



Drew Newsletter

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2026 - 2027

Friday 18th September 2026
Number 3



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

ATTENDANCE	TIME MISSED IN A YEAR	DAYS MISSED IN A YEAR	WHAT THIS MEANS
100% EXCELLENT 190-100% DAYS	0 DAYS MISSED 0 HOURS OF LEARNING MISSED	0 DAYS MISSED	OUTSTANDING! You're making the most of every learning opportunity.
97% GOOD 184-97% DAYS	6 DAYS MISSED 30 HOURS OF LEARNING MISSED	6 DAYS MISSED	GOOD JOB! Keep it up - you're on the right track!
95% NEARLY THERE 171-95% DAYS	10 DAYS MISSED 50 HOURS OF LEARNING MISSED	10 DAYS MISSED	ROOM TO IMPROVE Small changes can make a big difference!
90% RISK OF UNDERACHIEVEMENT 152-90% DAYS	20 DAYS MISSED 100 HOURS OF LEARNING MISSED	20 DAYS MISSED	AT RISK Missing more school means missing out on your future.
80% SERIOUS CONCERN 133-80% DAYS	35 DAYS MISSED 175 HOURS OF LEARNING MISSED	35 DAYS MISSED	URGENT ACTION NEEDED Let's work together to improve your attendance.



Dear Parents/Carers,

I have gone straight in with attendance this week - no escaping our poster! We know you're doing your best to make sure your child is in school every day on time - **thank you**. It's so important that children really settle back into school routines so they can keep up with their learning, build their confidence and establish relationships that matter. You might find it helpful to limit screens for at least an hour before bed to support sleep, and plan calm, structured mornings to help them feel more confident about leaving home.

I know it isn't always easy. If there is anything we can do to help make this early part of the year more straightforward, please give us a call. Partnership is power!

Dulcie Sharp
Headteacher

What's coming up at Drew?

Calling all young writers!

We are once again taking part in the Young Writers competition. The closing date for entries to come back to school is **Friday 16th October** (so we can sort them and get them posted off in time). If you have any questions or wish to hand in your entry, please see Miss Nowshin in Year 2 Lighthouse class. The details are below:

	This Is Me Acrostics Poetry Competition Ideal for ages 5-7. Click here for all of the information.
	A World of Wonder Poetry Competition Ideal for ages 7-12. Click here for all of the information.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Monday 21st</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Book fair in the sports hall 3:15-3:45pm	Book fair in the sports hall 3:15-3:45pm	Coffee Morning for Y6 families - applying for secondary school places @8.50am		Nursery "Sense of Belonging" day

Coming up on the Lunch Menu: Week 1

MENU		Drew Primary Spring /Summer 2026			WEEK 1	
		Week Commencing: 13/4/26, 4/5/26, 1/6/26, 22/6/26, 13/7/26, 31/8/26, 21/9/26, 12/10/26				
		Monday	Allergen Friendly Tuesday	Allergen Friendly Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice 1		Sweet Chilli Meatballs with Golden Wedges	Tandoori Chicken with Fluffy Rice	Garlic & Thyme Chicken with Roast Potatoes	Lamb Lasagne with Garlic Slice	Crispy Fish Fingers with Chips
Choice 2		Veggie Keema with Rice 	Golden Garden Bake 	Mild Thai Rice Bowl 	Cheesy Tomato Calzone Slice 	Spicy Keema with Cool Raita & Soft Naan 
Choice 3		Tasty Noodle Stir Fry 	Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans 	Pasta Bake with Mixed Beans 	Jacket Potatoes with Cheese/ Baked Beans 	Cheesy Red Pepper Pasta Bake with Crunchy Garlic Topping 
Vegetables		Green Beans Sweetcorn	Steamed Greens Roasted Carrots 	Fresh Seasonal Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables Broccoli	Garden Peas Baked Beans 
Dessert		Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt with Fruit * 	Fresh Fruit 	Fresh Fruit 	Fresh Fruit 	Zingy Lemon Cake with Custard* 
Available every day: Salad Bar  Freshly Baked Bread  Fresh Fruit  Fruit Yoghurt 						
 Plant Based		 				
 Vegetarian						
 Sugar Smart						
		Halal /non Halal meat is served at this school. *Egg free dessert recipe				

What's happened this week at Drew?

Our Book Fair is in Full Swing!

There has been such a wonderful **buzz around reading** this week, and it has been a real joy to see our children so excited about books! *Why not pop along after school and take a look at the fantastic range of books on offer?* There's something for everyone!

