



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 21st March 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: **Parents – Friday Letters – Spring 2 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

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

EYFS Multi Sports

Some of our children went to a Circus themed sporting event yesterday. They had lots of fun taking part in all the activities, settling on their favourite, 'Popping Popcorn'. The children, as always, were a credit to the school and yourselves; we were very proud of them, and we can't wait for the next event!

Comic Relief

A fabulous day today raising money for Comic Relief. The 80's costumes were outstanding, lots of colour and craziness! I will let you know next week how much was raised for this amazing charity. Thank you again for your support.

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%

Points have been awarded to both Year 4 and Year 5 – well done! Not long now until the end of term celebration and it is looking likely that Year 4 will be the winners, but it isn't over yet! The best way to try and get to the top, is to be in school and on time. Keep going: you never know!

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	90.27% +
Reception	2	86% -
Year 1	0	85% -
Year 2	1	93.5% +
Year 3	1	87.24% -
Year 4	10	99.33% +
Year 5	1	97.10% +
Year 6	1	91.67% -

Have a lovely weekend everyone and we will see you all next week.

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.

Spring Term 2 2025 – 6 week half term	
Commences Friday 14 th March - Friday 4 th April	Spring Savings Family Learning – Year 2 and 3 Parents and Carers Flyer issued 14.02.25 Limited places – Sign up on ParentPay
Monday 24 th March	Year 3 and Year 4 Trip - Mosque Visit C Letter issued 17.03.25
Wednesday 26 th March	Dance Festival C Parents/Carers of children taking part in this event will receive up to date information when/if required.
Friday 28 th March	Mothers and Others' Breakfast 9am in the Hall
Week beginning 31 st March	Interfaith Week
Monday 31 st March and Tuesday 1 st April	Parent Consultation Evenings – In person. More details to follow Please note, Year 2 will have split sessions across the week. One evening will be held Monday 31 st (Mrs McCartney) and the other Thursday 3 rd (Mrs Gallagher).
Tuesday 1 st April	Boccia Competition C More details to follow
	Attendance Celebration C The class who has been awarded the most points will be informed of the Attendance Team's planned event – more details to follow.
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 1 Trip – Rising Sun Country Park C Letter issued 04.02.25
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 3 Trip – Arbeia Roman Fort More details to follow
Tuesday 8 th April	Intra-Sport Competition C More details to follow
	Year 5 Trip – Victoria Tunnels C Letter issued 05.03.25
Wednesday 9 th April	Easter Spud Decorating 1 – 3pm How this event will be organised will be published nearer the time.
Thursday 10 th April	Year 3 Trip – Live Theatre More details to follow
Friday 11 th April	Break up for Easter
Summer Term 1 2025 – 4 week half term	
Monday 28 th April	Children to return to school from the Easter Break
Monday 5 th May	May Bank Holiday Monday
Wednesday 7 th May	Reception – Vision Screening





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Week beginning 12th May – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 20th May	Intra-Sport Competition
Friday 23rd May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Children to return to school from Half Term



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