



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 12th June 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 12th June 2026 <https://thedriveprimary.ovw8.juniperwebsites.co.uk/>

Year 2 – Newcastle Castle Trip

This week, we visited Newcastle Castle as part of our Monarchy topic in History. We explored the castle and climbed 99 steps to reach the roof! We also took part in a “Castles and Courts” workshop, where we learned about the different roles of people who lived in the castle, made medieval food using playdough, and enjoyed a roleplay banquet in costume.

Year 5 and 6 Countdown Cricket

The team won every qualifying game played and just missed out on the quarter finals. For a full match report, please check DOJO. Well done everyone, a great day had by all!

Meet the Teacher and next year’s classes!

We are pleased to inform you that our Meet the Teacher event will take place on **Wednesday 15th July**. This is a valuable opportunity for your child to meet their new class teacher and spend time in their new classroom ahead of the new academic year.

For any children who may benefit from additional transition visits, further sessions with their new teacher and classroom will be arranged closer to the end of term.

Please note that Teaching Assistants (TAs) may work across different classes throughout the school. As a result, staffing arrangements can change during the year to best meet the needs of the children. However, class teachers will remain the same. If TA placement does change, we will let you know.

Year Group	Teaching Staff	TAs (not always full time, but timetabled in the below classes across the week)
Nursery	Mrs Calvert	Mrs Grant, Miss Bramwell <i>Another member of staff will be joining us in September; we will update you when we have recruited.</i>
Reception	Mrs Jackson and Miss Elliot (Friday only)	Mrs Hunter
Year 1	Mrs Sisterson	Mrs Dunn
Year 2	Miss Elliot and Mrs Gallagher	Mrs Baker, Miss Johnson and Mrs Farrow
Year 3	Miss Forbes	Miss Johnson and Miss Naimah
Year 4	Miss Seddon	Miss Naimah
Year 5	Mrs Sinclair	Mrs Ray
Year 6	Mrs Graham and Mrs Cuthbertson (Maths)	Mrs Gregory and Miss Gabby

Attendance – Summer 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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Points this week for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 – 100% for Year 5 too, which is amazing! Year 2 and Year 3 are currently joint first with 7 points. Bring on next week.

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	87.2% =
Reception	4	94.6% -
Year 1	2	94.2% -
Year 2	7	98.6% +
Year 3	7	96.8% -
Year 4	1	94.8% -
Year 5	7	100% +
Year 6	2	88.1% +

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.

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.

Please note, dates and times of events are also on Class DOJO in the Calendar and on our school website.

Summer Term 2 2026 – 7 week half term	
Monday 15 th June	Great Athlete Event
Tuesday 16 th June	Kit Car Race Day at Gateshead Stadium C A selection of children will be taking part in this event and will have received a letter.
Wednesday 17 th June	Nursery Sports Day – Stay and Play
	Year 3 Swimming – PJ'S NEEDED
	Year 4 Trip – Discovery Museum C Letter received 10.06.26
Tuesday 23 rd June	Sports Day Commences at 1:30pm
Wednesday 24 th June	Year 3/4 Countdown Cricket C More details to follow. Children taking part, will receive a letter.
Thursday 25 th June	Year 4 - Careers in Action – IntoUniversity
	Year 6 Celebration Trip C
	Year 1 Trip – Richardson Dees Park C – REORGANISED FROM 18 th JUNE 2026 Letter received 28.04.26
Thursday 2 nd July	Summer Fayre More details to follow



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Friday 3 rd July	Occasional Day Children not in school
Monday 6 th July and Tuesday 7 th July	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings Nursery, Year 1, 3, 4, 5 More details to follow
Tuesday 7 th July and Wednesday 8 th July	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening Year 6 More details to follow
Wednesday 8 th July	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening Year 2 More details to follow
Wednesday 15 th July	Meet the Teacher Shine Awards Evening More details to follow
Thursday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17 th July	Break up for Summer
Monday 31 st August	Bank Holiday Children not in school
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET Day Children not in school
Wednesday 2 nd September	Children return from the Summer Break



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