Location: **Sports Hall**

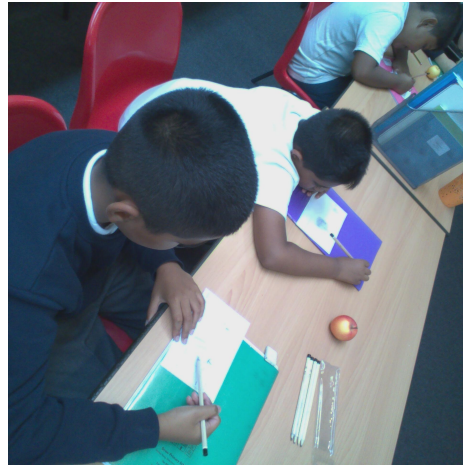
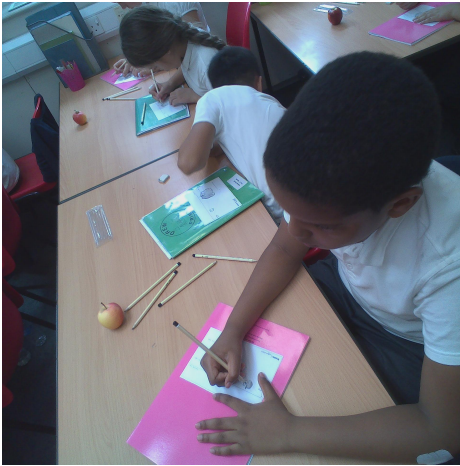
Time: **3:15–3:45pm**

Final day: Tuesday

We'd love to see you there and help your child find their next great read!

Year 5 artists at work

Year 5s have been learning to draw both imaginative and observational pencil drawings, focusing on their shading skills to show depth.



Year 3 Art Gallery

Year 3 have been developing their observational drawing skills, learning how to look closely, capture detail, and make their drawings as realistic as possible. To showcase their learning, we invited parents into school to take part in a fun observational drawing challenge. The children became the teachers, sharing the new skills and techniques they had learnt with their parents before working alongside them to create their own drawings. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to demonstrate their knowledge, build confidence, and enjoy being creative together.



Attendance at Drew

Monday 7th - Friday 11th September

Reception	Castle 96%	Ocean 95%
Year 1	Hundred Acre Wood 93%	Planet Gu 92%
Year 2	Lighthouse 87%	Magic Tree 93%
Year 3	Giant Country 92%	Neverland 97%
Year 4	Hogwarts 91%	Narnia 95%
Year 5	Atlantis 96%	Olympus 91%
Year 6	Asgard 95%	Sherwood 93%

Well done to **Neverland** and **Atlantis class**. You had **97% / 96%** attendance and have won the attendance trophies for your phase!

★ Student of the Week ★

Children that receive Student of the Week can come to school on the following Friday in their home clothes to celebrate their achievement.

If your child has been awarded Student of the Week, this means that your child has demonstrated upholding our Core Values in the choices that they have made during the week. Which they should be very proud of.

Our Values are: ● **Show Respect** ● **Take Responsibility**

● **Learn with Others** ● **Make the Right Choice**

We live and breathe these values in all that we do and offer our community at Drew and it makes us very proud that your child is able to demonstrate these Core Values in all they do.

This week our Core Value was **Take Responsibility**

Well done and huge congratulations to these pupils who have received Student of the Week this week.

Year 1	<u>Planet Gu</u> Pamela Sally	<u>Hundred Acre Wood</u> Yaqub Muhammed A
Year 2	<u>Magic Tree House</u> Javeria Azèriah-Marie	<u>Lighthouse</u> Filip Siyana
Year 3	<u>Giant Country</u> Mia-Rose Marwa	<u>Neverland</u> Dawud Daniya
Year 4	<u>Narnia</u> Amina Chloe	<u>Hogwarts</u> Talha Tawheed
Year 5	<u>Olympus</u> Faiza Sufiyan N	<u>Atlantis</u> Mustafa Sulayman
Year 6	<u>Asgard</u> Emily Maro	<u>Sherwood</u> Sadie Valeria



Times Tables Rock Stars & Numbots



At Drew, in Years 3 to 6 we promote the use of Times Tables Rock Stars for practising the times tables in school and at home. Our younger mathematicians practise their basic maths skills through Numbots in Years 1 and 2.

We are very proud of all our budding mathematicians and we celebrate their achievements every week.

The focus is on **accuracy** and how many **answers** they get **correct**.

Well done to all our children for participating this week and a special shout out to the following children for showing the biggest improvement in accuracy.

	
	Medina T
	Abubakar
	Amna

	
	Josiah
	Ayman
	Yalina