



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 16th May 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/>

School Catering Survey

The link is now live for this year's Parent & Pupil Survey, closing date of 29th June 2025. If you want to give your views on the catering service at The Drive, please use the below link. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/dDESkgJ8qr>

Well done Year 6

We should never underestimate how challenging SATS week is for our Year 6 children. It is mentally exhausting from start to finish and can I just say, they have handled themselves very well. They have stuck in, tried their best, asked for support when they have needed it and most of all, should be so unbelievably proud of themselves. A well-deserved celebration today, with lots of smiles and relieved faces. Your children are fabulous, and you should all be so proud! Thank you also to all the staff who have been involved this week, including our Governors – you have all been rocks! Have a relaxing weekend and bring on all the lovely things that are to come before you embark on your secondary journey!

Attendance – The Summer League and attendance update

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%

Well done Reception and Year 4, you have been awarded points this week. Year 4 have just gone into the lead with 4 points, closely followed by Reception, Year 2 and Year 3. Let's see what next week brings.

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	82.65% -
Reception	3	97.5% +
Year 1	0	88.64% -
Year 2	2	94.74% -
Year 3	2	89.58% -
Year 4	4	98.33% +
Year 5	0	95.56% +
Year 6	0	93.97% +

Have a great 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. 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.

Summer Term 1 2025 – 4 week half term	
Monday 19 th May	Year 6 Trip – Gibside C Letter issued 12.05.25
	Year 6 Residential Parent/Carer Meeting 3:30pm – Year 6 Classroom
Tuesday 20 th May	World Bee Day Activities in school – no action needed by parents/carers.
	Intra-Sport Competition
Wednesday 21 st May	Multiplication Check Parent/Carer Meeting 9am – ICT Suite/School Hall depending on attendance
Thursday 22 nd May	Phonics Screening – Parent/Carer Meeting 9am – ICT Suite/School Hall depending on attendance
	Year 4 Trip – Haltwhistle C Letter issued 12.05.25
Friday 23 rd May	Break up for Half Term
Summer Term 1 2025 – 7 week half term	
Monday 2 nd June	Children to return to school from Half Term
	Year 6 Leavers Photos Can all children please be in full uniform – no PE kits.
	Reception – New Cohort Meeting
Monday 2 nd – Friday 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Checks - 2-week window
Tuesday 3 rd – Wednesday 4 th June	Year 6 Residential C
Thursday 5 th June	Year 4 Quadkids Athletics C Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th June	Phonics Screening Checks
Monday 9 th June	Year 5/6 Countdown Cricket C Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.
Thursday 12 th June	Boccia Regional Finals C Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive a letter once we have had confirmation from the LA.
Monday 16 th June – Thursday 19 th June	Bike Ability – Year 5 More details to follow
Tuesday 24 th June	Sports Day – PM More details to follow. Please also note, that if the weather is poor, this event may need to be rearrange.
Monday 30 th June	Nursery and Reception Beach Trip C
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 3 and Year 4 Beach Trip C
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 1 and Year 2 Beach Trip C
Thursday 3 rd July	Summer Fayre





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Friday 4 th July	Occasional Day School is closed.
Tuesday 8 th July	Summer League Attendance Party C
Wednesday 9 th July	Reports will be distributed. If you wish to discuss your child's report with their teacher, please contact them via DOJO/call the office and they will organise a time: there will be no Parent Consultations unless your child is on the SEND register.
Wednesday 9 th July	Meet the Teacher
Friday 11 th July	School Council Fun Day C
Tuesday 15 th July	Whole School Water Fight (children will be in their own classes for this event) C
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly PM Shine Awards Evening – after school – invite only.
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of Term before we break up for the Summer hols.



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Are you, your child or someone you work with aged between 4-18 years?
The Gateshead Children and Young People's Primary Care Mental Health Service are going to be hosting FREE events in your local community during school holidays.

Join us for our next event and meet children's therapists who will be available for advice and support as well as various wellbeing activities for young people. We will be joined by other professionals within the Gateshead area including our adult peer support workers.

A free brunch or snacks and refreshments will be provided, as well as free activities for children and their families such as; crafts, archery, bush craft and managing emotions activities. There will also be 'free' mental health resources to take home.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 28th of May – 10:30am until 14:30pm @ The Baltic Centre for Contemporary art, South Shore Road, Gateshead, NE8 3BA

Friday 30th of May – 10:30am – 14:30pm @ Chopwell Woods Forest Classroom, Rowlands Gill, Gateshead, NE39 1LT

Further information on travel to these destinations is available on our website.

If you would like to know more about our mental health services visit www.stsftmentalhealth.nhs.uk or scan the QR code using the camera on your mobile phone.



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