



# The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 13<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**

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

## Bike Ability

I just want to say how proud we are of our children who took part in Bike Ability this week. Tony, the lovely instructor, shared how fantastic they all were and said they were an absolute credit to our school and to all of you. Riding a bike—especially out on the roads—is far more challenging than people realise, and the fact that those who took part absolutely *smashed it* is something to be really proud of. Well done to all involved!

## Wellbeing Champions

We also had a wonderful day out with our Wellbeing Champions, and we couldn't be prouder of them. They truly embodied what it means to be a wellbeing ambassador—showing compassion, determination, kindness, and genuine care for others. They were, just like our Bikeability children, a real credit to our school. Well done to all of them. Mrs Graham and I are incredibly proud.

**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 are still in the lead, but only by 2. It only takes two good weeks to take the lead. Lets see what happens next week and if the points adjust slightly.

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	4	96.8% +
Year 1	0	94.8% -
Year 2	0	92.6% -
Year 3	7	97.3% -
Year 4	5	93.2% -
Year 5	3	96.8% =
Year 6	1	93.5% -



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Have a lovely weekend, and the sun continues to shine.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Farren  
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**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	
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>
	<b>Beamish Meeting – Year 5 and 6 Parents</b> <b>08:50 – 09:20</b>
	Dance Festival - afternoon <b>C</b>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Police Talk – Anti-Social Behaviour in the Community Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Cinema Trip <b>C</b>
	National Hat Day <b>Children can come to school wearing a hat of their choice.</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	Easter Egg Raffle <b>Any donations are welcome, but <u>NOT</u> compulsory!</b>
	Break up for Easter
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday – Children not in!



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