



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 17th 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/>

British Values, Respect and Kindness in Our School Community

At The Drive Primary School, we are proud to promote the core British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. These values are embedded in our curriculum, assemblies, and everyday interactions, helping our children grow into respectful, inclusive and responsible citizens.

We know that our school community is one built on kindness, fairness and mutual respect, and we are grateful for the way our families support these values every day.

Recent events in the news have raised questions around the display of national flags and immigration. We want to be clear that flags are not inherently symbols of hatred—in fact, they are often used to express pride, unity and belonging (see link below that will explain this in more detail and has been already shared with the children). However, we also recognise that in some contexts, particularly following recent unrest, flags have sadly been misused to promote division or hostility. We use these moments to teach our children about the importance of respectful dialogue, understanding different perspectives, and standing up against prejudice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAMOP4-dES4>

As a school and wider community, we have a zero-tolerance approach to hate crime. If any member of our community—child or adult—displays behaviour that is discriminatory, threatening, or abusive based on race, religion, gender, disability, or any protected characteristic, we are legally and morally obliged to report it to the police.

If you witness or experience a hate crime, you can report it directly to Northumbria Police via their website:

 [Report a Hate Crime – Northumbria Police](#) or alternatively, report an incident to school so we can report any crime.

Together, we will continue to build a school environment that celebrates diversity, promotes kindness, and stands firmly against hate. Thank you as always for your ongoing kindness and support!

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%





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Please welcome our new Attendance Team:

Grace and Georgie (Year 4)

Ethan and Dennie (Year 5)

Lucy and Lewis (Year 6)

Mrs Conroy has already met with them all, and they have many ideas to help promote good attendance at The Drive. Their new ventures are both exciting and I believe will have a massive impact on improving percentages and in hand, our children's opportunities as they go through school and beyond.

Thank you for being our new representatives and I can't wait to see the work you will do!

Points for Reception and Year 1 and Year 3 again this week – well done.

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	95.42% +
Reception	7	96.19% +
Year 1	4	96.52% -
Year 2	0	88.64% -
Year 3	4	97.5% -
Year 4	2	94.48% +
Year 5	3	94.67% +
Year 6	0	93.55% +

Have a fabulous weekend everyone.

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. 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	
Tuesday 21 st October	Halloween Crafts Letter issued 13.10.25 Sign up sheets are in the cloakrooms. Please be aware, we can only accommodate one adult per child due to the size of our classrooms.
Wednesday 22 nd October	Cyber Prevent Workshop - KS2
Thursday 23 rd October	Y5/6 Sports hall Athletics C Children who are taking part in this event will receive a letter.
Friday 24 th October	Break up for Half Term



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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
	Year 5 Trip – Great North Museum C
Friday 28 th November	Non-Uniform Day – Fayre donations
Monday 1 st December and Tuesday 2 nd December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6
Wednesday 3 rd December and Thursday 4 th December	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings Year 2
Friday 5 th December	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 11th 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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