



# The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 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/>

## Christmas Fayre – Thank You!

We are thrilled to share that an incredible **£1,346** has been raised from our Christmas Fayre – thank you so much for your generosity and kindness!

There is still time to buy raffle tickets: we've extended the closing date, and the raffle will now be drawn next Friday – **SPIN THE WHEEL!**

Thank you again for all your support in making this event such a success.

## Panto Joy

What an incredible morning we had at the panto this week! The children and staff had such an amazing time and returned to school absolutely buzzing with excitement. Two of our lovely children even got the chance to go on stage – what a treat that was!

The behaviour throughout the trip was excellent (and we know we're biased, but we're sure it was the best in the theatre!). It truly was a great experience for everyone. A huge thank you to all of you for supporting this trip, and an extra special thank you to our fantastic staff for organising such a magical event.

## A Huge Congratulations on Our Wonderful Nativities!

This week, we have been absolutely blown away by the children's tremendous performances in their nativities. The singing, the acting, and their confidence to stand up on stage in front of so many adults was simply unbelievable. It was an absolute treat to behold, and I know you will be just as proud of them as we are. Every single child shone in their own way, and their hard work and courage truly made these performances something special. Well done, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2!

**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).**

**Receptions are this terms winner with a total of 15 points.** Well done and enjoy your celebration next week!

Attendance this week has been low, but there has been a lot going around, with a lot of bugs and flu-like illnesses.

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	83.68% -
Reception	15 – WINNERS!	93.64% +
Year 1	7	94.78% +
Year 2	2	73.64% -
Year 3	11	87.5% -
Year 4	2	86.9% -
Year 5	5	93.33% -
Year 6	0	80% -





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Have a super weekend everyone and we will see you all next week. 1 week until the Christmas Break!

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](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.**

Autumn Term 2 2025 – 7 week half term	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
	Year 2 Trip - Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens <b>Letter issued 14.11.25</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Attendance Celebration <b>Winners – Reception Class</b>
	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
	<b>Christmas Windows</b> <b>3:15 – 3:45pm</b> <b>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!</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS2 Christmas Celebration</b> <b>St Mary's Church</b> <b>1:30pm</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Break up for Christmas
Spring Term 1 2026 – 7 week half term	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day - <b>children are not in.</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Children return to school</b>



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