



## The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Website Updates – what has been uploaded this week?

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Calendar – Read More – Friday Letters**

**Friday Letter 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

<https://thedriveprimary.ovw8.juniperwebsites.co.uk/>

### Welcome Back

Welcome back. We all hope you had a lovely Easter, and all the children are raring to get going. It has been a lovely week this week – the children have come back well, and they have all been working hard.

I have included as many long-term dates in the diary as possible so you can plan ahead, with further details being published nearer the time. As always, there could be more dates added as we get into the term but will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible. Where sporting events occur, we sometimes don't get confirmation of these taking place (cancellations, confirmations etc.). If your child is asked to join one of these activities, you will be informed as soon as we know the details. As always, if you have any questions, please speak to a member of the team: we are happy to help! Let's get this Summer Term started!

### Message for Year 6

I know with the SATS coming up, our Year 6 children may be starting to feel a bit anxious. I want to say what I have said to my own child, who is in the same position, go into these tests knowing that they don't define who you are, they do not write the future for you and all we can ask is that you do your best! Tests are unnatural in many ways, but remember, we are here for you all and we will support you in anyway we are allowed to during the week. Do your best for yourselves, not us or even possibly your parents/carers (I hope you know what I mean by that) and always know, we believe in you all and your abilities whether that is academic or otherwise! We are always going to be proud! Not long now and then they will be all over!

### Attendance – The Summer League and attendance update

**0 points if attendance is below 96%**

**1 point awarded for weekly attendance figures between 96% - 97.5%**

**2 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 97.6% - 98.9%**

**3 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 99% - 100%**

Well done Reception and Year 2, you are off to a good start, being awarded 2 points this week. Lots to be in for and especially if your class can get an exciting treat at the end of this Summer Term.

As always, if you need any support with your child/children's attendance or punctuality, please speak to a member of staff.

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	90.27%
Reception	2	98%
Year 1	0	88%
Year 2	2	97.89%
Year 3	0	92.07%
Year 4	0	93%
Year 5	0	87.42%
Year 6	0	90.69%



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Have a lovely long weekend everyone – stay safe and we will see you Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Farren  
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary (as they stand) – dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also.

Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carers consent. PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/letter-and-flyers/>

Items highlighted in yellow are parent/carers events.

Summer Term 1 2025 – 4 week half term	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday Monday
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception – Vision Screening
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception and Rising 3's Sponsored Walk to Bill Quay <b>C</b> <b>Further information to follow</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Trip – Jesmond Dene <b>C</b>
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Trip – Bowes Incline <b>C</b> <b>Further information to follow</b>
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Multi-Sport Festival <b>C</b> <b>Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 6 Residential Parent/Carer Meeting</b> <b>3:30pm – Year 6 Classroom</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	World Bee Day Intra-Sport Competition
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Multiplication Check Parent/Carer Meeting</b> <b>9am – ICT Suite/School Hall depending on attendance</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Phonics Screening – Parent/Carer Meeting</b> <b>9am – ICT Suite/School Hall depending on attendance</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for Half Term
Summer Term 1 2025 – 7 week half term	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children to return to school from Half Term
	Year 6 Leavers Photos <b>Can all children please be in full uniform – no PE kits.</b>
	Reception – New Cohort Meeting
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks - 2-week window
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential <b>C</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Quadkids Athletics <b>C</b>



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<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Phonics Screening Checks
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 5/6 Countdown Cricket <b>C</b> <b>Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Bike Ability – Year 5 <b>More details to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day – PM</b> <b>More details to follow. Please also note, that if the weather is poor, this event may need to be rearrange.</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Nursery and Reception Beach Trip <b>C</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Year 3 and Year 4 Beach Trip <b>C</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 1 and Year 2 Beach Trip <b>C</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer Fayre</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Occasional Day School is closed.
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer League Attendance Party <b>C</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Reports will be distributed. <b>If you wish to discuss your child's report with their teacher, please contact them via DOJO/call the office and they will organise a time: there will be no Parent Consultations unless your child is on the SEND register.</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Meet the Teacher
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Council Fun Day <b>C</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Whole School Water Fight (children will be in their own classes for this event) <b>C</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly PM</b>
	<b>Shine Awards Evening – after school – invite only.</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of Term before we break up for the Summer hols.</b>



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### Gateshead Children and Young People's Primary Care Mental Health Service

## 'Five ways to Wellbeing'



connect



be active



keep learning



take notice



give

Are you, your child or someone you work with aged between 4-18 years?  
The Gateshead Children and Young People's Primary Care Mental Health Service are going to be hosting **FREE** events in your local community during school holidays.

Join us for our next event and meet children's therapists who will be available for advice and support as well as various wellbeing activities for young people. We will be joined by other professionals within the Gateshead area including our adult peer support workers.

A free brunch or snacks and refreshments will be provided, as well as free activities for children and their families such as; crafts, archery, bush craft and managing emotions activities. There will also be 'free' mental health resources to take home.

#### Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of May** – 10:30am until 14:30pm @ The Baltic Centre for Contemporary art, South Shore Road, Gateshead, NE8 3BA

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of May** – 10:30am – 14:30pm @ Chopwell Woods Forest Classroom, Rowlands Gill, Gateshead, NE39 1LT

Further information on travel to these destinations is available on our website.

If you would like to know more about our mental health services visit [www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk](http://www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk) or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



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