



## The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Friday Letter 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

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

### Children in Need – the total raised!

A total of **£141** was raised for Children in Need last week, which is a great sum of money for children who are in crisis, dealing with trauma, children with disabilities, young carers – the list could go on! Thank you so much for your contributions and for your love!

### How We Can Help!

At The Drive Primary School, we understand that family life can sometimes be challenging, and we want you to know that support is available both in school and through local services. Here are some ways we can help:

#### Support in School

- Meetings with myself (Head Teacher) – If you need to talk through concerns (behaviour at home, changes in behaviour, routines, toileting), please contact the school office to arrange a meeting.
- Help with referrals – We can support you in accessing outside agencies such as:
  - CYPS (Children and Young People's Service) – Mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people. [Find out more and referral info](#)
  - Early Help – Practical advice and family support before issues escalate. [Learn more about Early Help](#)

#### Local Support Services

- Early Help & Family Hubs – Nine hubs across Gateshead offering parenting support, activities, and advice. [Family Hubs information](#)
- Citizens Advice Gateshead – Free, confidential advice on benefits, housing, debt, and more. Call 0808 278 7902 or visit [Citizens Advice Gateshead](#)
- Support for Young Carers – Help for children under 18 who care for a family member. [Find out more](#)
- Kinship Care Support – For relatives or guardians caring for children. [Kinship Care Local Offer](#)

#### Other Useful Links

- <https://caregiversconnectedgateshead.co.uk/> – Support for carers of all ages
- [CYPS Referral Guidance](#) – How to access mental health services for children

If you're unsure where to start, please speak to us in school – we're here to help you navigate these options and make referrals where needed.

**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 Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 this week and a much better week all round! It is looking a bit challenging now to catch Reception, but it is still not impossible.





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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	87.88% -
Reception	15	99.05% -
Year 1	6	97.39% +
Year 2	0	95% =
Year 3	8	97% +
Year 4	2	92.41% +
Year 5	5	98.67% +
Year 6	0	91.29% +

Have a lovely weekend, let's hope it's not too cold and there may be some snow to build snowmen, and have a good giggle.

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.

Autumn Term 2 2025 – 7 week half term	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Trip – Cinema (links to the curriculum) <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 21.11.25</b>
	Year 5 Trip – Great North Museum <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 21.11.25</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-Uniform Day – Fayre donations <b>Flyer issued 20.11.25</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings <b>C</b> <b>Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 (Tuesday only), Year 5, and Year 6</b>
Week beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 6 IntoUniversity Focus Week Details of days and activities to be published nearer the time.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Whole School Nexus Assembly
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December and Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings <b>Year 2 and Year 4 (Wednesday only)</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party <b>This has been changed from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> due to unforeseen circumstances linked to the KS2 Christmas Celebration at the Church. Sorry for any inconvenience!</b>



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Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Attendance Celebration <b>The class with the most points will take part in this event.</b>
	Nursery and Reception Nativity/sing along <b>PM</b>
	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity <b>PM</b>
	Brush Up Workshop (Teeth Science Topic) – Year 4
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Panto <b>C</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Celebration <b>PM at St Mary's Church</b>
	<b>This has been changed from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> due to a date clash – Panto joy! Sorry for any inconvenience.</b>
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	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Celebration <b>St Mary's Church</b>
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	Christmas Windows <b>After school</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Break up for Christmas
<b>Spring Term 1 2026 – 7 week half term</b>	
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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