum to choose objects that they think the general public would be interested in seeing on display. Arday class have been assigned the objects that were donated to the Museum during the 1970s. They've had fun learning about and handling objects, then deciding what information should be included on the information boards.

We would also like to send a huge congratulations to Miss Hornby on the news of the arrival of her new baby Freya. Both are doing well and we have shared our best wishes from all at Drake.

Every Day Matters

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

The class with highest attendance this week is

**Andersen
99 %**



Congratulations!

**Whole school attendance is
94.04%**

Secret Student

Named secret students this week are:

Reception: Amelia P, Maisie, Charlie, Ella, Dylan, Levi

Year 1: Tom, Jenson, Evelyn, Kamaari, Charlie, Laura, James, Naomi

Year 2: Finn, Ava, Adam, David, George

Year 3: Jaxon, Olive, Karina, Elizabeth, Isabella, Phoebe, Victor, Benas, Rachel

Year 4: Spencer D, Spencer M, Amelia, Myles, Thomas, Ivy, Noah T, Melaniia

Year 5: Eva, Hope, Mason, Maja, Darragh, Amy, George

Year 6: Alisha, Toby, Gerda, Aliyah, Emily, Poppy, Eloise, Lucy, Victoria

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

Summer 2 assemblies and cafes

	Summer 2
Reception	Summer concert performance: 5th July
Year 1	Assembly: 11th June
Year 2	Parent Café: 4th June Assembly : 2nd July
Year 3	Parent Café: 20th June
Year 4	Parent Café: 4th July
Year 5	Assembly: 18th June
Year 6	Year 6 Performance: 21st June 1:30 and 5:00 Leavers Assembly: 17th July

Prefect Update

This week has been a busy week! We are really glad that SATs have now been done and are enjoying other learning that we have been able to now do. We have had our first full run through of the play on Friday, including a couple of props, all sound and music as well as everyone being together singing the songs. We think everyone will really enjoy it!

We had some guest visits in assembly this Friday: the chicks from reception. They have grown so, so, so much and we can start to tell if they are girls or boys based on the colours of their feathers. They now have names chosen by the children in Reception, they are: Bingo (names by Mila), Clover (named by Vincent), Chirpy (named by Oliver L), Flower (named by Olivia W) and Henny Penny (named by Cienna).

Each class had their class photos this week, it will be our last one of primary school! It was also national numeracy day on Wednesday and all classes across school celebrated by having a math themed day. Well done to everyone else in school who had assessment week this week, we hope you tried your best! Some of the Y5 children also went to a cricket event this week.

It's half term next week, yay! Have a lovely break and see you all when we return for our final half term of primary school.

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 230 children read more than 7 times and achieved their gold star.

This week's award is to:

Turing and Maathai

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: School Logo Competition



Design our new logo!



Drake needs a new school logo. One that reflects our values and our curriculum themes of journeys and rivers. To keep with our name of Drake, we are going to incorporate a drake (male duck) into our logo.

Over half term, we'd like everyone to draw their idea for the new logo. Please send a photo of your design to the office by Sunday 2nd June. Paper copies should be brought into school when we come back after the break.

The winning artist will have an opportunity to work with a graphic designer to create our final design.

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: [Hope's story](#)

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

24th May: End of Half Term, school closes at 3:15pm

3rd June: School reopens

3rd - 7th June: Arts Week

3rd - 14th June: Year 4 Multiplications check

10th—14th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening

25th June: Sports Day

19th July: Summer fayre

20th July: End of term — finish 1pm

MALLARDS

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

We have had a generous donation from High Lodge in support of our raffle. Thank you. If anyone else would like to donate a prize, please hand it in at the office.

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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



Thetford Coffee Drop In



 **Norfolk** County Council

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



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