



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 24th October 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/>

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%

🎃 Halloween Crafts & Online Safety 🎃

What a fantastic atmosphere we had during our Halloween crafts afternoons! It was wonderful to see so many children — and adults — fully immersed in the creativity and fun. The joy on everyone's faces said it all, and I must admit... I've got my eye on a few of those pumpkins myself!

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers, and guardians who joined us — your enthusiasm made the sessions even more special.

We also want to extend our sincere thanks for the incredibly positive feedback following the Online Safety session with Tony. It was clear people found it informative, engaging, and thought-provoking. We're so pleased it was well received and hopefully it sparked some valuable conversations at home.

Attendance League Update

Points for Reception and Year 3 again this week – well done. Year 3 are not far behind Reception now – it is all to play for, only a few good weeks and this could all change!

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

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	90% -
Reception	8	96.67% +
Year 1	4	93.91% -
Year 2	0	95.91% +
Year 3	7	99% +
Year 4	2	95.86% +
Year 5	3	94% -
Year 6	0	95.91% +

Have a fabulous week off everyone. We will see you all on Monday 3rd November for the second half of the Autumn Term and the lead up to Christmas - sorry, too soon?



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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.

Autumn Term 1 2025 – 8 week half term	
Autumn Term 2 2025 – 7 week half term	
Monday 3 rd November	Return to school after Half Term
Week beginning 10 th November	Anti-bullying Week
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 6 Trip – Cinema (links to the curriculum) C
Friday 28 th November	Year 5 Trip – Great North Museum C
Monday 1 st December and Tuesday 2 nd December	Non-Uniform Day – Fayre donations
Wednesday 3 rd December and Thursday 4 th December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings
Friday 5 th December	Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6
	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings
	Year 2
	Christmas Fayre
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
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity
	PM
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Christmas Celebration
	PM at St Mary's Church
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
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
	Christmas Windows
	After school
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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