



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 19th 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/>

School Ministers and School Council

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to all the children who bravely put themselves forward to be part of The Drive School Council as our newly elected School Ministers.

Your courage in standing up, sharing your ideas, and presenting your visions for our school community was truly inspiring. Each of you showed great confidence, creativity, and commitment in your presentations, and we are incredibly proud of the effort you put in.

Whether you were elected or not, your willingness to take part and speak up for your peers shows leadership and heart—qualities we value deeply at The Drive.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact our School Ministers will make this year, and we thank every child who took part for helping shape the future of our school.

A very close-run mind, with only a few points in it between the candidates. A huge congratulations to the elected Councillors and Ministers. I have no doubt they will do a fabulous job.

Newly elected School Ministers: Brooke and Faith

Newly elected School Council Members

Year 1: Nicos and Wynter-Leigh

Year 2: Laurie and Lucas

Year 3: Charlotte and Amara

Year 4: Amelia and Maya

Year 5: Kiara and Amelia

Year 6: Leo Ka and Roxie

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 Year 1, Year 4, and Year 5 this week – well done! Some very good attendance, with 3 classes at the Government's recommended percentage.

Just some statistics for you. Pupils with higher attendance rates throughout primary school are significantly more likely to achieve expected standards in reading, writing, and maths at Key Stage 2. According to the Department for Education, children with 95–100% attendance are 1.3 times more likely to meet these





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standards than those attending 90–95% of the time. This demonstrates that even small drops in attendance can have a measurable impact on academic achievement, and that consistent attendance across all primary years—not just Year 6—is essential for long-term success.

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	94.05%
Reception	3	93.33% -
Year 1	1	96.09% +
Year 2	0	94.55% +
Year 3	0	95% +
Year 4	2	96.21% +
Year 5	1	96.9% +
Year 6	0	91.61% -

Have a lovely 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 22 nd September	Meet the Teacher – Year 1 9am in the hall
	Lockdown Assembly for the children Please speak to a member of staff if you are worried about the format of this assembly or our school lockdown procedures. We make this assembly very child friendly, so the children are as calm as possible when we complete a drill.
Tuesday 23 rd September	Meet the Teacher – Year 6 9am in the hall
Wednesday 24 th September	Meet the Teacher – Year 2 9am in the hall
	Meet the Teacher – Year 3 2:15pm – please come to the electronic gates and then to MAIN ENTRANCE, not the hall as previously communicated.
Thursday 25 th September	Meet the Teacher – Year 5 9am in the hall



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Friday 26 th September	Meet the Teacher – Year 4 9am in the hall
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.
Wednesday 1 st October	Year 6 Trip - Classification workshop (Science) at Hancock C
Thursday 2 nd October	National Poetry Day
Wednesday 8 th October	Year 6 Trip - StemFest at Vertu Motors Arena C
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 11 th 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 Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th December	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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