



# The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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

First of all, I would like to apologise that you did not receive the Friday Letter before half term. This was a clerical error on our part, and for that we are very sorry.

Secondly, welcome back after the break. The children have returned settled, positive, and ready to learn, which has been wonderful to see. Attendance this week has also been consistently higher than in previous weeks, with a strong **97%**, which is exactly what we are aiming for. Please note that the data shown below may not reflect this improvement. We always work a week behind, so the percentages you see will relate to the week before half term.

We know our children will continue to work hard and show the empathy, kindness, and support for one another that they demonstrate so beautifully as this half term continues.

## World Book Day

We had a truly wonderful World Book Day in school this week. The children arrived full of excitement, proudly sharing their costumes and favourite stories with one another. It was fantastic to see such creativity and enthusiasm throughout the day—from characters coming to life in the classrooms to the lovely moments of children sharing books with different teachers from different classes. A real range of literary wonder. A huge thank you to all our families for the effort that went into costumes, props, and, most importantly, fostering a love of reading at home. Days like these help build positive memories around books and celebrate the joy of stories, imagination, and learning. The children were absolutely brilliant, and the atmosphere across school was one of happiness, curiosity, and shared enjoyment.

**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 3 and Year 5 this week, with Year 3 now overtaking Year 4. It is all to play for though, so keep going!

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	87.5% -
Reception	3	96.4% +
Year 1	0	93.6% -
Year 2	0	93% +
Year 3	6	99.2% +
Year 4	5	93.6% +
Year 5	2	96.8% +
Year 6	1	93.9% +



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Have a lovely weekend, I hope the rain stops and the sun returns.

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.**

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

Spring Term 2 2026 – 5 week half term	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning <b>There will be an Easter Egg Raffle and Citizens Advice will be in school for anything you wish to discuss with them: they offer free, confidential guidance to help people understand their rights and solve everyday problems.</b> <b>08:45 – 09:45</b> <b>Please come to the main office</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	TOP Sportanility – Creative Performance <b>C</b> <b>TBC by Local Authority. Children taking part in this event will receive a letter.</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Vision Screening
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' and Others <b>Nursery and Reception</b> School Council Leading Whole School Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day <b>Red to Toe – children can wear red or something bright for a £1.00 donation.</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Whole School Metro Safety Assembly – NEXUS
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Attendance League Celebration – morning <b>C</b> Dance Festival - afternoon <b>C</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Cinema Trip <b>C</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Intra-School Tournaments <b>Children to come in wearing their PE kit on this day.</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Break up for Easter
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday – Children not in!

