



# The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 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 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

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

## Lovely atmosphere

We are now week two into the Autumn Term and I have to say that the atmosphere around school is tremendous. We have had a few visitors in and out and they have all commented on how well the children behave, organise themselves and how much respect they have for their peers and staff. They are an absolute credit to you all and we are so proud of their continued dedication to school life. Another positive week and I am sure this will continue to be the narrative as the weeks go on! Well done everyone!

**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 (wow 100%) and Year 4 this week – well done! Some strong attendance and some classes nearly at the expected percentage. We did have a few children not in school due to holidays, and lates were factoring as being something we need to be working towards improving.

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            | No data due to the Nursery not being open. |
| Reception | 3            | 100%                                       |
| Year 1    | 0            | 95.65%                                     |
| Year 2    | 0            | 89.77%                                     |
| Year 3    | 0            | 90%  |
| Year 4    | 1            | 96.12%                                     |
| Year 5    | 0            | 95.69%                                     |
| Year 6    | 0            | 93.55%                                     |



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Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

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.**

| Autumn Term 1 2025 – 8 week half term |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September     | International Day of Democracy<br>Any potential Drive Ministers and children wanting to be on the School Council will be given the opportunity to present to the school and an a 'official' Polling Station will be set up this week for children to make their votes – exciting times. |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September    | School Photo Day<br>If you wish to have your children photographed together with siblings that <u>don't</u> attend our school yet, please feel free to come in at 8:30am. Sibling photographs of pupils who do attend school together, will be taken later in the day.                  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September  | School Council Minister Election Campaign Assembly  |
|                                       | Building Independence – Q&A with Steering Group (parents and Mrs Farren)<br>Separate letter issued 05.09.25   |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September     | Meet the Teacher – Year 1<br>9am in the hall  |
|                                       | Lockdown Assembly for the children<br>Please speak to a member of staff if you are worried about the format of this assembly or our school lockdown procedures. We make this assembly very child friendly, so the children are as calm as possible when we complete a drill.            |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September    | Meet the Teacher – Year 6<br>9am in the hall  |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September  | Meet the Teacher – Year 2<br>9am in the hall  |
|                                       | Meet the Teacher – Year 3<br>2:15pm – please come to the electronic gates and then round to the hall.   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September   | Meet the Teacher – Year 5<br>9am in the hall  |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September     | Meet the Teacher – Year 4<br>9am in the hall  |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September     | Homework and Technology Support Session – all welcome, but mainly aimed at Year 3 – 6 Parent/Carers<br>2:30pm - please come to the electronic gates and then round to the hall.   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October     | Year 6 Trip - Classification workshop (Science) at Hancock C  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October      | National Poetry Day   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October     | Year 6 Trip - StemFest at Vertu Motors Arena C  |



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| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                       | Cyber Prevent Workshop - KS2  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October  | Break up for Half Term  |
| <b>Autumn Term 2 2025 – 7 week half term</b>                             |   |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November  | Return to school after Half Term  |
| Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> November                                 | Anti-bullying Week  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November   | Children in Need  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November   | Non-Uniform Day – Fayre donations   |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December     | Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings<br><b>Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6</b> |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December and Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December | Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings<br><b>Year 2</b>   |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Fayre   |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December   | Attendance Celebration<br><b>The class with the most points will take part in this event.</b>               |
|  | Nursery and Reception Nativity/sing along<br><b>PM</b>  |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                                      | KS1 Nativity<br><b>PM</b>   |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                                       | KS2 Christmas Celebration<br><b>PM at St Mary's Church</b>  |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December   | Nursery and Reception Christmas Party   |
| 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                                       | Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party   |
|  | Christmas Windows<br><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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