



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 26th September 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 Procedure – A big well done to our pupils!

We would like to take a moment to praise all of our children for their excellent understanding and mature attitude towards our school's lockdown procedures. Their calmness, curiosity, and thoughtful questions have shown just how seriously they take their own safety and the wellbeing of others.

As part of our commitment to keeping everyone safe, we will be carrying out a lockdown drill this half term. Before this, we'll remind children of the alarm sound and what to expect, so they feel confident and prepared. We understand that some children may feel a little unsure, and we want to reassure you that any child who has expressed concerns to their class teacher has been—and will continue to be—supported sensitively and appropriately.

If you have any questions or would like to talk through the procedures, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep The Drive Primary School a safe and caring place for all.

Meet the Teacher

Not as many in attendance this year, but it was lovely to see the people who were able to attend (Year 4, you had the best turn out – well done families and carers). If you couldn't come along, please let your child's class teacher know if you would like any information shared or you wish to speak to them.

Parking Around School – A reminder to be considerate!

We'd like to remind all families to be mindful when parking near the school. Many of our neighbouring residents rely on permit parking and need to be able to access spaces near their homes. Please avoid blocking driveways, parking on pavements, or using permit-only bays without authorisation.

We understand that drop-off and pick-up times can be busy, but by parking considerately, we help maintain positive relationships with our local community and ensure the safety of all children and families.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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 this week – well done! Not the best attendance this week. I know there have been a few issues with sickness, but remember, lates after registration make a difference and will ultimately affect the class attendance. Together, the children can get a big treat if they get the best attendance – teamwork makes the dream work!





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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	89.41% -
Reception	4	97.14% +
Year 1	1	94.78% -
Year 2	0	92.73% -
Year 3	0	92.5% -
Year 4	2	92.76% -
Year 5	1	93.79% -
Year 6	0	89.03% -

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 29 th September	Homework and Technology Support Session – all welcome, but mainly aimed at Year 3 – 6 Parent/Carers 2:30pm - please come to the electronic gates and then round to the hall.
Tuesday 30 th September	Year 5 Trip – Saltwell Park C Letter issued 22.9.25
Wednesday 1 st October	Primary Cross-Country C If your child is attending this event, you will receive a letter.
	Year 6 Trip - Classification workshop (Science) at Hancock C Letter issued 22.9.25
Thursday 2 nd October	National Poetry Day
	KS1 Indoor Athletics Festival C If your child is attending this event, you will receive a letter.
Friday 3 rd October	Year 5/6 Girls Football C If your child is attending this event, you will receive a letter.
Monday 6 th October	Year 4 Trip – Grainger Market C More information to follow.
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



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	Letter issued 24.9.25
Thursday 9 th October	Year 4 Trip – Transporting Goods C More information to follow.
	Year 3 Trip – Live Theatre Tales C More information to follow.
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
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 6 Trip – Cinema (links to the curriculum) C
	Year 5 Trip – Great North Museum C
Friday 28 th November	Non-Uniform Day – Fayre donations
Monday 1 st December and Tuesday 2 nd December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6
Wednesday 3 rd December and Thursday 4 th December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings Year 2
Friday 5 th December	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 11th 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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