



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 9th 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**

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

VE Day

The children were ready to remember VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) yesterday. There were some amazing home-made t-shirts, showing their respect for the fallen soldiers who gave their life for the freedom of others, and some very patriotic colours on show. We had a lovely music assembly that was all linked to war-time music, which really put us in the spirit of the day. Lest we forget!

SATS Week

As you know, next week is SATS week. Like I said in my last Friday Letter, all we can ask is that our children do their best, not for others, but for themselves. These tests don't define them in any way and aren't the be all and end all!

If your child wants to come to school early for their breakfast (8am at the electronic gates), we are providing toast, cereal, juice, and yogurts. This is so they can start their day with full stomachs, play some games, and be in school with their friends and staff who all understand the possible anxieties.

Bring on Thursday afternoon of next week Year 6! You have got this!

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 Year 3 and Year 4, you have been awarded 2 points this week and it looks like there have been some improvements in other year groups as well. All on an equal 2 points in Reception, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4 – it is all to play for.

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	95.59% +
Reception	2	94% -
Year 1	0	94.5% +
Year 2	2	95.79% -
Year 3	2	97.6% +
Year 4	2	97.67% +
Year 5	0	94.19% +
Year 6	0	92.41% +



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Have a lovely, warm 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/carers 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/carers events.

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



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Monday 16th June – Thursday 19th June	Bike Ability – Year 5 More details to follow
Tuesday 24th June	Sports Day – PM More details to follow. Please also note, that if the weather is poor, this event may need to be rearrange.
Monday 30th June	Nursery and Reception Beach Trip C
Tuesday 1st July	Year 3 and Year 4 Beach Trip C
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 1 and Year 2 Beach Trip C
Thursday 3rd July	Summer Fayre
Friday 4th July	Occasional Day School is closed.
Tuesday 8th July	Summer League Attendance Party C
Wednesday 9th July	Reports will be distributed. 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.
Wednesday 9th July	Meet the Teacher
Friday 11th July	School Council Fun Day C
Tuesday 15th July	Whole School Water Fight (children will be in their own classes for this event) C
Wednesday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly PM
	Shine Awards Evening – after school – invite only.
Friday 18th July	Last Day of Term before we break up for the Summer hols.



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

Friday 30th 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 or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



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