



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 20th 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**

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

Mothers' and Others

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this event. I was disappointed not to be in the hall for longer (a brief pop-in was all I could manage), but the buzz around the room was absolutely lovely and the children had a wonderful time.

A huge thank you to the EYFS team for organising the breakfast and for all the work that went into making this event so special.

Local Authority Visit

We had a visit from our lovely Local Authority Partner this week, and it was clear that our children are absolute shining lights! Their behaviour and attitude towards learning and school life were excellent, and she commented on the very positive relationships they share with one another and with the staff team.

We are, as always, incredibly proud of them.

Well done, Drive Family!

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 again this week. Year 3 will be our worthy winners and will take part in our termly Attendance League Celebration next week. Well done Year 3 – a great effort!

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	90.8% +
Reception	5	97.1% +
Year 1	0	95.9% +
Year 2	0	93.8% +
Year 3	8	96.3% -
Year 4	5	92.8% -
Year 5	4	96.6% -
Year 6	1	92.9% -



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Have a lovely weekend, and happy Springtime.

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.

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	
Monday 23 rd March	Whole School Metro Safety Assembly – NEXUS
Tuesday 24 th March	Attendance League Celebration – morning C Year 3 children are the winners – well done and enjoy the celebration the Attendance Team have organised for you.
	Beamish Meeting – Year 5 and 6 Parents 08:50 – 09:20
	Dance Festival - afternoon C
Wednesday 25 th March	Police Talk – Anti-Social Behaviour in the Community Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 27 th March	Year 4 Cinema Trip C
	National Hat Day Children can come to school wearing a hat of their choice.
Monday 30 th March	Easter Spud Decorating One spud will be provided and items to decorate them with. If you wish to have more than one spud, please bring in your own and any items that you wish to use that may be bespoke to your child's design, please provide. Thank you. Sign up will be via Class Dojo.
Tuesday 31 st March	Intra-School Tournaments Children to come in wearing their PE kit on this day.
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Egg Raffle Any donations are welcome, but <u>NOT</u> compulsory!
	Break up for Easter
Friday 3 rd April	Good Friday – Children not in!



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