



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 7th November 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/>

Welcome Back After Half Term!

We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting half term ahead. This season is a wonderful time of year, but we also recognise it can bring challenges—such as the expense of Christmas and the darker nights, which can affect mood and wellbeing. Let's continue to show kindness and compassion to one another, and please remember that if anyone needs support, we are here to help in any way we can. You, like your children, are an important part of our school family. One of our wonderful parents reminded me of this recently, saying how much love and care they feel from our community—it truly made my day! We are so proud of the strong relationships we share with you all.

There are lots of exciting events planned this half term, which we know the children will enjoy. However, these can sometimes feel overstimulating for some pupils. If you feel your child may need additional support, please speak to their class teacher so we can work together to help them.

We would also like to remind parents, carers, grandparents and family members of our Home-School Agreement. Thank you for continuing to follow this—it helps us maintain the strong, positive relationships we value so much. We kindly ask that social media is not used as a platform for negativity. If you have any concerns, please speak directly to a member of staff. We are always here to listen and support.

Thank you for your understanding and for the love you show our school community. I often say how lucky we are to have such a fabulous parent and carer body—and that remains true every day.

Bring on Autumn 2!

Firework and Bonfire Safety Reminder

As we approach the weekend, some of you may be attending organised firework events or hosting your own celebrations. Please take extra care to keep yourselves and your children safe. Fireworks and bonfires can be exciting, but they also carry risks. We strongly encourage families to attend organised displays where safety measures are in place. If you are celebrating at home, ensure children are always supervised, keep a safe distance from fireworks and flames, and never allow them to handle sparklers without close adult supervision. A brilliant tip from one of our lovely Year 5 pupils (thank you, Kiara!) is to use a carrot as a sparkler handle—this helps avoid heat at the base. Remember to have a bucket of water or sand nearby for emergencies and follow all safety instructions on packaging. Let's work together to make this a fun and safe experience for everyone.

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 again this week – well done. Reception are still in the lead with 2 points between them and Year 3 – it is still all to play for, only a few good weeks and this could all change!



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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	89.56% -
Reception	9	96.19% -
Year 1	5	96.96% +
Year 2	0	88.18% -
Year 3	7	95% -
Year 4	2	91.03% -
Year 5	3	91.33% -
Year 6	0	88.06% -

Have a great weekend and enjoy any firework displays you might be heading to. Please be safe.

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 2 2025 – 7 week half term	
Week beginning 10 th November	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Assembly Letter issued 06.11.25
Tuesday 11 th November	Panathlon: 10 Pin Bowling C Children taking part in this event received a letter 06.11.25
Wednesday 12 th November	Boccia Tournament C Children taking part in this event received a letter 06.11.25
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Letter issued 23.10.25
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 6 Trip – Cinema (links to the curriculum) C
Friday 28 th November	Year 5 Trip – Great North Museum C
Monday 1 st December and Tuesday 2 nd December	Non-Uniform Day – Fayre donations
Week beginning 1 st December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings C Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6
Tuesday 2 nd December	Year 6 IntoUniversity Focus Week Details of days and activities to be published nearer the time.
Wednesday 3 rd December and Thursday 4 th December	Whole School Nexus Assembly
Friday 5 th December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings Year 2 Christmas Fayre





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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
	Brush Up Workshop (Teeth Science Topic) – Year 4
Thursday 11 th December	School Panto C
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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