

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: **Parents – Friday Letters – Spring Term 1 2024 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

**Friday Letter 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/friday-letters/>

**HMS NORTHUMBERLAND**

**Royal Navy Type 23 Frigate**

Experience the Royal Navy like never before, during a tour of **HMS NORTHUMBERLAND** on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Location:** Northumbrian Quay  
**Timings:** 1000 – 1500hrs • Parking available at Port of Tyne Ferry Terminal

**Attendance – The 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%**

A bit better this week and I do understand that there is a lot going round. Well done Year 1 and Year 3 for getting points this week!

At The Drive, we strive for good attendance and work closely with families to try to improve and maintain this, following Government legislation when doing so (we have a legal obligation). If you have any worries or questions regarding your child’s attendance, please call school or bring these up in attendance meetings (letters are issued when invited to attend consultations). Remember, we are here to help in any way we can.

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	81.75% -
Reception	0	83.33% +
Year 1	2	98.21% +
Year 2	0	94.57% +
Year 3	2	96.50% -
Year 4	0	93.27% +
Year 5	0	91.24% +
Year 6	0	92.31% +





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## In-School Food Bank

Can I remind everyone that we have a Food Bank in school. If anyone needs this support or knows of anyone who may benefit from this resource, please contact school, or come to the main office. Times are hard and January can be a challenging month (dark, cold, and just after Christmas); we want to help in any way we can, so please come and see us!

Have a lovely weekend, stay warm and we will see you all next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Farren  
 Head Teacher

**Dates for the Diary – 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/>**

Spring Term 2023 – 6 week half term	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 1 Trip to Bill Quay Farm <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 16.01.24</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Trip – Great North Museum <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 17.01.24</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Phil Earle – Virtual Author Visit - KS2
	School Council organised Pyjama Day <b>Children to wear PJs (please don't purchase anything special). There is no money needed for this event, they just wanted to do something a bit fun!</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Stormbreak Parent/Carer Event – all welcome. <b>9am in the hall.</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 and 4 Basketball Competition – a selection of children will receive letters <b>C</b> . <b>Further details to follow.</b>
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Bike 4 Life - Year 5 and 6 <b>C</b> <b>Separate letter issued week beginning 08.01.24 – this is a rescheduled event</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning <b>9 – 10am in the hall</b>
	Safer Internet Day
	Year 6 STEM Workshop NUFC <b>Further details to follow as this event is yet to be confirmed by the event organisers.</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Event <b>Days and times of events to be confirmed nearer the time: this is not a week-long event but must coincide with the delivery of books.</b>
Week beginning Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Stormbreak Parent/Carer Event – all welcome. <b>9am in the hall.</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Cake Friday <b>School Council will be issuing a letter.</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school after Half Term

