



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 19th December 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/>

Christmas Window

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Christmas Window fun! The atmosphere was absolutely lovely, and it was wonderful to see so many of you getting involved.

Despite it being a little more challenging this year, we were thrilled to have **15 winners**—well done to all of them and to everyone who took part!

Thank you again for your support and for helping us make this event a fun and special one.

KS2 Celebration

We are so proud of our KS2 children for their incredible Christmas Celebration at St Mary's Church. Their singing was beautiful (Joy to the World blew us all away), their acting was full of confidence, and their instrument playing and rocking moves added such a special touch to the event.

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your support and love—it means so much to the children and to us. This celebration is always a highlight of the year, and it was amazing to share it with you. Hearing comments yesterday and this morning such as, *"Best one yet"* and *"We loved it!"* was truly wonderful.

We also want to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work in putting this together, and to St Mary's for being so accommodating and supportive of our school community.

Christmas Message

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding term, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see the children grow, learn, and shine in so many ways.

Christmas is a time of hope, family, and friendship—and for some, faith. That faith doesn't have to be in a deity; it can simply be faith in humanity, kindness, and doing the right thing. This season reminds us of the importance of empathy, understanding, and community, values we strive to instil in our children every day.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils—the joy they bring us is immeasurable. They are the future, and together we must cherish them, keep them safe, and help them become the best versions of themselves. The world is theirs to explore, and the more doors we help them open, the more opportunities they will have to thrive.

On behalf of everyone at The Drive, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for being part of our school community—we look forward to an exciting 2026!

Have a fabulous Christmas everyone and we will see you all **Tuesday 6th January 2026.**

Yours sincerely,

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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. 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 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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