



# The Drive Community Primary School

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

<https://thedriveprimary.ovw8.juniperwebsites.co.uk/>

## Spud Decoration

Spud decorating this week was an absolute joy! The buzz around school was tremendous, and the children's creations were just brilliant. A huge thank you to all our parents, family members and carers for joining our children in a little bit of fun before we head off for the Easter break. Your support and enthusiasm make these moments so special.

## Easter Raffle

Thank you for all the generous donations of eggs for our Easter raffle and for the wonderful entries we received. We raised **£261** for school funds, which will help support trips and additional resource purchasing next term. Enjoy the sweet treats to those who were lucky enough to win!

## Spring Term Message

Thank you for such a truly lovely term and for your ongoing support and kindness. We really are a family at The Drive. Our children work incredibly hard, striving for excellence every day, and they show a level of resilience towards a jam-packed curriculum that would overwhelm many adults. We couldn't be prouder of them. Thank you also to our wonderful staff and governors for their continued dedication and love for the job. Their commitment is what keeps our school thriving.

A very special thank you goes to Mrs Ferry (previously Miss Ross). She has been a valued member of our school family, and although she is moving on from her role, she will continue to be part of our growing community for years to come, with her two lovely children still here at school. We wish her all the luck in the world!

Have a wonderful Easter break, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April!**

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](http://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.**

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday – Children not in!
Summer Term 1 2026 – 5 week half term	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return from the Easter Break
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	What is a university? – Year 5
	Year 5/6 Rounder



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	<b>To be confirmed once the LA have allocated school spaces.</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Beamish Residential – Year 4 and Year 5 C</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 3 and 4 Tennis C</b> <b>More details to follow. Children taking part, will receive a letter.</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Nursery Closed for Elections (being used as a polling station)</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4/5 Gateshead Girls United C</b> <b>More details to follow. Children taking part, will receive a letter.</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Focus Day: IntoUniversity - Year 5 – Archaeology C</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Countdown Cricket C</b> <b>More details to follow. Children taking part, will receive a letter.</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Photos</b> <b>Can children please all be in their school uniform and leavers hoodies.</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>

Do you think your child may have

# ADHD OR AUTISM

or maybe they are already on the neurodevelopmental assessment pathway?

**Come along to one of our Neurodevelopment support events to talk to organisations who can help!**

Running throughout 2026, these free, drop-in sessions offer practical advice, early help and information from local services.

Find all dates, times and exhibitors here:







[www.gateshead.gov.uk/neurodevelopment-support](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/neurodevelopment-support)



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