



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 22nd May 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/>

Important Safety Message – Electric Scooters

We have recently received reports of a very small number of children using electric scooters at the end of the school day, including riding at speed in areas where other children and families are leaving the school site. This presents a significant safety risk to both the rider and others.

We would like to reassure families that the majority of our children are not involved, and we thank our school community for bringing these concerns to our attention so that we can address them proactively.

We would like to remind families that electric scooters must be used responsibly and safely. In particular:

- Children should not be riding at speed in crowded areas, especially near the school gates
- Riders should wear appropriate safety equipment, including a helmet
- Electric scooters that exceed certain speed limits or are used in public areas may require a licence and insurance, and their use may fall under road traffic laws

Where use is considered unsafe or poses a risk to others, the school may need to refer concerns to the appropriate authorities to ensure the safety of our whole school community.

We ask all parents and carers to reinforce these expectations (if your child has one of these scooters) with their children to help keep everyone safe at the beginning and end of the school day.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance – Summer 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%

Not a great set of data this week. We have had some sickness and holidays during term time, which unless exceptional and a holiday that can't be taken any other time, won't be authorised and a fine may be issued if the holiday is 5 days or more. Year 2 have however got 2 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	87.2% -
Reception	3	90.2% -
Year 1	1	85.6% -
Year 2	5	98.4% -
Year 3	4	88.9% -
Year 4	0	92.4% -
Year 5	3	94.3% -
Year 6	2	86.7% -



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End of Half term Message

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We are incredibly grateful for the partnership we share with our families, which helps us to support all our children so effectively.

It has been a positive and productive half term in school, and we are proud of the effort, progress and resilience shown by the children.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and with the warmer weather continuing, we wish you a happy and safe week with your families.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st June.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and remember, if you need anything, please don't hesitate to speak to us, we are here to help!

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.

Please note, dates and times of events are also on Class DOJO in the Calendar and on our school website.

Summer Term 2 2026 – 7 week half term	
Monday 1 st May	Children return from Half Term
Monday 1 st June – Friday 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks
Week beginning Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Checks
Monday 8 th June	Year 5/6 Countdown Cricket C More details to follow. Children taking part, will receive a letter.
Monday 9 th June	Year 6 - IntoUniversity Transition Session More details to follow
Wednesday 10 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 6 Residential to Robinwood C
Thursday 18 th June	Year 1 Trip – Richardson Dees Park C Letter received 28.04.26
Tuesday 23 rd June	Sports Day More details to follow
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 3/4 Countdown Cricket C ore details to follow. Children taking part, will receive a letter.
Thursday 25 th June	Year 4 - Careers in Action – IntoUniversity
Thursday 2 nd July	Summer Fayre More details to follow
Friday 3 rd July	Occasional Day





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	Children not in school
Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings Nursery, Year 1, 3, 4, 5 More details to follow
Tuesday 7th July and Wednesday 8th July	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening Year 6 More details to follow
Wednesday 8th July	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening Year 2 More details to follow
Wednesday 15th July	Shine Awards Evening More details to follow
Thursday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17th July	Break up for Summer
Monday 31st August	Bank Holiday Children not in school
Tuesday 1st September	INSET Day Children not in school
Wednesday 2nd September	Children return from the Summer Break



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