



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 19th June 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**

Friday Letter 19th June 2026 <https://thedriveprimary.ovw8.juniperwebsites.co.uk/>

Great Athletic Event

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome the fantastic athletes Lucy Turner and Chris Kurt to school for a morning of sponsored athletics activities. The children took part in a wide range of exercises and had an amazing time learning new skills while working collaboratively.

Following this, they enjoyed an inspiring assembly all about careers in athletics. The thoughtful questions the children asked were truly impressive and showed great curiosity and engagement.

A huge thank you for all the sponsorship money that has been raised so far. The children have worked incredibly hard, and on behalf of everyone at school, we would like to extend our thanks to all those who sponsored them.

It is not every day that we have a Team GB athlete visiting our school—what a privilege and a memorable experience for all!

Year 6 Kit Car Racing Event

A group of our Year 6 children recently visited Gateshead Stadium to race the kit car they had designed and built together. The event was truly incredible and a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

We are extremely proud to share that The Drive won the Best Bodywork Award, earning a well-deserved plaque.

A huge thank you goes to Mark Nicolson from Nicolson Signs for his support—helping to make our car look the best on the track!

This was a brilliant event and one we will certainly look forward to next year. Well done to all of our children who took part—you represented the school brilliantly.

Year 4 Trip

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Discovery Museum, where the children explored how sound is created through a range of fun, hands-on experiments. The visit also included time to explore the museum's exhibition charting the history of Newcastle, from the Anglo-Saxon period right through to modern day, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Nursery Sports Afternoon

We had a lovely Sports Day Stay and Play with a great turnout from families. A big thank you to everyone who was able to join us—it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers taking part. It was especially heartwarming to see children and their families' sharing achievements, supporting one another, and enjoying the activities together. It truly made the day feel special for everyone involved.

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%

No points this week, with lots of bugs going around, so this week has not been the best for attendance. That means that Year 2 and Year 3 are still joint first with 7 points. I think next week will be a similar picture, especially in Reception.



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Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	83.7% -
Reception	4	77.2% -
Year 1	2	89.9% -
Year 2	7	91.9% -
Year 3	7	93.7% -
Year 4	1	91.14% -
Year 5	7	92.2% -
Year 6	2	87.8% -

Have a fabulous weekend and see you all on Monday.

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	
Tuesday 23 rd June	Sports Day Commences at 1:30pm Please ensure your children are in PE kit, have a bottle of water and have suncream on. If it is sunny, a hat is also advised.
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 3 Countdown Cricket C Year 3 received issued
Thursday 25 th June	Year 4 - Careers in Action – IntoUniversity Year 6 – Inflate Space C Letter issued
	Year 1 Trip – Northumberland Park (previously Richardson) C – REORGANISED FROM 18 th JUNE 2026 Letter issued
Friday 26 th June	Year 3 Trip – Hancock Museum Letter issued
Wednesday 1 st July	Year 1 and 2 Trip – Beach Letter issued
Thursday 2 nd July	Summer Fayre More details to follow



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



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