



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 3rd October 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**

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

Lockdown Drill

We are incredibly proud of all our children for the calm and thoughtful way they responded during our recent lockdown drill. They listened carefully, followed instructions brilliantly, and showed real empathy towards one another throughout. It was clear that they understood the importance of the procedure and took it seriously, while also supporting their peers with kindness and maturity. Their behaviour was a credit to them and to our school community. Well done to everyone involved!

Sporting Events

We'd like to say a huge well done to all the children who took part in sporting events this week. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination were truly impressive. Not only did they work incredibly hard, but they also conducted themselves with great sportsmanship and respect for others throughout. It was wonderful to see them encouraging their teammates and showing pride in their efforts. We are so proud of how they represented The Drive Primary School—both on and off the field/sports hall!

Trips – Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 embraced their inner Tenzing, Hillary and Hunt as we climbed Mount Pleasant on the way to Saltwell Park on Tuesday. We were looking at what there was to do in our local area as we are going to compare this to Innsbruck, Austria.

They all did amazing, and we were all so proud, and full of a sense of achievement when we reached Saltwell Park.

This week year 6 visited The Hancock Museum for a Science workshop about classification. We had first-hand experience of taxonomy so we could look closely at creatures and their characteristics. We handled a python's skin, a cheetah and reindeer's fur. We even examined various beetles, scorpions, and spiders!!

Attendance – The League and attendance update (Please note, we work a week behind due to the Friday marks not being populated before the Friday Letter is issued).

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%

Points for Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 this week – well done and it looks like it has been a better week overall.

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



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Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	91.43% +
Reception	5	97.14% =
Year 1	2	96.96% +
Year 2	0	95.45% +
Year 3	1	97.5% +
Year 4	2	90.34% -
Year 5	3	96.67% +
Year 6	0	87.42% -

Have a great weekend everyone.

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/carer consent. PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY 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/carer events.

Autumn Term 1 2025 – 8 week half term	
Monday 6 th October	Year 4 Trip – Grainger Market C Letter issued 01.10.25
Tuesday 7 th October	Year 1 Trip – Transport (Fieldwork) C Letter issued 25.9.25
Wednesday 8 th October	Year 6 Trip - StemFest at Vertu Motors Arena C Letter issued 24.9.25
Thursday 9 th October	Year 4 Trip – Transporting Goods C Letter issued 01.10.25
	Year 3 Trip – Live Theatre Tales C Letter issued 30.09.25
Thursday 16 th October	Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics C If your child is attending this event, you will receive a letter.
Friday 17 th October	Year 5 Trip – Centre for Life C Letter issued 24.9.25
Tuesday 21 st October	Halloween Crafts More information to follow.
Wednesday 22 nd October	Cyber Prevent Workshop - KS2
Friday 24 th October	Break up for Half Term
Autumn Term 2 2025 – 7 week half term	
Monday 3 rd November	Return to school after Half Term
Week beginning 10 th November	Anti-bullying Week



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Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 6 Trip – Cinema (links to the curriculum) C
Friday 28 th November	Year 5 Trip – Great North Museum C
Monday 1 st December and Tuesday 2 nd December	Non-Uniform Day – Fayre donations
Wednesday 3 rd December and Thursday 4 th December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings
Friday 5 th December	Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6
	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings
	Year 2
	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 th December	Attendance Celebration
	The class with the most points will take part in this event.
	Nursery and Reception Nativity/sing along
	PM
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity
	PM
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Christmas Celebration
	PM at St Mary's Church
Friday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas Celebration
	PM at St Mary's Church
	This has been changed from Thursday 11 th due to a date clash – Panto joy! Sorry for any inconvenience.
Monday 15 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
	Christmas Windows
	After school
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Break up for Christmas
Spring Term 1 2026 – 7 week half term	
Monday 5 th January	INSET Day - children are not in.
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school



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