



## The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### Trips Update

#### Year 4 – Grainger Market

Year 4 explored the Grainger Market on Monday and found lots of new foods. Everyone was so polite and asked staff questions to help their research. Back at school, they tasted some newbies and locally produced goods. Too add to their research, they took an adventure down to North Shields Quay and took a trip on the Ferry. A busy week being geographers!

#### Year 6 – STEM FEST

Year 6 attended the STEMFEST event at Vertu arena in Newcastle on Wednesday. It was an engaging festival dedicated to celebrating the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through interactive workshops and exhibitions. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the day getting hands on experience with leading experts. They were extremely well behaved and a credit to our school and community.

#### Year 1 – Transport Trip

Year 1 had a brilliant time on their transport trip. They walked over 20,000 steps and were treated like royalty in Newcastle International Airport, meeting pilots, air stewards and even impressed the duty manager! The children were incredibly well behaved and enjoyed learning about how an airport works. They even visited the beach in Cullercoats, played in the park and found a cave – I wonder what lives in their Year 1, could it be a...bear? What a brilliant trip they all had! Next time...Spain 😊!

#### Year 3 – Live Theatre

Year 3 enjoyed their session at live Tales this week. They created characters and sent them on an amazing adventure. They had to use their creativity and imagination to come up with a treasure they were hunting and write the end of the story themselves.



**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 and Year 1 and Year 3 this week – well done.

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            | 91.42% -                  |
| Reception | 6            | 97.14% =                  |
| Year 1    | 3            | 96.96% =                  |
| Year 2    | 0            | 90.45% -                  |
| Year 3    | 3            | 98% +                     |
| Year 4    | 2            | 90% -                     |
| Year 5    | 3            | 95.33% -                  |
| Year 6    | 0            | 92.58% +                  |

Have a fabulous 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](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/carer events.

| Autumn Term 1 2025 – 8 week half term                                    |                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                        | Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics <b>C</b><br>If your child is attending this event, you will receive a letter. |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October                                          | Year 5 Trip – Centre for Life <b>C</b><br>Letter issued 24.9.25                                              |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October                                         | Halloween Crafts<br>More information to follow Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October                               |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                       | Cyber Prevent Workshop - KS2                                                                                 |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October                                          | Break up for Half Term                                                                                       |
| Autumn Term 2 2025 – 7 week half term                                    |                                                                                                              |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                                          | Return to school after Half Term                                                                             |
| Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> November                                 | Anti-bullying Week                                                                                           |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November                                         | Children in Need                                                                                             |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November                                      | Year 6 Trip – Cinema (links to the curriculum) <b>C</b><br>Year 5 Trip – Great North Museum <b>C</b>         |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November                                         | Non-Uniform Day – Fayre donations                                                                            |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December     | Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings<br>Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6         |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December and Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December | Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings<br>Year 2                                                                 |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December                                          | Christmas Fayre                                                                                              |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                                         | Attendance Celebration                                                                                       |



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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                              | <b>The class with the most points will take part in this event.</b>                                                                                                                           |
|                                              | <b>Nursery and Reception Nativity/sing along</b><br><b>PM</b>                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>    | <b>KS1 Nativity</b><br><b>PM</b>                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>     | <b>KS2 Christmas Celebration</b><br><b>PM at St Mary's Church</b>                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>       | <b>KS2 Christmas Celebration</b><br><b>PM at St Mary's Church</b><br><b>This has been changed from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> due to a date clash – Panto joy! Sorry for any inconvenience.</b> |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>       | Nursery and Reception Christmas Party                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>      | Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>    | Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>     | Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              | <b>Christmas Windows</b><br><b>After school</b>                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>       | Christmas Jumper Day                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              | Break up for Christmas                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Spring Term 1 2026 – 7 week half term</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>         | INSET Day - <b>children are not in.</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>        | <b>Children return to school</b>                                                                                                                                                              |



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