



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 28th 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/>

Comic Relief

We raised **£127** for Comic Relief. Thank you again for your kind donations.

Mosque Visit

Year 3 and 4 were very lucky to visit Newcastle Central Mosque. They had a very warm welcome by Brother Khadim (he even met them at the bus stop), who shared lots of interesting information about Islam. KS2 staff were very proud of the children, the respect they showed and the enquiry questions they asked. Well done Year 3 and Year 4.

Message from Brother Khadim

'The children were a credit to the school and a pleasure to talk to.'

Dance Festival

My absolute highlight of this week was being part of the team who went to the Dance Festival at The Glass House. It was an absolute pleasure as always, they did extremely well, with a lot of them really coming out of their shells and there was even some freestyling going on too – they were all stars, and we couldn't be prouder! A huge thank you to Mrs Hunter and Miss Walters for putting it all together and coordinating this event so well – you are also amazing!

Thank you also to all our parents/carers who attended to cheer them on, and for your kind comments – your support is outstanding!

Bring on next year!

Mothers and Others

It was lovely to see so many of you this morning. The atmosphere was fabulous, with everyone having a good time getting involved in the lovely activities on offer, and the breakfast buffet looked like it was a hit. Smiles all round on this sunny Friday morning - we can't wait for the next event!

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%

No points this week. Next week is the attendance party, so I can now announce that the winners of the Spring Attendance League are...Year 4! Well done – the Attendance Team have a lovely treat for you, all Easter themed.

As always, if you need any support with your child/children's attendance or punctuality, please speak to a member of staff.



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Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	91.63% +
Reception	2	85.5% -
Year 1	0	89.5% +
Year 2	1	94.5% +
Year 3	1	94.48% +
Year 4	10	85.33% -
Year 5	1	85.16% -
Year 6	1	83% -

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

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.

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
Week beginning 31 st March	Interfaith Week
Monday 31 st March and Tuesday 1 st April	Parent Consultation Evenings – In person. Flyer issued 25.03.25 and was published on DOJO 24.03.25. 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 Year 4 – letters issued 25.03.25
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 C letters issued 25.03.25
Tuesday 8 th April	Intra-Sport Competition C More details to follow
	Year 5 Trip – Victoria Tunnels C Letter issued 05.03.25



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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 letters issued 25.03.25
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
Week beginning 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 20 th May	Intra-Sport Competition
Friday 23 rd May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 2 nd June	Children to return to school from Half Term



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