



## The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026**

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

### KS1 Cricket

Great afternoon at the cricket today—sadly, no quiche and scones provided! 😊

The children were incredibly enthusiastic and brilliant ambassadors for The Drive. Mrs C and Miss N were so proud of them all.

Such a lovely afternoon!

### School Council Bake Sale

Thank you so much for your amazing contributions to our bake sale. The array of sweet treats was fantastic, and the children had a wonderful time choosing and enjoying them.

We will share the total amount raised in next week's Friday Letter.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

**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%**

Attendance seems to be on the up. Points awarded for Reception, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 this week – well done. Year 4, you are still top of the League. 6 out of 8 classes making progress this week too.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to work together to support every child's attendance and wellbeing.

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	86.2% +
Reception	1	96.36% +
Year 1	0	93.04% -
Year 2	0	94.55% +
Year 3	2	97.89% +
Year 4	3	95.52% -
Year 5	1	96.67% +
Year 6	1	96.13% +

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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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.

Please note, dates and times of events are also on Class DOJO in the Calendar and on our school website.

Spring Term 1 2026 – 7 week half term	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Theatre Trip <b>C</b> <b>More details to follow</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Reception Trip – Castle Keep <b>C</b> <b>More details to follow</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 TOP Sportability: Boccia <b>C</b> <b>TBC by Local Authority. Children taking part in this event will receive a letter.</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Mini Hockey <b>C</b> <b>TBC by Local Authority. Children taking part in this event will receive a letter.</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Day – School Dinners. <b>If you wish for your child to have dinners this day, please either choose them a dinner or direct them to do this during registration.</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5/6 Swimming Gala <b>C</b> <b>TBC by Local Authority. Children taking part in this event will receive a letter.</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	INTU – Year 5 - What is a university? KS1 Girls Football <b>C</b> <b>TBC by Local Authority. Children taking part in this event will receive a letter.</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for Half Term
Spring Term 2 2026 – 5 week half term	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Staff INSET <b>Children are not in</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Children return to school



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