



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 27th 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/>

International Hat Day

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in International Hat Day—what an outstanding collection of hats we saw! From creative homemade masterpieces to colourful favourites from home, it was fantastic to see so many children and staff joining in.

It was all just a bit of fun, and of course completely optional, but those who chose to take part really helped make the day a bit silly. Thank you for bringing such joy, creativity, and spirit to our school community!

Year 5 and 6 – Northumbria Police Talk

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 had a valuable visit from an officer from Northumbria Police, who came in to talk to them about behaviour in the community and the importance of understanding that actions have consequences.

The pupils were fully engaged throughout the session and showed great maturity when discussing key messages about keeping themselves safe. It was clear that they understood that the police are here to help and support our community.

A big well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils for the sensible and thoughtful way they approached the discussion.

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 had already won the league, but it was well and truly cemented with 9 points!

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	94.4% +
Reception	6	97.2% +
Year 1	0	95.1% -
Year 2	0	93.2% -
Year 3	9	96.3% =
Year 4	5	92.5% -
Year 5	5	96.4% -
Year 6	1	92.5% -



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Have a great weekend and remember the clocks change!

Yours sincerely,

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 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 30 th March	<p>Easter Spud Decorating</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sign up will be via Class Dojo.</p>
Tuesday 31 st March	<p>Intra-School Tournaments</p> <p>Children to come in wearing their PE kit on this day.</p>
Thursday 2 nd April	<p>Easter Egg Raffle</p> <p>Any donations are welcome, but NOT compulsory!</p>
Friday 3 rd April	<p>Break up for Easter</p> <p>Good Friday – Children not in!</p>
Summer Term 1 2026 – 5 week half term	
Monday 20 th April	Children return from the Easter Break
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday Monday

