



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 28th November 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/>

Kind donations

Thank you for everyone who donated items for our Christmas Fayre, very kind of you to share with us and especially around this time of year. Your contributions will make up our tombola stands and raffle. Thank you again!

Year 5's Trip to the Great North Museum

This week, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Great North Museum, and I had the pleasure of joining them. The children were an absolute credit to the school—their behaviour throughout the museum and during the workshop was superb.

What impressed me most was their incredible knowledge of space. They engaged enthusiastically with the activities, asked thoughtful questions, and demonstrated a real curiosity about the universe.

A huge well done to Year 5—you made me a very proud Head Teacher!

Special thanks to Mrs Sinclair for organising such a fantastic experience for the children.

Year 6's Trip to the Cinema

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic morning at the cinema this week. The film was a wonderful celebration of love and kindness, showing how even the smallest act of care can make a big difference to an individual or a whole community—and how those acts inspire others to do the same.

It was a great experience for everyone and a lovely way to reinforce such positive values.

A huge thank you to Mrs Graham for organising the trip, and to Miss Seddon for kindly accompanying the children along with Mrs Gregory and Gail.

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 2 and Year 3 this week! It is still looking a bit challenging now to catch Reception, but it is still not impossible – 2 weeks of 3 points could get you even if they don't get any points.

As always, if you need any support with your child/children's attendance or punctuality, please speak to a member of staff.





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Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	87.88% -
Reception	15	91.90% -
Year 1	7	96.52% -
Year 2	2	97.73% +
Year 3	9	96.5% -
Year 4	2	86.9% -
Year 5	5	92.67% -
Year 6	0	88.71% -

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we will see you all next week. 3 weeks until the Christmas Break – hold on to your festive paper hats and get ready for the celebrations over the coming weeks!

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/carers 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/carers events.

Autumn Term 2 2025 – 7 week half term	
Monday 1 st December and Tuesday 2 nd December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings C Nursery, Reception, Year 3, Year 4 (Tuesday only), Year 5, and Year 6 Sign up is on Class Dojo/speak to the class teacher if you need further assistance.
Week beginning 1 st December	Year 6 IntoUniversity Focus Week Details of days and activities have been issued to parents.
Tuesday 2 nd December	Whole School Nexus Assembly
Wednesday 3 rd December and Thursday 4 th December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 (Wednesday only) Sign up is on Class Dojo
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Fayre 1:30pm
Monday 8 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party This has been changed from Thursday 18th due to unforeseen circumstances linked to the KS2 Christmas Celebration at the Church. Sorry for any inconvenience!
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
	Christmas Lunch



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Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity PM
	Brush Up Workshop (Teeth Science Topic) – Year 4
Thursday 11 th December	School Panto C
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
	Year 2 Trip - Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens Letter issued 14.11.25
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
	Christmas Windows After school – 50p contribution for school funds, this will include a hot chocolate/cup of tea or coffee. This has been changed, but after school, so no pressure to attend, it would just be lovely to see you all!
Thursday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas Celebration St Mary's Church
	This has been changed from Friday 12 th due to unforeseen circumstances. Sorry for any inconvenience!
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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